

# SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY



## **FLOOD CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE** **Meeting Announcement**

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 26, 2010 (NOTE: CHANGE IN DATE AND TIME FROM USUAL)

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Solano Irrigation District – Board Room  
508 Elmira Road, Vacaville

### AGENDA

1. Introductions and Public Comment
2. Approval of Minutes of March 25, 2010 meeting
3. Review and Recommendation to Board of Directors on Flood Control Budget for FY 2010-2011
4. Bus Tour of flood management, levees and drainage in the Suisun Marsh area. (Public welcome on bus tour if space allows but advance notice must be provided to Alex Rabidoux) Sandwiches will be provided to FCAC Members on the bus. FCAC to RSVP to Alex at [Arabidoux@scwa2.com](mailto:Arabidoux@scwa2.com) or 455-1106.

If you have any questions contact Alex Rabidoux at (707) 455-1106

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**FLOOD CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES: March 25, 2010**

**Introductions and Public Comment:** Chairman Terry Riddle called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. There was public comment from John Curry, who explained that the Dixon Regional Watershed project is currently being delayed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service due to permitting.

**Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2010:** The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Medium Sized Projects:** Water agency staff reported that there have been no changes in the medium size projects. The only active project is the Suisun Creek watershed study.

**Small Grant Projects:** The small grant project update was moved to Agenda Item 4 – Presentation of the Small Grant Program by Amy King, Solano RCD.

**Presentation of the Small Grant Program – Amy King, Solano RCD:** Amy King with the Solano Resource Conservation District gave a brief overview of the small grant program. Ms. King provided a brief update on two completed projects and several future small grant projects that are likely to be submitted in FY 2010-2011. For the completed projects, Amy showed several maps and photographs showing before and after completion of the grant project. For the future projects, Amy provided the Committee a brief synopsis of each project. For FY 2010-2011, Amy anticipates that the Water Agency will need about \$95,000 to fund all of the projects.

Amy then went over some of the features of the small grant program that are working well. One important aspect is the ability to leverage funds from multiple sources. Amy indicated that the Solano RCD has been very effective at obtaining additional grant funding or agency participation in completing several of the small grant projects. Additionally, Amy has been able to help several landowners without the need for the small grant project funds. Amy also pointed out that the small grant program requires that landowners have a very solid budget before applying to the program. Amy felt this was a positive aspect of the program because it allows landowners to become more familiar with the project, and have realistic knowledge of how much their small grant project will cost. Amy also felt that the flood manuals were a good success.

To improve the small grant program, Amy felt that the application deadline should be reinstated. The deadline should occur several times throughout the year, and would help speed landowners up in applying to the program. Amy felt that a more regular flow of applications would also be of benefit, and more regular reporting of the small grant program to the Flood Control Advisory Committee. Ms. King also felt that increased publicity would help the program. Currently, the

Solano RCD issues two press releases per year to the local newspaper, two articles per year in the Solano RCD newsletter, distributes flood manuals, and includes information on the grant program at the Welcome to the Watershed events throughout the County. David Okita explained that the Water Agency needs to be careful about publicity, as there is a risk in over extending the small grant project funds.

*The Committee decided that it may be worthwhile to have Amy King attend the Flood Control Advisory Committee meetings a few times throughout the year and that a deadline should be included for the small grant program guidelines.*

**Review of the SCWA Flood Management Project Funding Policy:** David explained that the Water Agency's flood management funding policy was put together in 2006. The 2006 guidelines were previously looked at in detail and approved by the Flood Control Advisory Committee. Committee member Ron Koehne voiced concern that the funding guidelines would prevent future projects from getting approved. For the McCune Creek project, the most substantial issue was the formation of an assessment district. David explained that in forming an assessment district you need to balance having a large enough district to lower the cost per person but small enough so that people will be willing to approve the assessment district. The Committee also debated about changing the Water Agency cost share to a 50% contribution. Committee member Rolf Ohlemutz explained that there did not appear to be any strong arguments for changing the funding policy. David explained that there have only been a few large size projects that have gone to approval by the Board.

*The Flood Control Advisory Committee approved the motion to not change the Water Agency's Flood Management Project Funding Policy as long as large flood control projects can be analyzed on a case-by-case basis.*

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Flood Control Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Solano Irrigation District. The May field trip was rescheduled for Wednesday, May 26 at 5:30 pm.

**Committee Members Attending:**

Rolf Ohlemutz	Charles Karnopp
Terry Riddle	Paul Lum
Ronald Koehne	Mark Holdener
Mike O'Connor	Ron Campbell

**Committee Members Absent:**

Jim Daniels	Steve Chappell
Laura Peters	Delbert Berg

**SCWA Staff:**

David Okita	Alex Rabidoux
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**Draft FY 2010-2011 Flood Control Budget (May 26, 2009)**

<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>AMOUNT \$</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Flood Awareness/Small Project Grant Admin	\$29,100	
Small Grant Program	\$50,000	
Dixon Watershed Project Implementation	\$200,000	Contributions for New South Channel Project (Contractual commitment)
Stream & Rain Gage Equipment	\$15,400	Flood Forecasting program & existing stations
Sweeney Creek Home Raising	\$25,000	
Vacaville Detention Basins	\$500,000	Contractual commitment
Watershed Plans	\$150,000	See allocation below
FCAC Costs	\$1,500	
SCWA staff	\$246,300	SCWA staff costs to programs
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,217,300</b>	

Watershed studies allocation:

Gibson Canyon	\$5,000
Suisun Creek/Ledgewood Creek	\$125,000
New Studies	\$20,000
Total	<u>\$150,000</u>

**FY 2009-2010 Flood Control Budget - Estimated Year End Expenditures**

BUDGET	BUDGET	Est. FY Expend	NOTES
Flood Awareness/Small Project Grant Admin	\$29,100	\$29,100	
Small Grant Program	\$50,000	\$50,000	
Dixon Watershed Project Implementation	\$200,000	\$0	Contributions for New South Channel Project (Contractual commitment)
Stream & Rain Gage Equipment	\$17,600	\$11,200	
Sweeney Creek Home Raising	\$50,000	\$25,000	
Vacaville Detention Basins	\$500,000	\$500,000	Contractual commitment
Watershed Plans	\$235,000	\$79,248	See allocation below
FCAC costs	\$1,500	\$1,500	
SCWA staff	\$246,329	\$246,329	SCWA staff costs to programs
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,329,529</b>	<b>\$942,377</b>	

Watershed studies allocation:

Gibson Canyon	\$25,000	\$4,000
Suisun/Ledgewood Creek	\$110,000	\$65,000
Rio Vista	\$50,000	\$9,248
New Studies	\$50,000	\$1,000
Total	<u>\$235,000</u>	<u>\$79,248</u>