

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES
MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
FRESNO METROPOLITAN FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
AND THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE
CITY OF CLOVIS
HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015

Pursuant to notice, the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District and the Council Members of the City of Clovis was held Monday, November 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City of Clovis at 1033 Fifth Street; Clovis, California.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Barbara Goodwin, Vice-Chairman
Kendall Groom
Roy Spina
Buzz Burleson

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Mike Rastegar, Chairman
Frank Fowler
Jennette Williams

COUNCIL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nathan Magsig, Mayor
Bob Whalen, Mayor Pro Tem
Harry Armstrong
Lynn Ashbeck
Jose Flores

STAFF, CONSULTANTS,

OTHERS PRESENT: Alan Hofmann, General Manager-Secretary
Peter Sanchez, District Engineer
Daniel Rourke, Environmental Resources Manager
Debbie Campbell, Design Engineer
Brent Sunamoto, Operations Engineer
Andrew Remus, Staff Analyst
Jarrod Takemoto, Rural Streams Manager
Esther Schwandt, Clerk to the Board

Ken Price, Assistant Legal Counsel

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CITY OF CLOVIS STAFF:

Rob Woolley, City Manager
John Holt, Assistant City Manager
David Wolfe, City Attorney
Dwight Kroll, Planning and Development Services Director
Steve White, City Engineer
Luke Serpa, Public Utilities Director
Andy Hunsaker, City Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ron Sundquist, Representing Clovis Roundup

PRESIDING:

Mayor Magsig called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He then asked for a moment of silence on the passing of Fran Blackney. Director Goodwin then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of the Council Members and Board Members was then taken by the City Clerk and the Clerk to the Board.

5. BUSINESS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Ron Sundquist addressed the Council and Board, representing Clovis Roundup, residing at 111 9th Street, Apt. 182, Clovis, reporting on the passing of Fran Blackney, and stated the service will be held at 5:00 pm this coming Saturday at the Clovis Veterans Memorial District.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

Mayor Magsig thanked the District for the joint meeting and acknowledged the collaborative relationship between the two agencies.

Vice Chairman Goodwin thanked the City of Clovis for hosting the joint meeting and spoke of the benefits of the collaboration.

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2. WORKSHOP OVERVIEW:

Mr. Hofmann reported the relationship between the District and the City of Clovis has never been stronger, noting the District has managed the City of Clovis' program since 1991. He stated there is considerable linkage between the City of Clovis and the District currently due to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Mr. Hofmann stated because the District provides recharge, noting the District does not extract water, we are the benefit of the plus side on sustainability. He stated the District looks forward to making our system even better to continue to provide water sustainability service to the community.

Mr. Woolley reported on the great partnership with the District, in particular, sharing facilities, protecting the community, and looking forward to the future opportunities to address regional issues. He noted storage is going to be an important component of SGMA, and he look forward to coming up with great solutions as the two agencies work together.

3. City of Clovis:

a. Clovis General Plan Update

Mr. Kroll, displaying maps and diagrams, updated the Council and the Board on the City of Clovis General Plan Update including future growth areas in the Loma Vista growth area. He reported the Master Planning is occurring for the northwest growth area with entitlements in mid-2016. He then provided an update on the number of building permits pulled above the 30-year average of 750, much of this was in the Loma Vista growth area. Mr. Kroll then discussed the design guidelines for the Northwest Growth Area, and presented an update occurring on the Central Clovis Specific Plan and projects occurring in the Old Town downtown area. He then reviewed the proposed designs for a 30,000 square foot Library with the County of Fresno, a Transit Center and a 30,000 square foot Senior Facility adjacent to the trail.

Mr. Sanchez, displaying the District's exhibits, discussed the Northwest Growth Area flood control needs and adjustments being made to increase the densities as they were intensified due to the proposed growth. He stated Drainage Area "BY", which serves portions of this area, was originally designed in the late 1980s for a rural setting with channels and culverts. He stated the District was able to reconfigure this site, with pipes as opposed to channels, to accommodate the increased flows. He noted the District is proposing to split Drainage Area "BY" system into two areas, s/o Copper, w/o Sunnyside as an urbanized drainage system; and the one to the east will be the more typical rural system.

