

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
Tuesday, December 17, 2019**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Chairman (telephonic) Thomas E. Borer; Vice-Chairman Ann English; Supervisor Peggy Judd

Staff Present: Edward T. Gilligan, County Administrator  
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator  
Christine Roberts, Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Kim Lemons, Deputy Clerk of the Board  
Amanda Baillie, Public Information Officer

Attendees: Elda Orduno, HR Director  
Jackie Watkins, Director Eng & Natural Resources  
Brad Simmons, Field Engineer  
Teresa Garcia, Engineering & NR Administrative Mgr  
Mark Apel, Environmental Project Coordinator  
Joaquin Solis, Floodplain Administrator  
Daniel Duchon, Budget Manager  
Shar Porier, Sierra Vista Herald  
Tricia Gerrodette, Citizen  
Lori Kilpatrick, Citizen  
John D. Self, Citizen  
Linda L. Self, Citizen  
Katie Self, Citizen

Vice-Chairman English called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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**

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***INTRODUCTIONS***

***ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Discussion and possible direction regarding the Flood Control District.

Ms. Watkins presented this item using two PowerPoint presentations. She outlined the items that are being addressed and associated timelines: LiDAR Survey, Flood Control District (FCD) Permits and Setbacks and the District Projects.

Mr. Apel said the interpretative trail area for the Palominas Recharge Project will be complete by the end of January 2020 with a possible ribbon cutting. There are right-of-way issues for the Bisbee Effluent project.

Ms. Watkins presented a draft of a presentation overview to be used when meeting with appropriate jurisdictions throughout the County. The department is working with Emergency Services on identifying and mapping floodplain areas.

Ms. Garcia manages the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and she named the most important steps that would improve the Community Rating System (CRS) from a class 9 to an 8. An improved class would increase insurance discounts for residents. The County has been at a class 9 rating since 1991.

Ms. Watkins discussed areas that need more rain gauges in order to approve the efficiency of the weather-related alert system.

Vice-Chairman English said the County needs to publicize what resources the County is using and there was a discussion on the best method to get the word out. She added it is a challenge to not only identify and fix problems and also remain fiscally responsible. In the past, the focus has been on maintaining the ingress/egress for property owners and this approach focuses more on flood control.

Ms. Watkins said the department is working on revisiting previous projects that did not divert water properly. They are also working with Emergency Services in order to secure grants to fund projects.

Mr. Gilligan reiterated that there are specific steps and measures to reduce the CRS rating.

The Board agreed that flooding cannot be stopped but the County needs to educate property owners on their responsibilities and the County's responsibilities to help mitigate flooding.

Chairman Borer suggested another work session to present a living document to the Board before meeting with the public. That living document can then be updated with future changes.

Vice Chairman English thanked staff for the presentation.

Vice-Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kim Lemons, Deputy Clerk of the Board