

Minutes of Meeting
Tulare County Flood Control Commissioners

Friday, April 22, 2016, 8:00 AM
Tulare County Resource Management Agency Conference Room

Attendees:

Commissioners present: Dale Brogan; Mark Larsen; Fergus Morrissey and Dale West, Vice-Chairman.

Commissioners absent: Dan Vink, Chairman; Doug Jackson and Walter Bricker

County representation: Reed Schenke and Alfredo Reynoso-Haro with Resource Management Agency (RMA.) and Marit Erickson with Tulare County Counsel.

Visitors: Shane Smith with KWCD and Jennifer Takehana with Tulare County Counsel.

Agenda Items:

Item 1. Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM.

Item 2. Minutes of November 20, 2015 meeting:

A motion by Fergus Morrissey to approve the minutes was seconded by Mark Larsen and approved by unanimous vote.

Item 3. Public comment period: None

Item 4. Staff report on Flood Control District matters:

A. Briefing from Previous Storm Events

As everyone knows, the storm events we were expecting spread out, causing some localized ponding. Our Road crews were able to respond to those storms as needed.

Our expectations is that the storm season is coming to an end.

The County is planning to have a debriefing with individuals and agencies we met prior to the storm season and ask if they have any experiences and they would like to update our maps with, we are working to create a database in our records.

Commissioner Larsen asked if the County found anything that now is going to be done differently.

Staff responded that the main benefit is that resources will be spent more appropriately.

B. Website update

As a part of the General Plan Settlement we are required to update our website to make it more accessible for members of the public to make recommendations on needed flood control projects. Part of the General Plan Settlement is that we come back to the Flood Control Commission on an annual basis to look at what those requests were to determine if it is something we have to proceed with or if it is a minor issue that does not need much attention.

C. Reservoir Enlargement Projects (Success and Kaweah)

Commissioner Larsen reported that the process is very close to completion on the cooperation and partnership with state, federal and local agencies. Local agencies are currently working out with the Army Corps of Engineers to get reimbursed for the final amounts for the project which requires IDR determination report that says the invoices provided are reimbursable.

D. Report on the status of the flood control projects

a. Seville-Sontag Ditch

We have all of the easements in place, we are working with Alta Irrigation District (AID) to have the encroachment permit in place. They are planning on running water in mid May, we are going there after the water run season, between the end of September and mid October, and have the project completed before the storm season.

b. Juvenile Detention Facility-Cottonwood Creek

Plans and specifications and environmental have been completed. We are making one last attempt to get grant funding, we submitted a pre-application for the Prop 1 Storm Water Grant Program, that is a 50% match. We are expecting a response not later than the end of May. If the application is not accepted we are ready to start construction using Flood Control Department funds, by the end of this season or beginning of next season.

Item 5. Flood Control Commission Chairmanship selection process:

Chairman Vink approached the staff and informed us that he has several other priorities and would like the commissioners to have an opportunity to take the chairman position. No action was taken.

Item 6. Consider other business:

Staff handed out flyers with a project overview and summary of the following bridges that have been recently completed;

Road 224 over Deer Creek Bridge, south of Porterville, north-west of Terra Bella.
Road 182 over Deep Creek Bridge, Sequoia Riverland Trust, north of 198.
Road 148 over Outside Creek Bridge, south-east of Tulare, north of Bardsley Avenue.

These projects have been constructed due to being functionally obsolete and/or structurally deficient, although not directly related to flood control projects they do bring some benefit as a result of the new bridges having a higher hydraulic capacity.

Item 7. Set next Flood Control Commission meeting:

The next Flood Control Commission meeting was set for Friday, June 24, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in the main conference room at RMA's office,

Item 8. Adjourn meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.