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Mr. Sanchez stated this proposed concept will be to the District Board at the December 16, 2015 Board Meeting, as part of the District's Drainage Fee Update.

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen noted his support for possibly using the channels, rather than undergrounding pipelines, for a more aesthetically pleasing manner. Mr. Sanchez responded that this would be addressed under an item coming up, noting some of the areas east of this area have channels coming through it, and the District has the dilemma of perpetually maintaining them and integrating them into urban development.

Mr. White discussed and displayed exhibits of Alluvial Drainage and Dog Creek flood control channels going through urban areas that are being developed as trails alongside the channel.

Mr. Hofmann reviewed the coordinated design and maintenance of these channels, noting what the District is trying to accommodate, and some of the complexities of the rural streams and urbanization. Specifically, he stated as the City of Clovis has moved to the east, it has moved outside of the original urban fringe and into the rural channels, and has gone past the District's Corps of Engineers Redbank-Fancher Creeks project. He stated in the rural setting, there are big channels and streams that the District maintains. However, there are all these other smaller streams that have to feed into the big streams, and it should be the responsibility of the property owners to maintain. The problem is with urbanization, the District does not want the property owners to maintain it as there could be approximately 10 property owners to take care of a small channel. He stated the District is attempting, in discussions with the City of Clovis and the District Board of Directors, to find a good mechanism to maintain the smaller channels, such as a Landscape Maintenance District, Homeowner's Association, and even the District maintaining some of them. Mr. White noted the District and the City of Clovis so far have been able to work cooperatively and united when working with developers, in particular with the Dog Creek project.

Councilmember Ashbeck noted her support for the District to maintain some of those smaller channels, with assistance from the City of Clovis.

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b. Joint Use Agreements

Mr. White showed exhibits and discussed joint use agreements that are being used to address flood control facility needs in new developments to improve efficiencies and addressed questions from Mayor Pro Tem Whalen and Mayor Magsig on how the agreements function and their impacts on residential developments. Mr. Hofmann then responding to Mayor Magsig's question addressed how the District maintains pipelines on residential developments.

Mr. Serpa discussed the SGMA and how the agencies are exploring ways to work together to address the need for groundwater recharge while maintaining flood protection. Responding to Mayor Pro Tem Whalen's question about the ability of recycled water being used to recharge groundwater, Mr. Serpa reported that all recharge options are being looked at cooperatively by the District and the City of Clovis staff to address SGMA, and discussion was carried on how stormwater basins are operated. Director Burluson explained how the District has to remove silts out of the basins to insure continued percolation, which is normally done in the Summer time. Mr. Serpa noted SGMA has brought to the public's attention a lot of the work that the District, the City of Clovis and other agencies have been working on for a long time. However, he noted SGMA has added a sense of urgency. He also noted the City of Clovis cannot get to where they need to get with respect to recharge water, without the cooperative effort of the District.

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen initiated discussion regarding the potential for Temperance Flat Dam to provide additional water supply for recharge. Councilmember Armstrong discussed how very little water would be provided by a Temperance Flat Dam to Clovis.

Mr. Hofmann discussed how the District is working to take advantage of bond funds to increase storage capacity, and the Board is looking at the District's storage standards. Council Member Armstrong commended the District on the recharge work done at Sunnyside and Alluvial.

c. Street Improvements Adjacent to Basins

Mr. White discussed a fee structure to improve streets that are adjacent to flood control basins that is working well. He then highlighted a recent example of this with the project at Barstow and Locan, and thanked the District for the partnership. Councilmember Flores noted this also assisted the school in the area.

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d. At Risk Process FMFCD/City

Mr. White discussed the active residential subdivisions in the City of Clovis and how the at-risk process works. He described the close working relationship between the agencies that allows the at-risk construction process to work.

4. Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District:

a. Storm Preparedness/Readiness

Report submitted for informational purposes only, no action is required by the Board unless specific direction is to be given to staff.

Mr. Hofmann discussed the potential for El Nino, noting the District is ready for significant rainfall, as it recently improved the Dry Creek Reservoir, and he reviewed other parts of the system which have been enhanced to increase flood protection.

As the report was submitted for informational purposes only, no further action was taken.

b. Review of FMFCD Personnel Reorganization

This memorandum is for informational purposes only. No action is required unless specific direction is to be given to staff.

Mr. Hofmann discussed recent retirements at the District, and the subsequent reorganization, introducing key staff in leadership roles.

As the report was submitted for informational purposes only, no further action was taken.

c. Update on Current Storm Drainage Master Planning in Clovis Sphere:

(1) Discussion of Pipeline and Basin Improvements Since Last Joint Workshop

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Mr. Sanchez showed exhibits and provided an update on improvements made to the storm drainage system in the past five years, focusing on improvements in the City of Clovis. He highlighted the four (4) pump stations which were constructed in the City of Clovis. He noted collectively \$4,765,000 was expended on projects within the City of Clovis. He also discussed future planned improvements, and reported that approximately 350,000 yards of dirt had been excavated in the past 5 years from basins located in the City of Clovis.

As the report was submitted for informational purposes only, no further action was taken.

(2) Planning for Northwest Clovis Area

This report is for informational purposes only. No action is required unless specific direction is to be given to staff.

Mr. Sanchez noted this had been addressed under the City of Clovis General Plan update item.

As the report was submitted for informational purposes only, no further action was taken.

d. Stormwater Quality Program Updates

This memorandum is presented for informational purpose. No action is required of the Board of Directors unless specific direction is to be given to staff.

Mr. Rourke reported since September 1994, the City of Clovis and the District have coordinated the implementation of a Regional Clean Stormwater Program. He provided an update on the efforts to ensure protection of the groundwater. He discussed how the District reaches the goals of reducing pollution getting into the flood control system, and works with the industry to reduce our pollutants. Mr. Rourke expressed his appreciation to the City of Clovis for the joint partnership.

As the report was submitted for informational purposes only, no further action was taken.

e. Coordinated Design and Maintenance of Rural Channels and Trails

This report is for informational purposes only. No action is required unless specific direction is given to staff.

Mr. Hofmann noted this had been previously addressed under the City of Clovis discussion.

As the report was submitted for informational purposes only, no further action was taken.

6. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no Additions to the Agenda.

**7. FINAL CLOSING COMMENTS
COUNCIL MEMBERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Councilmember Armstrong expressed his appreciation of the District and Mr. Hofmann's service.

Councilmember Ashbeck expressed her thanks to the District and the City of Clovis representative, Director Spina.

Councilmember Flores stated he learned a lot this evening, acknowledged the challenges to be faced, and expressed his thanks to the District.

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen expressed his confidence in the District and thanks for keeping the community safe.

Director Burleson noted the amount of work District staff has completed during the dry years in preparation for wet years as expected with the "El Nino"; specifically noting the District has installed several pumps and telemetry systems in District basins. Director Burleson expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to meet, noting he had learned a lot this evening.

Director Spina expressed his appreciation for having served on the District Board for approximately 21 years as the City of Clovis Representative. He expressed his support for District staff and the quality of work.

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Director Groom noted he had also been on the Board a considerable amount of time, and believes as Directors, they are servants of the community. He stated he has seen the staff putting the community above themselves and expressed his thanks to the City of Clovis for working with the District.

Director Goodwin expressed her thanks for the joint meeting and the City of Clovis' hospitality, and encouraged continued staff level interaction.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned Board Meeting at 7:30 pm

Motion by: Councilmember Armstrong Second by: Councilmember Flores
Ayes: Goodwin, Spina, Groom, Burleson
Noes: None
Abstentions: None
Absentees: Rastegar, Williams and Fowler


ALAN HOFMANN
GENERAL MANAGER/SECRETARY

12/8/15
DATE