

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, August 20, 2018**

A Work Session of the Cochise County Flood Control District was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Peggy Judd, Chairman; Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman; Ann English, Supervisor

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Melissa Belasco, Administrative Assistant

Attendees: Jackie Watkins, County Engineer
Teresa Garcia, Engineer Tech II
Bradley Simmons, Civil Engineer II
Joaquin Solis, Floodplain Manager

Chairman Judd called the meeting to order at 1:30 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

Community Development

1. Discussion and possible direction regarding Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4).

Ms. Watkins used a Powerpoint Presentation to present and discuss an Ordinance the County needs to have for Storm Water. She discussed a brief history of the requirement.

She explained that the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System regulates stormwater discharge associated with industrial, construction, concentrated animal feed operations and municipal areas. Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) is a conveyance system including roads with drainage systems, streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, roadside ditches, and man-made channels or storm drains. In 2010, census portions of un-incorporated urbanized area of the County determined to be a small (MS4) by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and on September 30, 2016 the County obtained a standard permit that covers all entities within the county. Mr. Simmons submitted a Notice of Intent for a permit with

a fee of \$5,000. a year. The (MS4) area includes Bisbee, Douglas, and Sierra Vista.

Vice-Chairman Call asked Ms. Watkins if storm water is considered sewage. She responded by saying it is not a sewage system, but a sewer system (MS4). The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality sent a Notice of Intent requiring the County to have an (MS4). The Ordinance creating (MS4) will ensure compliance.

Ms. Watkins pointed out the specific areas on her Power Point Presentation in Bisbee, Douglas, and Sierra Vista in which they will be monitoring looking for sediment and trash saying that all three areas are already (MS4). Ms. Watkins explained that the County Department of Environmental Quality (MS4) permit requirements are as follows:

- Stormwater Program Enforcement (Stormwater Ordinance)
- Storm Sewer System Mapping
- Stormwater Management Program
- Effluent Limitations
- Program Assessment, Recordkeeping and Reporting

Ms. Watkins said that the Ordinance will be going before the Board of Supervisors on September 11, 2018 in hopes of approval because the County has to have this done within two years of previous permit and is due September 30, 2018 to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. She also stated that if the Ordinance is not passed, fees of \$25,000. per day will be charged.

Ms. Watkins stated that information will be put out to the public.

Vice-Chairman Call asked Ms. Watkins if this will affect people that violate the current policy and Ms. Watkins responded by saying that they would need to get a permit and change the way they are doing business. She also added that this is mandated from the Federal Government and the County has to have systems and processes in place that would be set up to comply with Federal regulations. Ms. Watkins said that there will be checks conducted.

Ms. Watkins stated that she felt it was important to explain what an (MS4) is to the Board so they are better informed for when the Ordinance goes before the Board for approval next month.

Chairman Judd adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

APPROVED:

Peggy Judd, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melissa Belasco, Administrative Assistant

