

SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY
(SSCAFCA)

MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2016
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER.

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

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.

Directors in attendance were Mark Conkling, James Fahey, Steve House. Michael Obrey and John Chaney were noted as absent. Charles Thomas, Executive Engineer, 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 Mark Conkling to approve the Agenda as presented. It was seconded by Steve House and passed unanimously.

ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2016.

A motion was made by Mark Conkling to approve the minutes of February 19, 2016 as presented. It was seconded by Steve House and passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS.

Executive Engineer:

1. Legislative Update.

Mr. Thomas stated that Larry Horan was here to give the legislative update. Mr. Horan stated that this year was a 30 day session. It started January 19th and ended on February 18th. It was limited in the scope of legislation that legislators could consider and was primarily for a budget session, revenue matters, and appropriations. The highlight was the declining revenues of the state. They had projected \$300 million in new money for the upcoming budget year in August. That declined to between \$30 million to -\$7 million of new money. Every dollar the price of oil is reduced is about a \$10 million hit to the state. There were only three areas where the state actually expanded funding, which was Medicaid, corrections, and public safety. The bad news is, if the price of oil does not recover, it will be worse in the next budget year.

Mr. Horan stated that the legislators are all up for election this year. This had an impact on some big compromise items that were passed. The biggest issue was the immigration driver's license issue. He identified one project of SSCAFCA's to obtain capital outlay funding, which was Sheriff's Posse Road. They had a \$400,000 request for funding from the legislators going into the session. This year the entire capital outlay money was reduced to \$123 million. SSCAFCA was able to obtain \$345,000 in funding for Sheriff's Posse Road. The Governor has 20 days from the end of the session to sign or veto legislation. SSCAFCA made it through the cut and none of the money was vetoed. He was happy with that amount of funding based on what was available.

Mr. Horan stated that the legislation regarding changing the voting days did come up during this session. It was addressed with the sponsors. That bill did not pass, but they had adopted an amendment that would have excluded SSCAFCA from the provisions of that legislation. The flood control elections would have remained the same. The legislators are now focused on raising money for their races.

Mr. Thomas stated that Sheriff's Posse Road has been renamed to Bosque de Bernalillo.

2. Presentation on Beneficial Changes to FEMA Guidance.

Mr. Charles Thomas stated that the changes that FEMA has made to its guidance as it relates to the hazard mitigation funding criteria have been beneficial for SSCAFCA. This is expected to continue. Initially it had not allowed dams to be funded with FEMA grants because FEMA felt it was the responsibility of other federal agencies. It did relax that standard. FEMA has also come out with additional guidance with regard to the use of an off channel facility and infiltration as eligible activities that will be credited in the benefit/cost analysis for funding projects. He stated that he believes being able to present these issues to FEMA personnel in Washington D.C. is helping to bring them to light and instituting change.