

MINUTES
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE/PUBLIC REVIEW
February 15, 2017

Committee Members Present: James MacAdam, Ken Perry, Kumar Raut, Ian Sharp, Kieran Sikdar, Mike Todnem, John Wallace

Flood Control District Staff Present: Suzanne Shields, Director; Bill Zimmerman, Deputy Director; Eric Shepp, Deputy Director; Greg Saxe, Environmental Planning Manager; Tamara Jorde, Special Staff Assistant

Others Present: Paul Baughman, City of Tucson; Kevin Perko, Dibble Engineering

The meeting was held at 201 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson, Arizona, 9th Floor Conference Room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The committee approved the January 18, 2017 minutes.

QUERY TO THE AUDIENCE

No business.

NEW BUSINESS

CIP Priority Projects Subcommittee

The results of the CIP Subcommittee projects ranking results was distributed to the committee (attached). After review and discussion, a motion was made: Concur with the relative results with a jurisdictional cost share/in-kind services of 25% for each project to the extent practicable. The motion was seconded, and was unanimously approved by the committee.

The committee requested that the District provide the available funds for these projects in FY 2017/18 at the March meeting.

The committee also requested that the format of the request form be tightened up to make it clearer prior to next year's request for projects.

Information/Updates from Jurisdictions and/or Members

No new business. However, Kieran Sikdar suggested that one member of the committee provide information/update each month that is relevant to the committee. Kumar Raut agreed to provide an update for the Town of Marana at the March meeting.

Mr. Sikdar distributed the *Green Infrastructure for Desert Communities* manual from the Watershed Management Group to the committee. The manual provides information for neighborhood residents, municipal professionals, grassroots advocates and others who seek to implement green infrastructure (GI) strategies in their communities. It offers a neighborhood-centered perspective on GI that is tailored to work with the unique climate conditions of the southwestern US. The guide includes detailed, step-by-step approaches for designing, constructing, and maintaining GI practices that can be used to retrofit existing neighborhoods, including: curb cuts and basins in rights-of-ways, chicanes, medians, traffic circles, street width reductions, and parking lots. This publication also can be viewed at: <https://watershedmg.org/article/download-or-order-our-new-gi-manual%E2%80%94written-southwest>.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Regulatory Updates

Eric Shepp stated that the District will be sending a letter to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requesting that they consult with US Fish and Wildlife regarding using Pima County's approved Multi-Species Conservation Plan as means to demonstrate compliance with the Endangered Species Act requirements of their Conditional Letter of Map Revision review process. This is a complicated issue since FEMA has made this request for a few listed species in Maricopa County and then retreated by indicating that that FEMA is not taking any action that requires consultation with US Fish and Wildlife. They are just ensuring that third parties are meeting their compliance requirement.

The District will attempt to bridge this gap by indicating that, regardless of responsibility, there is now a simple compliance tool in Pima County that should be usable to show compliance during the CLOMR process if both parties agree. This will be a long process and more updates will occur as this progresses.

Mr. Shepp stated that in April FEMA will perform an audit of the District's community rating under the National Flood Insurance Program's Rating System. The District is audited every three years and currently holds a Class 5 rating.

REPORT FROM FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT STAFF

BOS Action Summary

No new business.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No business.

AGENDA ITEMS – March 15, 2017 MEETING

1. Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

**CIP PLANNING
PRIORITY PROJECT RANKING**

PROJECT	JURISDICTION	RANKING	JURISDICTION'S ESTIMATED COST	JURISDICTION'S PROPOSED COST SHARE
Highlands Wash Basin Management Plan/Study	Town of Oro Valley	410	\$ 80,000	None To Date
Peglar Wash Basin Management Plan/Study	Town of Oro Valley	425	\$ 150,000	None To Date
Carmack Wash Basin Management Plan/Study	Town of Oro Valley	496	\$ 200,000	None To Date
Catalina Ridge Drainage Channel Reconstruction	Town of Oro Valley	373	\$1,876,205	None To Date
El Rio Riparian Preserve Bank Protection	Town of Marana	552	\$2,000,000	\$450,000
EV 4/Airport Wash Basin Management Study	City of Tucson	369	\$ 532,000	None To Date
EV 5 & 7/From Airport Wash Basin Management Study	City of Tucson	405	\$1,614,000	None To Date
Christmas Wash/Country Club Storm Drain	City of Tucson	393	\$1,810,000	None To Date
El Rio Wash/Detention Basin In Golf Course	City of Tucson	423	\$ 241,000	None To Date
TOTAL				