

**MAGMA FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020 MEETING**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Board President Vinson Dobson at 4:04 p.m. at the Florence Unified School District Anthem K-8, Room B-100, 2700 N. Anthem Way, Florence, Arizona. Appearing telephonically were District Board President Vinson Dobson, Director James Kenny and Director Tyler LeSueur. Also present in person at the Meeting were Kent Pace, General Manager, Board Assistant Secretary Larry Pfeifer and District Counsel Stephen R. Cooper. The Meeting was properly posted within the boundaries of the District and a phone number of 1-800-829-7603 was provided for individuals residing within and without the District to appear telephonically for the Meeting. There were no public members present and introductions were not necessary.

General Manager Kent Pace next gave a brief update on the Arizona Department of Water Resources, Dam Safety annual inspection. General Manager Pace stated the annual inspection is typically performed in January of each year, however, to avoid any conflict with construction of the MFRS Erosion Mitigation Project, the annual inspection was held in December (a month early).

General Manager Kent Pace next gave a brief update on ongoing dam maintenance issues involving erosion and desiccation related surface cracking issues on the dam. The repairs have been divided into two phases. Phase 1 was undertaken in October 2019 to identify and to fill erosion holes on the dam with sand. Phase 1 was completed by ELS

Construction at an approximate cost of \$26,300.00, the work was done properly and at a cost that was significantly lower than budgeted. However, recent rains had caused many of the holes filled with sand to settle and further sand needed to be added the holes. The additional work was done over a one-week period.

Phase 2 repairs consist of repairing the surface of the dam by using heavy equipment to rip, cross-rip, and recompact the surface of the dam, then adding both rock mulch and hydro seed to mitigate future erosion on the dam. On November 16, 2019, the District Board awarded Standard Construction Company Inc., a contract for Phase 2 repairs in the amount of \$2,172,884.64. The notice to proceed with the project was issued to Standard Construction on December 9<sup>th</sup> and since that time the contractor has cleared, ripped, and cross ripped approximately 5 ½ miles of the upstream surface of the dam.

General Manager Kent Pace next gave a brief update on the status the grant application for the Regional Flood Control Project. General Manager Pace stated that there has been no official awarding of the grant and grant funding, but he was hopeful that it will be awarded in the near future.

The next item of business was consideration of the approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 6, 2019 and to ratify the actions of the November 6, 2019 Meeting. A motion was made by Director James Kenny to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes and to ratify the actions taken at the November Meeting. Board President Vinson Dobson seconded this motion. Thereafter, the Minutes for the Regular Session were unanimously approved, and the actions taken were ratified.

A motion was then made by Director James Kenny to approve the Executive Session Minutes of the November 6, 2019 Meeting. It was seconded by Board President Vinson Dobson and was thereafter approved unanimously.

Board President Vinson Dobson moved to go into Executive Session which was seconded by Director Tyler LeSueur . The motion was approved unanimously.

The next item of business was an Executive Session which was conducted from 4:10 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. and thereafter the public meeting was reconvened.

The next item of business was to discuss the possible authorization of the General Manager to incur and approve costs associated with the planning and design activities as it relates to the Middle Magma Regional Flood Control Project in an amount not to exceed \$750,000. General Manager Pace explained to the Board that Middle Magma is an approximately 8-mile long unimproved drainageway located between the Upper Magma Channel and the Lower Magma Channel. The Middle Magma Channel is the only component of the Magma flood control system from the 1960's watershed workplan which somehow was overlooked and didn't received federal funding and subsequently was neither designed nor constructed. Over time, without this segment of regional flood control infrastructure in place, mistakes were made in the construction of certain residences and infrastructure within or near the Middle Magma Channel alignment that have resulted in the creation of at least 3 well-known legacy flooding areas which (for decades) have constrained the entirety of the Magma system from functioning as originally envisioned. General Manager Pace reiterated to the District Board that the Agenda item requests authority to begin planning and design activities for Middle Magma Regional Flood Control Project in an amount not to exceed \$750,000. However,

because there has been no official awarding of the grant from NRCS, and other governmental agencies have not yet formally committed to partnering in the project, he desired to modify the authorization request to consist of an initial not to exceed amount of \$150,000.

A motion was made by Director James Kenny to authorize the General Manager to incur and approve costs associated with the planning and design activities as it relates to the Middle Magma Regional Flood Control Project in an amount not to exceed \$150,000. The motion was seconded by President Vinson Dobson and was thereafter approved unanimously.

The next items of business were Board reports. There were no other reports to come before the Board.

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The next item of business was other business which came before the Board. There were no items of other business.

The next item of business was adjournment of the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January 2020.

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**STEPHEN R. COOPER, Attorney for  
MAGMA FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**