

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

A meeting of the Cochise County Flood Control District was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Jackie Watkins, Engineering & Natural Resources Director
Mark Apel, Environmental Projects Coordinator

Chairman English called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.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

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one chose to speak.

CONSENT

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve the Minutes of the Flood Control District meeting of August 9, 2022.

Vice-Chairman Judd made a motion to approve item 1 on the Consent Agenda. Chairman English seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ACTION

Engineering & Natural Resources

2. Approve the Annual Joint Funding Agreement No. 23ZFJFA00080100_00 between the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and Cochise County in the amount of \$59,810 for the period of October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023, to conduct hydrologic investigations and data collection.

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Mr. Apel presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. This request is approve a new Annual Funding Agreement (Agreement), for hydrologic monitoring in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed of the Upper San Pedro Basin. He reviewed the monitoring efforts of various agencies. A 2019 report from the USGS found that water levels declined throughout the Sierra Vista Subwatershed. A well sweep in 2019 by the Arizona Department of Water Resources found an average decline of 3.9 feet since 2007 in 77.5% of the wells monitored in that period. This year's Agreement is discounted by \$18,000 due to one-time contributions by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The Board and Mr. Apel discussed the information available on the website upperpedropartnership.org; the decline of water levels from 2007-2019; and, the depth of the aquifer. Supervisor Crosby discussed his concerns regarding implementation of the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA) and the BLM's jurisdiction.

Chairman English called for the vote and it was approved 2-1 (Crosby opposed).

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

APPROVED:

Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board