

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
JOINT WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, November 1, 2016**

A joint work session of the Cochise County Flood Control District and the Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District (NRCD) was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Richard R. Searle, Chairman; Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman; Ann English, Member

Staff Present: James E. Vlahovich, County Administrator
Edward T. Gilligan, Deputy County Administrator
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board
Karen Riggs, Highway & Floodplain Director
Joaquin Solis, Highway & Floodplain Assistant Director

Attendees: John W. Ladd, Ladd Ranches
Lucinda Earuen, Hereford Nature Resource Conservation District
James Lindsey, Hereford Nature Resource Conservation District
John Ladd Sr., Ladd Ranches

Chairman Searle called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

1. Discussion and possible direction on accepting the Horseshoe Draw recharge project into the County's regional stormwater capture project program and assuming associated maintenance-related responsibilities.

Ms. Riggs showed a map of the Horseshoe Draw and explained the background. She showed the plans for the area and noted that the Hereford NRCD was prepared to monitor this project and be responsible for the associated costs. She also went over the public benefits of the project: flood control, sediment reduction, and incidental recharge to the aquifer.

Chairman Searle asked if there was anything that the sediment could be used for.

Ms. Riggs said that there was no benefit to the County.

Vice-Chairman Call said that he was in support of this project and added that the maintenance cost of \$3,000 annually was reasonable.

Supervisor English said that she supported recharge projects, but was concerned about the liability if something went wrong since it was on private property.

Chairman Searle agreed that the County would need to be protected. He asked if the entire project would be done on private land.

Vice-Chairman Call said that it would be.

Ms. Riggs moved on and said that the recommendation of staff was to accept control and maintenance responsibilities for the Horseshoe Draw Erosion Control Project with the following clarified and spelled out in a formal agreement:

1. legal access
2. legal description of the project
3. specific inspection and maintenance responsibilities
4. clarity that in case of failure the County is not responsible for damages or rebuilding
5. clearly defined responsibilities for any ongoing Arizona Department of Environmental Quality grant responsibilities
6. clearly defined role of the County in the construction process

Chairman Searle asked about the liability of the public accessing the site.

Mr. Ladd said that it was all on private property and it was fenced.

Supervisor English said she wanted to ensure that the project benefited the public.

Mr. Ladd said that the benefit was to the river, which positively impacted the entire community.

Mr. Vlahovich said that the next step is for the Flood Control District to formally approve the project and add to the County's recharge system.

Chairman Searle asked for the timeline to begin construction for this process.

Mr. Ladd said the first step was bidding the process and hopefully breaking ground in December.

The Board requested that Mr. Hanson draft an agreement and present it to the Flood Control Board for approval as soon as possible.

Chairman Searle adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

APPROVED:

Richard R. Searle, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board