

MINUTES
Flood Control District Advisory Committee/Public Review
November 17, 2021

Committee Members Present: Galo Galovale, Valerie Lane, Chris Langham, Herman Lopez, Mark Murphy, Gus Myers, Chris Rod, John Spiker, John Wallace, Ann Youberg

Flood Control District Staff Present: Eric Shepp, Deputy Director; Brian Jones, Floodplain Division Manager; Greg Saxe, Environmental Planning Manager; Jacob Prietto, Chief Hydrologist; Joseph Cuffari, Program Manager; Tamara Jorde, Special Staff Assistant

Others Present: N/A

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the October 20, 2021 minutes.

QUERY TO THE AUDIENCE

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Decentralized Mitigation – Parks, Schools and Churches

Eric Shepp stated that the District has been engaging the City of Tucson to solve urban flooding. The City requested smaller projects with other multiple benefits.

Jacob Prietto, Chief Hydrologist, gave a presentation entitled, *Decentralized Mitigation – Parks, Schools and Churches* to the committee (see attached).

Eric Shepp said that it's not appropriate to construct a basin due to caliche—the District has walked away from some projects. If there aren't any dry wells, French drains are used at all District sites. In addition, maintenance responsibility for churches, schools etc., the District is responsible for flood repairs; if it's a park, the City city's maintenance responsibility.

Valerie Lane asked Eric Shepp if the District collaborates with Transportations. Eric Shepp stated that the District does collaborate with City and County Transportation departments.

Jacob Prietto stated that the next research project is connection paths.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Regulatory Updates – State and Federal

Eric Shepp stated that President Biden signed into law the \$1 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act on Monday, November 15, 2021. At first glance, he didn't see an earmark for flood control.

Regarding MS4, Eric Shepp stated that the District is monitoring Perfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAs), and trying to monitor for different types of land pollutants.

Greg Saxe stated that as with the previous FEMA NFIP “CRS Next” Federal Register Request for Information (RFI), he has drafted responses to the leading 18 questions in the NFIP Minimum Standards and Threatened and Endangered Species (T&E) RFI. Comments are due December 13 (see attached).

Galo Galovale stated that the Town of Sahuarita received a Notice to Proceed for Quail Crossing. The project consists of a rural two-lane roadway, a low flow bridge crossing the Santa Cruz River, a paved multi-use path, cross culvert drainage improvements, landscaping, pavement marking and signing, erosion control, Santa Cruz Riverbank protection, and traffic signal improvements in the Town of Sahuarita.

REPORT FROM FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT STAFF

BOS Action Summary

✓ **November 2, 2021**

State of Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM), to provide for the DFFM Mitigation Big Horn Fire Project: Flood Mitigation Camera, \$165,241.00 (GTAW 22-32). Approved

Regional Flood Control District Projects and Program Updates

No business.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

N/A

AGENDA ITEMS – December 15, 2021 MEETING

1. Election of 2022 FCDAC Officers
2. Santa Cruz River Management Plan

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.