

MINUTES
FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE/PUBLIC REVIEW
April 20, 2022

Committee Members Present: Valerie Lane, Chris Langham, James MacAdam, Mark Murphy, Gus Myers, Chris Rod, John Spiker, John Wallace

Flood Control District Staff Present: Eric Shepp, Deputy Director, Brian Jones, Floodplain Division Manager; Greg Saxe, Environmental Planning Manager; Ann Moynihan, Engineer III; Tamara Jorde, Senior Special Staff Assistant; Joseph Cuffari, Program Manager

Others Present: Kim Challender, Executive Assistant, District 1

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the March 16, 2022 minutes.

Note: Prior to the meeting, the meeting agenda was corrected as follows: Item II Approval of the February 16, 2022 changed to March 16, 2022.

QUERY TO THE AUDIENCE

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Floodplain Management Plan Update

Greg Saxe reviewed key topics regarding the District's Floodplain Management Plan. The District is asking the Floodplain Management Planning Committee to concur on the District's approach to:

1. The interpretation of Critical Basins. The District has started talking with the Planning Committee about the Critical Basins definition; the title should change to Critical Watersheds, which is much more far-reaching (Ann Moynihan).
2. Climate Change and Future Conditions (Eleanora Demaria); and
3. The District is working with the Department of Transportation to create a rainfall road closure-mapping database for flood events. Eric Shepp stated that all of the jurisdictions should be involved in this effort.

Greg Saxe also stated that jurisdictions could get CRS credit if they have started using warning systems such the District's ALERT system.

John Spiker added that the Town of Oro Valley has just partnered with the Pima County Office of Emergency Management.

Greg Saxe reminded the committee that the NFIP minimum standards and Elevation Certificates are important to think about in their floodplain management efforts.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Regulatory Updates – State and Federal

Federal Infrastructure Bill Update

Eric Shepp stated that Pima County has a Grants Management Office that monitors grant opportunities. As an example, the District has proposed a project for the El Vado Wash neighborhood to place a storm drain under the street. The District is currently gathering letters of support for this project.

John Spiker added that the Town of Oro Valley has been looking at post-fire and unused COVID monies that may aid in financing their Town projects.

Eric Shepp stated that the District attained two DEMA grants: One for the Cañada del Oro Wash and one for Finger Rock Wash. The pace, however, is slow.

Report from Committee Members

No new business.

REPORT FORM FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT STAFF

BOS Action Summary

✓ April 19, 2022

Arizona Board of Regents, University of Arizona, Amendment No. 1, to provide for project services and related research, education and employment and amend contractual language, Flood Control Tax Levy Fund, contract amount \$100,000.00 (CT-FC-19-154). Approved.

Regional Flood Control District Projects and Programs Update

Eric Shepp stated the District is working on how the District performs FEMA activities. The District will share this information with the FCDAC in future meetings.

Brian Jones said the he would be providing Major Flood Response training sometime in June of this year. He will keep the FCDAC informed.

In addition, Brian Jones stated that the District completed the first draft of the Construction Certificate Management Plan. The District undertook the revisions in order to address these and other types of construction certificates. Efforts are largely focused on Elevation Certificates since that is what the District deals with most often. Currently the document is in internal review. The District will share it with the FCDAC once a second draft is completed.

Eric Shepp stated that the District is a big proponent of public outreach. He stated that the District is the main regional map repository and that the District has a shared repository agreement with the City of Tucson so critical data does not disappear. In addition, the District is working on a way to notify the public if they live in a high-risk area. Once the District accomplishes this, they will go "live." He said that if other jurisdictions are interested; let the District know so they can share their data.

Joseph Cuffari stated the he is hosting a public flood insurance meeting in coordination with the City of Tucson and the State of Arizona Department of Insurance. He will keep the committee informed as preparations move forward.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

N/A

AGENDA ITEMS - APRIL 20, 2022 MEETING

1. Changing the FCDAC Back to In-Person Meetings
2. Climate Change and Future Conditions Presentation
3. ALERT Update
4. CRS Task Force Meeting Update

Eric Shepp requested that the Risk Rating 2.0 updates be placed under Continuing Business on future agendas.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.