

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Peggy Judd, Vice-Chairman; Tom Crosby, Supervisor

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board
Camila Rochin, Public Information Officer

Attendees: Jackie Watkins, Eng & Natural Resources Director
Joaquin Solis, Floodplain Administrator
Teresa Garcia, Eng & Natural Resources Administrative Manager
Mark Apel, Environmental Projects Coordinator

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

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

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Board of Supervisors

1. Discussion and Possible Direction regarding the Strategic Plan, specifically Flood Control District Projects Update.

Ms. Watkins, Mr. Solis, Ms. Garcia and Mr. Apel presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation, and responded to questions from the Board at various points throughout. Ms. Watkins reviewed the Flood Control District (FCD) staff. Ms. Garcia reviewed the Community Rating System, the National Flood Insurance Program and flood insurance, and Special Flood Hazard Areas, and how each works. She gave the total number of floodplain reviews in 2020. Ms. Watkins gave an overview with description and status update of various projects. Mr. Solis gave a status update on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) updates; Ms. Watkins noted that Saint David and Bisbee need updates and staff will obtain costs for a consultant and bring it to the Board in the future.

Ms. Watkins reviewed the Three Canyons project in detail. Mr. Apel gave background information on, and an overview of the various areas in, the Palominas

Path project, noting that it is open to the public. Ms. Watkins provided detailed information on the Bay Acres project; she gave cost estimates for the Concept Palm Grove Wash Channel there, and noted that staff has identified potential opportunities for funding and will work to secure funding. She provided detailed information on the Leslie Canyon Dam, including a video rendering of the area and its two breaches; staff is proposing the FCD take it over as it provides flood control to the area. Ms. Watkins gave an overview of the Babocomari River, noting the proximity of residences; staff will obtain a cost estimate for a Phase 1 study of the cost for a potential bank protection project. She noted that staff attempts to spend FCD money on projects that will protect people, and gave examples of contributions to the cities of Sierra Vista and Bisbee.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board