

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Tulare County Flood Control Commissioners**

Friday, October 31, 2014, 8:00 AM  
Tulare County Resource Management Agency Conference Room

**Attendees:**

Commissioners present: Fergus Morrissey; Dale West, Vice-Chairman; Dale Brogan; Mark Larsen; Dan Vink, Chairman; Doug Jackson and Walter Bricker. Commissioner(s) absent: none.

County representation: Mike Bond and Alfredo Reynoso-Haro with Resource Management Agency (RMA.), Clint Sims with County Counsel.

Visitors: Carol and Peter Clum, Shane Smith with Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (KDWCD), Michael C. Spata, RMA Director, and Denise Akins with Tulare County CAO.

**Agenda Items:**

Item 1. Meeting called to order at 8:15 AM.

Item 2. Michael C. Spata was introduced as the new RMA Director.  
The new RMA Director expressed his support to the implementation of flood control projects and indicated appreciation to the Flood Control Commission members for their efforts to move the flood control projects forward.

Item 3. Doug Jackson was welcomed as the new member No. 5, Alpaugh.

Item 4. Minutes of July 25, 2014 meeting:  
A motion by Fergus Morrissey to approve the minutes was seconded by Mark Larsen and approved by unanimous vote.

Item 5. Public comment period:  
Carol Clum shared an article from The Center For Biological Diversity and Levees (Fall 2014) on removal of trees and shrubs from levees-earthen embankments.

Item 6. Staff report on Flood Control District matters:  
RMA staff provided an update on the progress on the Juvenile Detention Facility-Cottonwood Creek (JDF Complex), Seville-Sontag Ditch, and Yettem-Button Ditch flood control projects.

Juvenile Detention Facility Project: The application for grant funding submitted to the Upper Kings Basin IRWMP was not selected. Design, however, will proceed and grant funding alternatives will be explored.

Staff reported on the Seville new well for drinking water and the distribution system.

Chairman Vink directed the Flood Control Department staff to move out of the IRWM funding toward some other funding alternatives.

Chairman Vink said the Commission is pleased with the progress made and recommended self-imposed deadlines to have the assurance that the flood control projects keep moving forward.

Item 7. The Board of Supervisors FY14/15 Flood Control Budget:

Tulare County Staff reported on the FY14/15 Flood Control Budget explaining, briefly, the different expenses and sources of revenues, as well as the balance being carried over to the reserves that are allocated to implement the flood control projects. Denise Akins, with Tulare County CAO, also provided additional clarifications on the Flood Control Budget and grant funding alternatives.

Item 8. Consider other business: None

Item 9. Set next Flood Control Commission meeting:

The next Flood Control Commission meeting was set for Friday, January 23, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the main conference room at RMA's office, with the possibility of having a special meeting prior to the scheduled meeting, as needed.

Item 10. Adjourn meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.