



MINUTES

PLACER COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, September 14, 2015

The Board of Directors for the Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District met in session beginning at 4:00 P.M., Monday, September 14, 2015, in the Rocklin City Council Chambers, 3970 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, California. Brian Keating, District Manager, Ken Grehm, Executive Director and Brett Holt, District Counsel, represented the District.

1. **ROLL CALL:**

By roll call, Directors present: Weygandt, Duran, Roccucci, Yorde, Morillas and Janda
Directors Not Present: Berlant, Joiner

2. **AGENDA APPROVAL:**

Motion made to approve the agenda for September 14, 2015.

MOTION: Duran/Yorde

APPROVED: Unanimous

3. **APPROVAL OF JUNE 8, 2015 MINUTES:**

Motion made to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting.

MOTION: Yorde/Morillas

APPROVED: Unanimous

ABSTAINED: Duran

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

5. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:**

a. **Update on FEMA Floodplain Mapping Studies under CTP No. 2 – Release of Preliminary Mapping and Public Outreach Activities**

Brian Keating, District Manager updated the Board on our progress with the FEMA CTP floodplain mapping studies and detailed the assistance we are providing to our member agencies for future planned community outreach efforts. FEMA and their mapping contractor have just released preliminary working maps for our member agencies internal review for the affected creeks as well as updated mapping of Lake Tahoe. The seven creeks include Pleasant Grove Creek, Curry Creek, Linda Creek, Auburn Ravine, Orchard Creek, as well as Squaw and Bear Creeks in the Tahoe Basin. The District is available to help member agencies review the maps if need. Comments are due back to FEMA at the end of this week.

As previously reported to your Board, the final floodplain FIRM mapping produced through these collaborative efforts with FEMA will mean new floodplain limits will be established along portions of

Linda Creek and Curry Creek within unincorporated Placer County for the first time. Brian explained that it is likely several hundred, primarily residential parcels along Linda and Curry Creek will be newly mapped into an established floodplain. For the remaining creeks in the study, including Pleasant Grove Creek, Auburn Ravine, Orchard Creek, Squaw and Bear Creeks in the Tahoe Basin, as well as the Lake Tahoe shoreline, new detailed floodplain limits will be produced, replacing the approximate A-zone level limits with detailed AE-zone limits with established base flood elevations. For the parcels adjacent to these creeks we expect relatively minor alterations to the original A-zone limit which will likely mean that some parcels within the floodplain may be now placed out, but also that some could be placed within. The exact number of affected parcels will not be determined until FEMA and their contractor complete these final mapping efforts.

We recently held a coordination meeting with FEMA and affected member agencies and went over the next steps. Brian reviewed the updated CTP schedule with the Board. Once revisions have been incorporated to the working maps, the preliminary maps and FIS report will be issued to the agencies in approximately December 2015. Although significant delays (12 months) have already been experienced, if all goes as planned, the public will first be able to review the maps by May 2016 and there will be a formal 60 day public review and appeal period. Final effective maps are anticipated by March 2017. A series of both community outreach meetings, and public presentations to your Board our member agency councils are being proposed. District staff has also produced a template type community outreach plan that will serve as an example plan that each of our affected member agencies can reference in making their own specific outreach plans. Staff is available to report back to your Board and our member agency Councils on the process in an effort to better educate and inform the community.

Director Yorde asked how this compares to the State's recent SB-5 legislation measure and 200-year floodplain standards. Brian stated that the FEMA maps are for the 100 year flood plain while SB-5 addresses the 200 year floodplain and 200-year urban level of flood protection (ULOP). Director Rocucci stated that getting the 100 year flood maps are helpful for new areas developing in the County, but wondered where we are in developing the 200-year mapping. Brian replied that while the City of Roseville has now mapped the 200-year within its own City limits, the unincorporated County and other affected member agencies have not as yet. Brian explained that the Town of Loomis and the City of Auburn have determined they are not subject to the 200-year ULOP requirements, and that the County is hopeful that grant funding may assist future efforts to map the 200-year floodplain.

b. Flood Season Preparations and NOAA Climate Prediction Center Winter Outlook for 2015/16

Brian stated that at this time of the year we report to your Board on the status of preparations and progress made to improve our flood preparedness and response levels. District staff is in the process of completing our annual update to the District's Flood Response Handbook (FRH). Brian explained that the FRH addresses emergency communication procedures, emergency material supplies and equipment availability, technical resources and data to help predict flooding events, and State level emergency operations manuals. The FRH also contains countywide, GIS based, Flood Hazard Awareness Mapping including areas of known flooding, locations of critical facilities such as police and fire stations, government centers, schools, nursing homes, and hospitals. Roads subject to flooding closures/damage and preferred evacuation routes are also identified. This mapping is also posted at the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and distributed to our member agencies. Copies of the flood response handbook are distributed to Board Directors upon request. Copies are also distributed to emergency responder staff within each of our member agencies.

District staff will also attend two pre-flood season coordination meetings, one with Placer County Office of Emergency Staff (OES) and a second with the State of California Department of Water

Resources. These coordination meetings are scheduled on an annual basis at this time of year to review emergency response agency responsibilities, lines of communication, existing flood response handbooks and overall flood preparedness levels. At this time of year staff report to your Board on the latest long term climate predictions available from the National Weather Service/National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NWS/NOAA). A short video was played on the El Nino condition developing in the Pacific over this coming winter. Supervisor Roccucci said the video was very informative.

