

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Tuesday, October 30, 2018**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 2:00 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
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Sara Ransom, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Amanda Baillie, Public Information Officer
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Marty Haverty, Public Works Director
Jackie Watkins, County Engineer
Brad Simmons, Project Engineer
Shar Porier, Sierra Vista Herald

Chairman Judd called the meeting to order at 2:05 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 regarding the Strategic Plan specifically an update on Environmental Issues.

Ms. Ransom highlighted events and projects the County has been involved in:

1. Cochise County Recharge Network (CCRN) legislative issues
2. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Management Plan - County's Comments
3. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Vegetation Enhancement Proposal Grant

4. San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA) Litigation
5. Sulphur Springs Valley water issues
6. Groundwater Flow Model

1. CCRN Legislative Tour was coordinated by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the Hereford Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCD) which focused on the County's recharge projects and highlighted the efforts through partnerships over the decades. This could add 75 years of sustained river flow to the community and improve the local environment and economy. The main purpose of the tour was to educate and possibly add partners statewide.

2. BLM Resource Management Plan has included comments from the County as a cooperating agency. The final plan is scheduled for release in February of 2019. Ms. Ransom said that these comments are shared with the County Administrator, as well as setting up work sessions with the Board to meet with the different entities involved. She added that BLM is becoming more familiar with the County's efforts for water recharge and acknowledged that these efforts do support the riparian habitat as well as increase the water table by the river.

3. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Vegetation Enhancement Proposal Grant arose from work on the resource management plan. She noted that this grant would focus on vegetation enhancement, removing harmful or invasive vegetation to improve and increase the water table. She said that this would be a sponsorship between the County and the City of Sierra Vista.

4. San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA) Litigation is a contested matter that the County will be asked to participate in beginning January of 2019.

5. Sulphur Springs Valley water issues have focused on programs like the well improvement grant, which the County had previously worked on.

Vice-Chairman Call said that it had been a good thought in theory, but that after the State said they would not be donating funds the details of the plan became impractical.

Mr. Gilligan said that none of the other counties had implemented the program due to the same monetary concerns.

6. Groundwater Flow Model - Ms. Ransom said that the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) had published information on the Willcox water flow.

Vice-Chairman Call said that the aquifer was different than the one in the San Pedro River area and the County's authority was also limited.

The Board asked that Ms. Ransom keep them updated on these topics.

Chairman Judd adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

Peggy Judd, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

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Items For Discussion 1.

Work Session Board of Supervisors
2:00 p.m.

Board of Supervisors

Meeting Date: 10/30/2018

Strategic Plan Discussion

Submitted By: Melissa Belasco, Board of Supervisors

Department: Board of Supervisors

Presentation: No A/V Presentation Recommendation:

Document Signatures: # of ORIGINALS Submitted for Signature:

NAME Ed Gilligan TITLE County Administrator
of PRESENTER:

Mandated Function?: Source of Mandate or Basis for Support?:

Information

Agenda Item Text:

Discussion and possible direction regarding the Strategic Plan specifically an update on Environmental Issues.

Background:

n/a

Department's Next Steps (if approved):

Move forward as the Board directs.

Impact of NOT Approving/Alternatives:

n/a

To BOS Staff: Document Disposition/Follow-Up:

n/a

Budget Information

Information about available funds

Budgeted:
Unbudgeted:

Funds Available:
Funds NOT Available:

Amount Available:
Amendment:

Account Code(s) for Available Funds

1:

Fund Transfers

Attachments

No file(s) attached.