

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025**

A meeting of the Cochise County Flood Control District was held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Frank Antenori, Chairman; Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman; Kathleen L. Gomez, Supervisor

Staff Present: Sharon Gilman, Interim County Administrator
Joe Casey, Interim Deputy County Administrator
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Stacy Fenhaus, Budget Manager

Chairman Antenori called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Jack Ricky Veal voiced concerns about the Bisbee effluent recharge project and its potential impact on the San Pedro River and nearby wells.

The Board discussed concerns about the concept of replenishing the aquifer, describing it as unrealistic and likening proposals to net-zero water consumption to reducing human populations. He stated that the idea of recharging the aquifer is not feasible and that the cost to replenish it would be astronomical. The Board plans to hold a future meeting to discuss the issue further.

Lloyd Trachtenberg expressed opposition to the river recharge program.

ACTION

Engineering & Natural Resources

1. Adopt the Tentative Budget of the Flood Control District for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$9,948,414.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to adopt the Tentative Budget of the Flood Control District for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$9,948,414. Supervisor Gomez seconded the motion.

Sharon Gilman, Interim County Administrator, presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Gilman presented the tentative budget for the flood control district, which holds the rate flat at .2597 but requires truth in taxation hearing due to

increased property values, with a total budget of \$9,948,414 and a contingency of \$1.24 million.

Vice-Chairman Crosby made a motion to make the rate for the budget 0%, which would make this year's collection zero and make the 2.6 million zero. Supervisor Gomez seconded the motion.

Supervisor Gomez acknowledged the complexity of the water issue, emphasized that Bisbee should focus on its own area, and expressed a desire for a better understanding of the recharge projects and the allocation of funds.

Mr. Casey mentioned that the work session this afternoon will address the details of the funding, including the shift in direction from the previous work session, with a focus on flood control efforts.

Chairman Antenori called for the vote and it failed 2-1 (Antenori and Gomez opposed)

Chairman Antenori called for the vote to adopt the tentative budget FY25-26, and it was approved 2-1 (Crosby opposed).

2. Set a Truth in Taxation Hearing, pursuant to A.R.S. § 48-254, for July 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona, to receive public comment on the proposed tax levy.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to set a Truth in Taxation Hearing, pursuant to A.R.S. § 48-254, for July 8, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona, to receive public comment on the proposed tax levy. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

The Board and staff discussed that the truth and taxation hearing must occur first, based on statutory requirements, before finalizing decisions on the rate. Vice-Chairman Crosby suggested that the tentative budget could be modified to avoid the need for a truth and taxation hearing if no net increase in tax revenue occurs. Chairman Antenori stated the final adoption of the budget and rate will be decided later, allowing for input from the Board and the public before a vote.

Chairman Antenori called for the vote and it was approved 3-0.

Chairman Antenori adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

APPROVED:

Frank Antenori, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

