



**OFFICE OF THE COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COCONINO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES**

**May 26, 2023**

**8:30 a.m. – Special Session Meeting**

**Present:** Chair Patrice Horstman, Vice Chair Jeronimo Vasquez, Supervisor Judy Begay, Supervisor Matt Ryan were present virtually via Zoom meeting technology. Supervisor Lena Fowler joined the meeting virtually at 8:33 a.m.

**Also Present:** Assistant County Manager/Elections Director Eslir Musta, Deputy County Manager Sue Brown, Deputy County Manager/Flood Control District Director Lucinda Andreani, Deputy County Manager Andy Bertelsen, Flood Control District Attorney Andrew McGuire, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Lindsay Daley and Deputy Clerk of the Board Valerie Webber were present virtually via Zoom meeting technology.

Chair Horstman called the Special Session to order at 8:30 a.m.

Chair Horstman asked for a motion to resolve as the Flood Control District Board of Directors.

**Motion:** So moved, **Action:** approve, **Moved by:** Supervisor Jeronimo Vasquez, **Seconded by:** Supervisor Matt Ryan. The motion passed unanimously with Chair Horstman, Vice Chair Vasquez, Supervisor Ryan and Supervisor Begay voting 'aye'; Supervisor Fowler was not present during the vote, she was absent for the vote.

**Flood Control District Consent Item:**

1. Consideration and possible action to approve Amendment #6 to CMAR 2023-106, the Schultz/Pipeline Flood Mitigation - On-Forest Watershed Restoration Project, providing for Phase 1 Construction Services on the Schultz Creek watershed for a total Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$1,005,547.97, with the cost to be reimbursed through the U.S. Forest Service Good Neighbor Agreement #23-GN-11030400-096; there is no District match. **Flood Control District**

Chair Horstman read the agenda title into the record.

*Director Lena Fowler joined the meeting at 8:33 a.m.*

Flood Control District Administrator Lucinda Andreani explained “this item is in reference to the sixth amendment to CMAR 2023-106 through the Good Neighbor agreement for work on Phase 1 Construction Services on the Schultz Creek watershed agreement for on-forest measures that in place with the U.S. Forest Service for alluvial fan restoration that was constructed by the city last year and this will be very important to reducing the sediment that enters that public facility in the Schultz Creek Watershed just above the detention facility and then also travels downstream into private property that’s further downstream and as well as into the city’s flood mitigation system down near highway 180. [So] Schultz Creek is the most western watershed that was impacted by the Pipeline Fire, and it flows down across 180 near Sechrist School and Community Development Building in that area. So, this is a really critical project, this is phase one of what will be two phases of the work. The second phase will take place this fall after we’ve received approval for that area from the Forest Service. That area is a more sensitive area, it has spotted owl habitat and we’re restricted from constructing there until the fall, fall/wintertime frame. I’m certainly happy to entertain any questions. This is very similar to what you’ve seen before for the on-forest measures. We are trying a little different technique here called “plug and spread”, that has a little less impact on a number of trees that have to come down in the area, but uh we do believe it will have very similar in its positive impacts to the downstream measures. Happy to entertain any questions, thank you.”

Chair Patrice Horstman responded back by saying “thank you, Lucinda and just for members, my colleagues on the board this is the westside as you know [in my district]. We were able to hold a joint meeting with the city for the community to go over this and went into some depth with the plug and spread method, which is really interesting, [so] think it may be something, once they start the construction, if Lucinda, you could keep us informed, it may be something that I know myself, and members of the board would be interested in taking a looking at the new construction methods.”

Flood Control Administrator Lucinda Andreani said “Absolutely, we will be setting up a tour.”

Chair Patrice Horstman responded back “Alright, very good.”

Director Lena Fowler requested Flood Control Administrator Lucinda Andreani “to describe the method, since we haven’t seen it [‘plug and spread’] overall description, thank you.”

Flood Control Administrator Lucinda Andreani responded back saying “Sure! It’s basically to think of it as an area with a set of small ponds. We kind of went back and forth with the name, Natural Channel Design is doing the engineering, called it ‘pond and spread,’ ‘plug and spread,’ but basically the concept is you have a series of smaller ponds that are capturing the water as it comes down through this area, it is a flatter area, if you’ve ever been up to the Schultz Y, it’s just north of the Y there, where it flattens out, drainage comes into that area and over a broader area we’re just going to put this series of ponds and then water collected up at the downstream end of that series, basically in effect funneled into that detention facility that’s owned and operated by the city property. This, what we’re doing is all on forest service property, that area is a very popular recreation area, it’s the trailhead for several trails and then people, when the road is open, it is not open now due to fire and damage to the road, that when that road is open it is a very popular destination for mountain biking as well as hiking and just people enjoying the area, it’s a nice area. So, this affords us the opportunity, typically on fan restorations we have to take down most, if not all the trees in the fan area, in this area, we will still

need to take some trees down, kind of maintain more of the natural character of the area, but still accomplish the goal of reducing the sediment.”

Chair Patrice Horstman responded, “Thank you, good question Supervisor Fowler and it’s going to be interesting to see this as this project unfolds.”

Chair Horstman asked for a motion to approve.

**Motion:** So moved, **Action:** approve, **Moved by:** Vice Chair Jeronimo Vasquez, **Seconded by:** Director Matt Ryan. The motion passed unanimously.

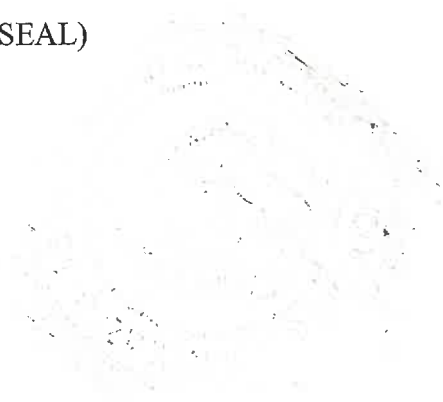
Chair Horstman asked for a motion to resolve back as the Board of Supervisors.

**Motion:** So moved, **Action:** approve, **Moved by:** Director Matt Ryan, **Seconded by:** Director Judy Begay. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further discussion, Chair Horstman adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

**COCONINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Patrice Horstman, Chair

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Lindsay Daley, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

