

**SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY  
(SSCAFCA)  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2016  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

The special meeting of the SSCAFCA Board of Directors was called to order by James Fahey, Chairman, at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS.**

Directors in attendance were Mark Conkling, James Fahey, and Michael Obrey. John Chaney and Steve House were noted as absent. Charles Thomas, Executive Engineer, and members of the public were also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

The Board was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by James Fahey.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

An announcement was made by James Fahey that all electronic devices needed to be turned off during the meeting and that the microphones are voice activated.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

A motion was made by Michael Obrey to approve the Agenda as presented. It was seconded by Mark Conkling and passed unanimously.

**ACTION/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2015 AND JANUARY 4, 2016.**

A motion was made by Mark Conkling to approve the minutes of December 18, 2015 and January 4, 2016 as presented. It was seconded by Michael Obrey and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM.**

None.

**STAFF REPORTS.**

### ***Executive Engineer:***

#### **1. Update of Upper SLO Dam Project.**

Mr. Thomas stated that Andres Sanchez is the project manager overseeing this project and he will give the presentation.

Mr. Andres Sanchez stated that the facility is just northwest of the CNM Rio Rancho campus. It is a 33 acre foot facility and reduces the flow from about 1,500 cfs to about 500 cfs. The Notice to Proceed was issued on January 5, 2016. There are 105 days for substantial completion from today's date, with 120 days for final completion. RMCI is the contractor on the project. Smith Engineering did the plan set. He showed the Board pictures of the project. He stated that the project generated about 85,000 yards of material that SSCAFCA stockpiled and worked with the City on a project they were doing.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Thomas stated that this will free up four acres of property to outside of the existing LEE line by the reduction in flow. He stated that staff continues to work together on a library of unique elements that help SSCAFCA's projects. The first layer of material when you clear a site contains most of the existing seed and topsoil of the existing site. That material is suited for growth. In many cases, it is hauled off and disposed of. In this project, SSCAFCA is saving that material in a special stock pile that it will use to redistribute at the end of the project to help promote regrowth of the plant material at the site. He stated that SSCAFCA was contacted by CNM personnel, and they would like to partner with SSCAFCA for multi-use activities at the site incorporating flood control and drainage.

#### **2. Presentation on Real Time Rainfall Monitoring Network.**

Mr. Charles Thomas stated that SSCAFCA was successful in an application to FEMA to obtain funding to establish a real time rainfall monitoring network so there would be a fairly instantaneous response when rain is occurring. That information can be shared with first responders in the community as well. He introduced Gerhard Schoener for the presentation.

Mr. Gerhard Schoener stated that based on the FEMA grant, SSCAFCA will be able to put in 11 new gauging stations. Some will replace existing gauges. The gauges out there right now record data and someone has to go out in the field after the fact to download them. This new network will allow SSCAFCA to monitor real time conditions in the field without having to go out to the gauge physically. Staff has tried to space the gauges as widely as possible to cover the entire jurisdiction. Two are already in place, one at the office and one at the Harvey Jones Channel. The one at the office is a rain gauge with a satellite transmitter. It logs data every five minutes and, once per hour it connects to the NOAA satellite. The weather service would have to initiate an alert regarding the data they see that is compiled from the gauge. There is still some work that needs to be done before the others can be installed, plus he is waiting for some parts. His goal is to have the entire system up and running before June. In response to a question by Mr. Ron Reeder, Mr. Schoener stated that there are concerns about vandalism. The maintenance costs are not anticipated to be very high. The upfront costs are somewhat high because of the pieces involved. He has picked locations that are as protected as possible. A lot of them are at well sites which have high fences and cameras, so he hopes that will help to deter vandalism. In

response to a question from the Board, Mr. Thomas stated that this is being funded through a grant with FEMA, which is a 75% - 25% cost share, with FEMA paying 75% and SSCAFCA paying 25%. He stated that the cost on the cellular in terms of the operational expense is very low at this point. He also stated that there are signs that warn that it is part of a early flood warning system, so he is hopeful that people will not tamper with the equipment. The other use anticipated from the system is part of the MS4 Permit. SSCAFCA is required to monitor the river quality whenever a large storm event hits the river. It is always a little difficult to capture the exact timing of when water in the river is impacted by the storm flow. By using this network, SSCAFCA will be able to refine the exact time that the water hits the river. Mr. Schoener stated that it would be possible to add on a time lapse camera to the data loggers at a later date.

3. Action/Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2015 Audit Report.

Mr. Charles Thomas stated that in addition to the basic audit that SSCAFCA is required to have done because of being a public entity, SSCAFCA also had a special audit for Circular A-133, which is an additional audit that is required when you have federal funds. SSCAFCA received an unmodified opinion, which means that there were no findings. The audit has been submitted to the State Auditor and it has been accepted, so SSCAFCA is in good standing with the state and has a clean audit. This shows that SSCAFCA is managing the public's money in good standing and is doing a good job in its stewardship of public funds.

