



Flood Control District of Maricopa County

Flood Control Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes August 24, 2022

Board Members Present: Hemant Patel, Chairman; Richard Schaner, Daniel Worth, DeWayne Justice, Eric Froberg and Kyle Tilghman

Staff Members Present: Michael Fulton, Director; Gus Martinez, Chief Administrator; Wayne Peck, General Counsel; Tracy Springston; Acting Clerk of the Board

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Hemant Patel called the meeting of the Flood Control Advisory Board (FCAB) to order at 2:03 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2022.

2) **ACTION ITEM - APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2022 MEETING**

ACTION: It was moved by Mr. Justice and seconded by Mr. Worth to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously, and the minutes were approved by the board members that voted. Mr. Froberg abstained from voting because he was absent from the May 24, 2022 meeting.

3) **ACTION ITEM – PRESENT FLOOD CONTROL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT DELIVERY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES: APPROVE FCAB RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT**

Presented by Hemant Patel, Chairman

The number of flood control infrastructure construction projects being presented to the District by cities and towns is currently low by historic standards, and many of those recommended for construction are not moving forward. At the request of the Flood Control District Board of Directors, FCAB Chairman Hemant Patel met with cities and towns to solicit their feedback and recommendations for changes to the CIP process. Mr. Patel met with staff from Phoenix, Scottsdale, Mesa, Peoria, Guadalupe and Paradise Valley. All were happy to participate in making improvements to the program.

Mr. Patel noted that recommendations for improvement include three program areas: Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Small Project Assistance Program (SPAP), and Program Administration/Budgeting/Communication.

Recommendations for the CIP include adjustments in project scoring and ranking, cost share requirements, and eligibility. Similarly, for the SPAP, there were recommendations for flexibility with cost sharing, scoring, and limiting the SPAP budget to a percentage of the total CIP. Program Administration suggestions addressed how the District might work more closely with cities and towns, including updates in committed funds and the capacity for new projects, the creation of a “standby list” of projects not selected because of inadequate match, and routine meetings with municipalities to discuss drainage issues in their jurisdiction.

Discussion occurred regarding options and possible results of the above recommendations. Mr. Schaner complimented Mr. Patel on the good job he did in researching and presenting this information to the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Worth and seconded by Mr. Schaner to endorse the recommendations for improvement. The motion carried unanimously. The FCAB’s recommendations will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for their consideration.

4) COMMENTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Presented by Michael Fulton, Director

PURPOSE: Information and discussion item only. No formal action required.

Mr. Fulton stated that seven project submittals have been received from four jurisdictions totaling \$128M. Additional information will be provided at a later date.

Mr. Fulton shared that the District is reviewing processes and completing current state mapping exercises for CIP Project Delivery, Studies and Delineations.

Mr. Fulton reported that good progress is being made in Gila Bend. Six properties were bought out and residents relocated through the FPAP. The District is funding repairs to a major culvert at Scott Avenue Wash. When completed, the culvert will be turned over to the Town to maintain.

5) SUMMARY OF RECENT ACTIONS BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Presented by Michael Fulton, Director

PURPOSE: Information and discussion item only. No formal action required.

At the Board of Directors meeting on June 8, 2022, the Board approved IGA Amendments with the City of Litchfield Park, City of Mesa, City of Glendale, and Town of Fountain

Hills. The IGA Amendments extended project construction and funding from June 30, 2022, to June 30, 2023, under the District's Small Project Assistance Program (SPAP).

On June 8, 2022, the Board of Directors approved an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) FCD 2021A005 for improvements to the Sun City West Area Channel Crossings Project. The Amendment provides a cost revision, with a total estimated construction cost of \$6,038,000 and adjusts the District's estimated contribution to \$3,622,800.

At the meeting on June 22, 2022, the Board approved Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) FCD 2022A009 between the District and Maricopa County Environmental Services that allows for mosquito surveillance on District property and mutual aid of shared resources.

6) OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments by members of the public.

Chairman Hemant Patel adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.