

**SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY
(SSCAFCA)
MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2008
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER.

The special meeting of the SSCAFCA Board of Directors was called to order by John Chaney, Chairman, at 9:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Directors in attendance were John Chaney, Mark Conkling, Steve House, and Dub Yarbrough, Donald Rudy was noted as absent. David Stoliker, Executive Director, Bernard Metzgar, SSCAFCA's attorney, and members of the public were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The Board was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by John Chaney.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

A motion was made by Steve House to approve the Agenda as presented. It was seconded by Mark Conkling and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Announcements were made by John Chaney that all electronic devices needed to be turned off during the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

1. Discuss Regional Flood Control Issues Associated With Unit 17.
2. Discuss Long Term Right-of-Way Acquisition for Flood Control.

Representative Jane Powdrell Colbert stated that none of the entities involved can raise enough money alone to take care of the drainage problems in Unit 17. She feels that everybody has put their best foot forward, but this problem is much bigger than anybody can do alone. She has been told to get letters of support from her congressional representatives. She sent them to Senators Domenici and Bingaman. They indicated that they would do whatever was needed to be done. She wanted the entities to come together to address the issues because each time it rains, her phone starts ringing. She believes that it's because people don't understand that she doesn't have any control over the problems.

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Mr. Stoliker stated that the Unit 17 SAD estimated it would take approximately \$70 million to fix the problems. The list of needs that he has put together estimated it would be \$250 million for the needs of the entire jurisdiction. The immediate need is \$60 million for right-of-way to be acquired for future flood control. This does not address the infrastructure needs by the City or the County. The resources ready to be spent today have not been listed. Mr. Chaney stated that it sounds like there is a short term goal to fix what can be fixed in the near future, and a long term goal on what needs to be fixed in the future.

Mr. Ronald Kneebone, of the Corps of Engineers stated that the Corps has a variety of authority and programs that can assist in most of the flood control activities he has heard discussed. Part of the issue with the Corps is that, unlike most federal agencies, the Corps works on a project by project basis. The Corps does not have a standing budget to assign funds to any particular activity. Congress authorizes the Corps to undertake a study to fix a problem and then they take care of it. There are some general programs that allow the Corps to initiate studies, which establish the nature and scope of the problems. Buying right-of-way is credible as a cost, but they ask the local sponsor to buy the right-of-way and then the Corps contributes to construction. It would be part of the match. Mr. Chaney stated that the Sportsplex Dam has just been finished and it significantly impacts the drainage all the way to the river, so he asked if it could count as part of the match in the future. Mr. Kneebone stated that it could, if SSCAFCA were able to negotiate that with its delegation.

Mayor Tom Swisstack stated that he thinks that one of the biggest challenges facing the community is infrastructure, which he considers is also defined as dealing with the drainage and flooding issues in the community. He stated that maybe it could be mandated that each respective entity here today get a list of technicians that could represent them, in conjunction with the City and County, and actually take an inventory on what can be done with regard to a massive infrastructure program in the community. Then the fiscal gurus should meet to discuss options as to what each entity could donate to solving the problem. He would like to get a team together now.

Councilor Marilyn Salzman stated that there is a sense of urgency. She would like to have something in place by the end of June because otherwise nothing will change. The message from her constituents is that they want to see something done and do support the SAD project at any cost.

Mayor Swisstack stated that he would urge that the committee be put together between now and next week. The technicians should define the short term goal, and a time frame can be put on that. Some measurables could be placed on the long term goal. This would demonstrate some short term success with the public. Mr. Stoliker stated that he would put together a group from SSCAFCA for the meeting. Mr. Conkling stated that the general election is coming up, and if the entities pool their bonding capacities and do it in a sensible way, all of this could be done in the next 90 days, and then the entities would have time to advertise the long term plan.

Mr. Swisstack stated that he recommended their two people who had been working on the flooding issues and he recommended getting someone from the Department of Development

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Services and the Department of Finance. Debbie Hayes, of Sandoval County, will have to be asked, but he stated that she should be willing to sit down and assign some people to this committee. Mr. Conkling stated that somebody from the new ESCAFCA should be on the committee as well.

Comments were received by Councilor Mike Williams and Lorraine Dominguez. Mr. Don Chapman volunteered to be part of the committee. He stated that the property owners in the affected area want to be part of the process. Mayor Swisstack stated that he would like to get with all six districts to see who they might want to represent them because he doesn't believe that one person can effectively represent the entire community. Mr. Stoliker stated that in its capital improvement program, SSCAFCA includes the Town of Bernalillo and the Village of Corrales. If this really is going to lead to a bonding election, then it needs to be comprehensive and inclusive. Mr. House agreed to chair the committee.

Mr. Sensenbaur, Acting City Engineer, stated that the ICIP is not complete and this effort can fill in some of those gaps. The ICIP is a plan, but it is not funded. The list of what didn't get funded is much bigger than what did. A lot of the problem is the funding, not the planning.

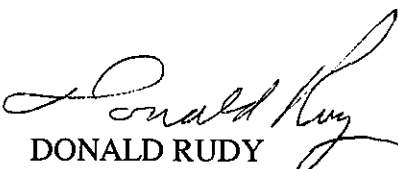
Mr. Paulsgrove, of the Corps of Engineers, stated there are several plans that are incremental in nature and trying to pull those together into some kind of perspective for the next fifty years is where the entities might want to go.

More general discussion was held.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Mark Conkling and seconded by Steve House to adjourn the meeting. It was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.


DONALD RUDY
Secretary


JOHN CHANEY
CHAIRMAN

DATE APPROVED: 4/18/08

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