In response to a question by the Board with regard to PERA, Mr. Thomas stated that SSCAFCA does have that accounted for now in the balance and is now being carried on the books. It was part of SSCAFCA's fiscal analysis of its budget cycle. The liability is shrinking with some of the efforts that have been completed by the legislature to modify future retirement plans and the reinvestment strategy of the funds that they do have. SSCAFCA's bond rating is very solid and its liability is small enough that SSCAFCA has been able to incorporate that into the budget without any significant impact to the overall operational standing. Mr. Thomas stated that staff will continue to work with the auditors to determine what sort of surrogate for a depreciation lifecycle that will match more closely with what SSCAFCA experiences with regard to its facilities. As part of the annual contract with the audit firms that SSCAFCA uses, they keep themselves available for questions and comments throughout the year to assist SSCAFCA, so this is a question that staff can pursue with them before next year's audit. Mr. Conkling wants a justified depreciation schedule for the audit for next year.

A motion was made by Mark Conkling to accept the Fiscal Year 2015 Audit Report as presented. It was seconded by Michael Obrey and passed unanimously.

4. Update on Development Review.

Mr. Charles Thomas stated that there has been an uptick in activity with development generally starting to move forward. The first item, Tract C in Entrada de Coronado, is a project of opportunity. The City is currently redoing Idalia Road between Iris and Highway 528. This project is lowering the profile of the road and generating a large amount of material. The property owner at the corner of Idalia and 528, which is a desirable commercial location, has property that is low and subject to flooding, so the property owner has agreed to take all of the dirt to raise the site. They are in the process of putting together a basic grading and drainage plan to move forward with development. There are significant questions in that plan and it has not yet been approved.

Mr. Thomas stated that, to the west, the High Range Subdivision, Unit 4, the preliminary plat submittal has come in with the development of the next section between Broadmoor and Loma Colorado along Idalia. SSCAFCA staff and City staff both had questions with regard to that drainage, so that one is still in review and has not been approved.

Mr. Thomas stated that the final subdivision just west of Northern Boulevard, Vista Grande, Unit 12, the preliminary plat and construction plans have been submitted. This property location is severely encumbered by significant topography and drainage issues. It is a difficult piece so the developer has many questions to answer before receiving approval.

Mr. Thomas stated that there is a site plan submitted for a special use permit at Arrowhead Ridge that did not have any drainage considerations, so SSCAFCA staff did not comment on it.

Mr. Thomas stated that SSCAFCA has unofficially received \$345,000 in capital outlay toward the Sheriff's Posse Road Water Quality Project from the legislature this year. It is still subject to approval and signature by the Governor as part of the capital outlay bill. Mr. Horan will be at the March meeting to provide a full update of the legislative session and SSCAFCA should know the status of the capital outlay at that time.

***Fiscal Services Director:***

1. Recognition/Acknowledgment of the Fiscal Services report for January 31, 2016.

Mr. Charles Thomas stated that the Fiscal Services Report for January 31, 2016 is in the Board's packets. He stated that the operating property tax revenue after 7 months is .4% greater than at the same time last year. The debt service property tax revenue is also .5% greater. General fund expenditures through January 31 are about 28.2% of the total budget and SSCAFCA is about 58% through the fiscal year. There were 47 single family residential permits issued by the City of Rio Rancho in January, with a total of 448 permits issued last calendar year. Interest

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earned on the State Treasurer's funds was at a rate of .286% for the month of January. The Treasury Bill is yielding about .280%.

The Fiscal Services Report for January 31, 2016 was recognized and acknowledged by the Board.

**OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

Mr. Thomas stated that there was a Personnel Committee meeting held in January 2016. One of the items to be discussed was renewal of the contract with the Executive Engineer.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**

None.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

None.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS.**

None.

**PROPERTY MATTERS.**

1. *Action/Acceptance - Unit 10, Block 18, Lot 15 - 1.0 acres - Tributary A. Dam.*
2. *Action/Acceptance - Unit 11, Block 29, Lot 33 - 0.50 acres- Rainbow Pond.*
3. *Action/Acceptance - Unit 7, Block 52, Lot 12 - 2.0 acres - Calabacillas CA\_09P Pond.*

Mr. Charles Thomas stated that it is necessary to obtain these properties for the Tributary A Dam, Rainbow Pond, and Calabacillas CA\_09P Pond projects.

A motion was made by Michael Obrey to approve the property acquisitions as presented. It was seconded by Mark Conkling, and passed unanimously.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION.**

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1. Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, Educational Outreach Department, request the use of SSCAFCA's Poop Fairy non-point source pollution campaign to incorporate into their educational programs.
2. Evelyn Losack Obituary.
3. Rio Rancho Observer article, "Flood Control: Chuck Thomas", (1/24/2016).
4. Rio Rancho Observer article, "CNM bond passes by wide margin", (2/7/2016).

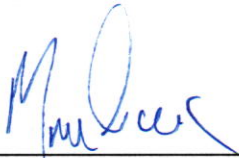
Mr. Thomas stated that an interesting item of note on the CNM bond was that there was some concern over the lack of voting sites on the west side of Albuquerque and Rio Rancho for the recent bond issues. Within the City of Rio Rancho boundary, the CNM bond failed on a 3 to 1 vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS.**

- Next Regular Board Meeting is on Friday, March 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

A motion was made by Mark Conkling and seconded by Michael Obrey to adjourn the meeting. It was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.



MARK CONKLING  
Secretary



JAMES FAHEY  
CHAIRMAN

DATE APPROVED: 2/18/16