

SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY
(SSCAFCA)
MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2017
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER.

The regular meeting of the SSCAFCA Board of Directors was called to order by James Fahey, Chairman, at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Directors in attendance were James Fahey, Steven House and Mark Conkling. John Chaney and Michael Obrey were noted as absent. Charles Thomas, Executive Engineer, Charles Garcia, SSCAFCA's attorney, and members of the public were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The Board was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by James Fahey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

An announcement was made by James Fahey that all electronic devices needed to be turned off during the meeting and that the microphones are voice activated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2017.

A motion was made by Mark Conkling to approve the minutes of March 17, 2017 as presented. It was seconded by Steven House and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM.

No comments were made in the public forum.

STAFF REPORTS.

Executive Engineer:

1. 2017 Legislative Update.

Mr. Thomas introduced Mr. Larry Horan, SSCAFCA Lobbyist, to present a summary of the recent legislative session. Mr. Horan stated that the session, a 60 day session, was still ongoing. The main focus was the budget and revenue problems facing the state. Following the November elections, there was also a change of leadership, the control of the house switched back to democratic control and senate remained democratic, gaining two seats, but also new leadership.

At the start of the session the State was still 69 million short for the FY 17 budget. The first week the Legislature worked on solvency package for remainder of year. He indicated that they passed a solvency package that also brought in 95 million in reserves. This included a new round of cuts.

After that, they turned to the FY 18 budget. Mr. Horan stated that the Legislature passed a budget with a slight increase, matched with a bill to increase revenues, including an increase in the gas tax, to generate \$350 million additional revenue. The Legislature made it an appropriations bill to allow the Governor to line item veto provisions. Instead the Governor vetoed the entire bill. To balance the budget the Governor line item vetoed funding for the entire legislative branch and higher education institutions. There was significant discussion about tax reform during this session. There were only about 1100 pieces of legislation for the whole session, which is light for a 60 day session. 279 bills passed with over half vetoed.

Capital Outlay, at the start of the session, was only 60 million, a much reduced amount from previous years. The legislature did not pass any capital outlay for local projects, only for statewide projects, but that bill was also vetoed. Because of the vetoes, there will need to be a Special Session or an Extraordinary Session to establish a balanced budget, which is constitutionally required. The Legislature may file a lawsuit to challenge the Governor's veto. A special session will likely include a capital outlay bill, tax reform and a budget correction.

Mr. Horan stated that he had been asked to follow some specific bills on behalf of SSCAFCA. The Local Election Reform Bill, to change the date of all non-partisan elections, would have changed our elections to odd years, so the current Directors would have one round of extended terms. The bill would not impact the timing of issuing bond elections. The bill passed both houses, but was pocket vetoed by the Governor. This bill will likely return in two years at next 60 day session.

A procurement amendment bill increased the maximum amount of cumulative funding that could be issued in four years to a single architecture/engineer firm from 2 million to 6 million. Construction contracts can go up to 10 million in three years. This bill was signed and should increase SSCAFCA's flexibility in use of on-call services. There was also a bill impacting property disposal. This bill passed, but was vetoed, so no changes to the requirements for disposal of public property.