



MINUTES

PLACER COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS Monday, September 12, 2016

The Board of Directors for the Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District met in session beginning at 4:00 P.M., Monday, June 13, 2016, in the Rocklin City Council Chambers, 3970 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, California. Brian Keating, District Manager, Brad Brewer, Development Coordinator, Ken Grehm, Executive Director and Robert Sandman, District Counsel, represented the District.

1. **ROLL CALL:**

By roll call, Directors present: Yorde, Morillas, Berlant, Roccucci and Janda
Directors Not Present: Weygandt, Joiner

2. **AGENDA APPROVAL:**

Motion made to approve the agenda for September 12, 2016.

MOTION: Duran/Berlant

APPROVED: Unanimous

3. **APPROVAL OF June 13, 2016 MINUTES:**

Motion made to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016 meeting.

MOTION: Yorde/Roccucci

APPROVED: Unanimous

Director Duran abstained since he did not attend the June 13th meeting.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

5. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:**

a. **Flood Season Preparations and NOAA Climate Prediction Center Winter Outlook for 2016/17**

Brian Keating, District Manager, informed the Board that staff is in the process of completing our annual update to the District's Flood Response Handbook (FRH). Copies are distributed to emergency responder staff within each of our member agencies, and Board Directors. The FRH contains important information on emergency communication procedures and emergency material supplies, such as sandbag locations. It also contains countywide, GIS based, Flood Hazard Awareness Mapping including areas of known flooding, locations of critical facilities such as police and fire stations, government centers, schools, nursing homes, and hospitals. Roads subject to flooding closures/damage and preferred evacuation routes are also identified. Brian stated that new this year is information on the emergency mass public notification system (Everbridge type), which will allow emergency personnel to broadcast flood warnings and evacuation messages to the public via phone during flood events.

Brian stated that at this time of year, District staff attend two pre-flood season coordination meetings, one with Placer County Office of Emergency Staff (OES) and a second with the State of California Department of Water Resources. These coordination meetings are to review emergency response

agency responsibilities, lines of communication, existing flood response handbooks and overall flood preparedness levels.

Brian stated that the District staff will be again managing the County's stream channel maintenance program performed within flood prone areas of the Dry Creek watershed. This work is permitted through the Department of Fish and Wildlife and is performed by crews from the California Conservation Corps (CCC). It is anticipated that this fall the CCC crews will complete 8,000 lineal feet of maintenance or approximately 1.5 miles along Miners Ravine, Linda Creek, Strap Ravine and Dry Creek within the Dry Creek Watershed.

Brian informed the Board on the latest long term climate predictions available from the National Weather Service/National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NWS/NOAA). However, climatologists are not sure what the exact ENSO state (La Nina or El Nino) will be. Earlier in the summer, some of the forecast models showed a moderate to strong La Nina developing. More recent forecasts show that we have a 55-60% chance of a weak La Nina, or 40-45% chance of ENSO neutral conditions. They are now expecting a weak La Nina or Neutral conditions in the ENSO regions. It is projected to experience historical average precipitation amounts or slightly below average amounts over the coming winter months of November, December and January.

b. Update on 90-Day public review and appeal period associated with release of preliminary Digital Floodplain Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) under FEMA Cooperating Technical Partnership (CTP) No. 2

Brad Brewer, Development Coordinator, informed the Board that the 90-Day public review and appeals period associated with the release of preliminary DFIRMs developed under our FEMA CTP No. 2 closed on September 7, 2016. During mid-June 2016, a series of four public hearings were held in strategic locations of the County where the public had the opportunity to learn about the development of the new maps, request and review parcel specific detailed mapping and learn about flood insurance related impacts and updates to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Our District's Technical Advisory Council (TAC) meetings served an important role in planning and coordinating these public hearings.

At the public meetings, District staff, FEMA and local affected agencies were all in attendance to better field questions and concerns. These meetings were well attended with over 128 residents taking the opportunity to meet with staff and raise specific concerns. The meeting held in Rocklin drew the largest attendance with approximately 75 persons. Brad stated that if staff were unable to answer specific questions raised by the public at these meetings, we did follow-up with additional information necessary for the public to help determine if a formal appeal was warranted or not.

Brad reviewed the number of formal appeals that are anticipated to be submitted for each of our local member agencies. Based on the relatively low number of formal appeals we believe will be filed during the 90-day period, staff feel the public outreach process was an overall success. This also speaks to the efforts the District, FEMA and its contractors put in to develop the most up to date and reliable topographic and hydrologic data which served as the basis for developing the new maps.

FEMA and its contractor will next resolve all appeals and issue a Letter of Final Determination (LFD) likely by January of 2017. The DFIRMs will become effective 6 months following issuance of the LFD or summer 2017.

Director Yorde asked if there were any appeals from the County portion of Dry Creek, Brad stated that the 3 appeals along Dry Creek were in the City of Roseville. Director Roccucci asked whether public who are newly mapped in to the floodplain, but were not before, would need to obtain flood insurance. Brad stated that in these cases the mortgage lender would determine if flood insurance is required to be purchased.