6. ACTION ITEM:

a. FY 2014/15 District Budget Review and Close-out

Ken Grehm asked that the Board authorize an end of year budget balancing measure for the District's FY 2014/15 budget, for which \$235,441.08 of existing fund balance from Operating Fund 0550 is assigned to Reserves/Contingency.

Ken explained that following our typical year end budget closeout procedures for FY 2014/15, Placer County Accounting staff has identified existing fund balance in our Operating Fund 0550 in the amount of \$235,441.08, which requires transfer to Reserves/Contingency. This is only a temporary impact as the transfer is simply accounting for a similar amount of money that was originally setup as an Account Receivable from the existing State Proposition 84 IRWM grant (funding the Antelope Creek Flood Control Project) but which has not as yet been realized. Once these grant monies are realized within the next several months, a transfer from our Reserves/Contingency will be made into the Dry Creek Trust Fund to reimburse this fund for eligible expenses previously paid in FY 2014/15. The transfer to Reserves/Contingency is technically required now to balance our budget at year end.

A motion was made to authorize an end of year budget balancing measure for the District's FY 2014/15 budget, for which \$235,441.08 of existing fund balance from Operating Fund 0550 to be assigned to Reserves/Contingency.

MOTION: Duran/Morillas

APPROVED: Unanimous

b. Authorization for the Executive Director to appoint staff to fill the vacant Development Review Coordinator position

Brian informed the Board that in early July of this year, the District's Development Review Coordinator (Andrew Darrow) accepted a position within the Placer County Facilities Department. Andrew was employed with our District for approximately 15 years and his contributions to the District are appreciated. His departure comes at a time when our development review services are in high demand from our member agencies. This position also has project and program management responsibilities, including oversight of the District's ALERT system of flood gages. The District's Development Review Coordinator position has previously been classified as a Placer County Associate Civil Engineer and is technically recognized as such. Fortunately for us, Placer County Personnel is in the process of establishing a new Associate Civil Engineer's list and from this list the District may select qualified applicants and conduct interviews.

Brian explained that through our enabling legislation, your Board has hiring authority for District employees and prescribes their duties and terms and conditions of their employment. Our current Fiscal Year 2015/16 District budget includes full funding for this position. Staff recommends that the Board authorize the Executive Director, on your behalf, to conduct interviews of qualified applicants and make an offer of employment to re-fill this position.

Supervisor Duran asked if the Board could review the resume of the person that is selected. Ken Grehm said that would be possible and we would be mindful to retain the privacy of that individual.

By motion, authorize the Executive Director to appoint a new staff person to fill the District's vacant Development Review Coordinator position.

MOTION: Duran/Yorde
APPROVED: Unanimous

c. Adoption of Resolution NO. 15-01 approving an addendum to the existing Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) relating to the Antelope Creek Flood Control Project

Brian informed the Board that on November 22, 2013, the District distributed to public agencies and the general public the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Antelope Creek Flood Control Project. All comments received on the 2013 Draft IS/MND were considered and incorporated into the Final 2014 IS/MND. The 2013 Draft and 2014 Final IS/MND were prepared on behalf of the District in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statutes and the State CEQA Guidelines.

Minor changes to the project have occurred since adoption of the 2014 IS/MND. Changes in a project may be addressed by a supplement to the negative declaration or an addendum, depending on whether such changes result in new or substantially more severe changes in environmental impacts. Since adoption of the 2014 IS/MND, it has been determined that two new areas of rock slope protection are needed on the adjacent, closed City of Roseville landfill. In addition, the slope protection material that was previously proposed downstream of the new culvert has changed from turf reinforced mat to rock. This material change resulted in additional changes to the location of restoration plantings downstream of the new culvert. Although these changes and additions to the project were not included in the 2014 IS/MND, the project goals and objectives to provide flood protection to the area have not changed, and the project area for the proposed additional rock slope protection areas was thoroughly analyzed and evaluated in the 2014 IS/MND. The potential impacts of the proposed changes and additions are analyzed in an Addendum to the IS/MND that has been prepared by the District's consultant HDR Engineering Inc. The District, as the lead agency for the project under CEQA, must determine that the proposed changes and additions to the project constitute minor changes and additions to the 2014 IS/MND and thereby the Addendum is in accordance with Section 15164 of the State CEQA Guidelines. The Addendum is not required to be circulated for public review and comment but is required to be incorporated into the record for the project.

Supervisor Roccucci asked about the type of rock slope protection proposed, Brian stated it was a typical rip-rap type design. Supervisor Yorde asked if this project would affect the Highway 65 / Highway 80 interchange improvement project and Brian confirmed it would not.

It was recommended that the Board adopt Resolution No. 15-01 approving an addendum to the existing Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Antelope Creek Flood Control Project and place both within the record for the project.

MOTION: Janda /Duran
APPROVED: Unanimous

7. **NEXT MEETING** The next regularly scheduled Board meeting on October 19, 2015, at 4:00 pm at the Rocklin City Council Chambers.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair, Director Weygandt at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Coyle
District Secretary