6. ACTION ITEM:

a. FY 2015/16 District Budget Review and Close-out

Brian Keating informed the Board that following our typical year-end budget review and balancing for FY 2015/16, Placer County Accounting staff identified a negative fund balance in our Operating Fund 0550 in the amount of \$135,759.25, which requires off-set through a transfer from available funds in the Reserves/Contingency. Brian reviewed with the Board the recent reserves balance history. Brian stated that the negative year-end balance was anticipated as it follows a required transfer of \$179,074.05 from our Operating Fund 0550 to the Dry Creek Trust Fund to account for an account receivable from the existing State Proposition 84 IRWM grant (funding the Antelope Creek Flood Control Project) processed in January 2016. Following the transfer from our Reserves/Contingency, the balance of remaining reserves will be \$214,196.15. This is an amount \$64,196.15 above your Board's recommended minimum reserves balance of \$150,000.

Brian requested that the Board, by motion, authorize an end of year budget balancing measure for the District's FY 2015/16 budget, for which \$135,759.25 of existing Reserves/Contingency is assigned to Operating Fund 0550.

MOTION: Duran/Roccucci
APPROVED: Unanimous

b. Authorization for the Executive Director to enter into a Cooperating Technical Partnership Agreement (CTP) No. 3 with FEMA and advertise for professional consulting services

Brad Brewer reported that following extensive coordination efforts with FEMA Region IX, and if approved by your Board, the District will soon be awarded \$500,000 in federal aid to complete our next CTP floodplain mapping project, hereafter referred to as CTP No.3. Federal funding is anticipated to be officially awarded by November 2016 and will fully fund our approximate 50 mile mapping request made to FEMA. Our request included detailed floodplain studies of creeks in both western and eastern Placer County. These creeks include Coon Creek, Markham Ravine, Doty Ravine, Secret Ravine, the South Branch of Pleasant Grove Creek, the Dry Creek main stem, Linda Creek, Cirby Creek, as well as Blackwood Creek, Vista Creek and Griff Creek in the Tahoe Basin. Our District TAC and member agencies provided significant input into the scope of our original mapping request.

Similar to CTP No. 1, the District will be tasked to provide the hydrologic and hydraulic studies used as a reference by FEMA's mapping contractor, who will ultimately produce the actual updated FIRM maps. District staff have already developed our detailed scope of work, termed a "Mapping Activity Statement" (MAS), which includes a detailed budget and schedule. Electronic and hardcopies of the MAS have been made available to your Board. There is a considerable net positive financial impact to the District in entering into this next CTP, since all District labor costs and expenses will be reimbursed, as will all costs for necessary outside professional consulting services. Our approved District budget for FY 2016/17 includes expenses and revenue amounts anticipated for this project over the next year. The District's first task will be to formally procure a professional consulting firm, following standard County procurement requirements.

Brad asked the Board by motion, to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Cooperating Technical Partnership Agreement (CTP) No. 3 with FEMA and advertise for professional consulting services.

MOTION: Duran/Yorde
APPROVED: Unanimous

c. **Approval of Resolution 16-01 adopting the Placer County 2016 Update to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan including Annex N: Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District**

Brian Keating reviewed with the Board the previous legislative requirements and history of the County's production of a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The County LHMP was first developed in 2005 and has been updated on a regular basis every 5 years, including this year's 2016 update. Brian stated that the plan delineates hazards and assesses risks of a variety of natural hazards that could potentially impact Placer County, with flood risks being one of the top hazards identified, along with fire. Additionally, the plan includes a review of each jurisdiction's existing hazard reduction capabilities and recommends actions/projects to further reduce future vulnerability. In addition to the County, 5 cities and 16 special districts participated to a significant degree in the 2016 update, and as a result, their individual projects are also included in the update. The cities of Auburn, Colfax, Lincoln and Rocklin; the town of Loomis were all active participants.

The plan update includes a specific Annex N for the Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. Brian stated that Annex N lists priorities of pursuing additional FEMA floodplain mapping studies, pursuing regional detention and retention projects within the Dry Creek and Cross Canal Watersheds, upgrading existing flood warning and forecasting systems, and updating the flood control plan for the Cross Canal Watershed. Each special district and city has its own unique project list that addresses known hazards.

For this 2016 update, Placer County OES was able to secure Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant funding in early 2014 and formed a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC), including District staff. After months of work, the HMPC successfully completed preparation of a comprehensive multi-jurisdictional plan update in March 2016. Following review by FEMA and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), and subsequent adoption of the plan by the Placer County Board of Supervisors on May 17, 2016, FEMA issued final approval of the updated plan on June 13, 2016. The governing Councils/Boards of all participating jurisdictions and special districts are now required to also adopt by resolution the section of the LHMP specific to their jurisdiction to ensure they remain eligible for future FEMA hazard grant funding programs.

Brian asked the Board to approve Resolution No.16-01 adopting the 2016 Update to the Placer County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, including Annex N: Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

MOTION: Berlant/Duran
APPROVED: Unanimous

7. **NEXT MEETING** The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is on October 17, 2016 at 4:00 pm at the Rocklin City Council Chambers.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair, Director Morillas at 4:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Coyle
District Secretary