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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairman Hernandez called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 25, 2011. Roll was noted as follows:

Directors present:	Chairman Danny Hernandez Director Ronald D. Brown Director Bruce Thomson Director Tim Eichenberg Director Daniel Lyon
Directors excused:	None
Others present:	Jerry M. Lovato, P.E., Executive Engineer Attorney Marcus Rael, Jr. Staff Other attendees on file at AMAFCA

A quorum was present.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Lovato noted that there was a handout on agenda item 9.

Director Thomson made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Brown seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

**3. Meetings Scheduled**

- a. **Thursday, August 18, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- b. **Thursday, September 15, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- c. **Thursday, October 20, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**

There were no changes to the meeting schedule.

**4. Items from the Floor / Public Comment**

None.



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**5. Approval of Minutes**

**a. June 23, 2011**

Director Lyon made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. Director Brown seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

**6. Financial Matters**

**a. Approval of June 2011 Expenditures**

As Irene Jeffries, AMAFCA Business Manager, was unable to be present, Mr. Lovato presented the June 2011 Expenditure Report. In response to a question from Director Eichenberg, Mr. Lovato stated that the Mastercard purchase for the "Floodfighting Workshop" at WalMart was for name tags for 150 people. Director Eichenberg requested that staff in the future provide more detail for general purchases when a credit card is used.

Director Brown made a motion to approve the June 2011 Expenditure Report. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

**b. Investment Report for June 2011**

Mr. Lovato presented the investment report for June 2011. There were no questions, and no Board action was required.

**c. Financial Recap June 16, 2011, through July 15, 2011**

Mr. Lovato presented the Financial Recap for June 16, 2011 through July 15, 2011. There were no questions, and no Board action was required.

**d. Financial Forecast July 16, 2011, through August 15, 2011**

Mr. Lovato presented the Financial Forecast for the period July 16, 2011, through August 15, 2011. He requested Board approval of the forecasted expenditures. There were no questions from the Board.

Director Brown made a motion that the Board approve the Financial Forecast. Director Lyon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).



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**7. Legal**

**a. Status Report**

Attorney Marcus Rael, Jr., briefed the Board on the status of various legal matters. In response to a question from Director Thomson, Chairman Hernandez stated that no additional communications had been received from the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) regarding AMAFCA's mill levy rates.

Director Brown suggested that AMAFCA provide its rates directly to Bernalillo County, as it is AMAFCA's legislative responsibility to set its own mill levy rates. Director Eichenberg stated that the Board should authorize the Executive Engineer and the AMAFCA Attorney to draft a letter for the Chairman's signature, to be hand-delivered to the Chair of the Bernalillo County Commission, which will convey AMAFCA's preferred mill levy rates, developed based on AMAFCA's budgetary needs. The Board agreed by consensus. Copies of the letter will also go to DFA and the Governor's office.

Director Lyon inquired as to another of the items listed, which Mr. Rael explained in greater detail.

**b. Personnel Matter**

Director Brown made a motion that the meeting be closed, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, §10-15-1 NMSA 1978, Subsection H, to preserve the confidentiality of the information to be discussed, and as further described in *"The Open Meeting Act, A Compliance Guide for New Mexico Public Officials and Citizens,"* seventh edition, 2010, to discuss a personnel matter, and the possibility of potential litigation. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion.

Chairman Hernandez stated that the closed session would be for purposes of discussion only, regarding a personnel matter and the possibility of potential litigation. The motion passed unanimously (5-0), on a roll call vote.

Chairman Hernandez closed the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Director Brown made a motion that the meeting be re-opened, stating that the Board had made no decisions during the closed meeting, but had discussed a personnel matter and the possibility of potential litigation. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0), on a roll call vote.

Chairman Hernandez reopened the meeting at 11:14 a.m.



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Director Brown made a motion that the Board direct the AMAFCA Attorney to do additional investigation regarding the personnel matter they discussed, and report back to the Board. Director Thomson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

Chairman Hernandez briefly left the meeting at 11:15 a.m., returning at 11:18 a.m., during the Executive Engineer's report of the past month's activities. Director Brown chaired the meeting during the Chairman's absence.

**8. Executive Engineer's Report**

**a. Notification of Past Month's Activities**

Mr. Lovato highlighted significant activities of the past month, answering questions from the Board during his presentation. He covered the following:

- Corps of Engineers – Bernalillo County and AMAFCA are working together with the Corps of Engineers to close out the feasibility portion of the Southwest Valley Flood Reduction Project, and the Los Padillas Spillway Diversion construction completed by AMAFCA.
- City of Albuquerque – staff have been working on agreements for multi-use trails, easements, funding, and project licenses. The City of Albuquerque is ready to fund their portion of the Boca Negra Dam project. The Osuna Boulevard and Singer Road bike notch designs have been submitted to the Corps of Engineers for review. A physical model of the North Diversion Channel is being built at UNM. The City of Albuquerque has received conditional approval of their request to change the zoning of the park adjacent to Ventana Dam.
- Department of Finance and Administration – no additional information has been received.
- Public Outreach – AMAFCA has been asked to participate in a public outreach event to address the South Valley Flood Reduction Project and the Duran Open Space, to be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 2, 2011, at the Duran Open Space. The City of Albuquerque hosted a mid-project review of the Hahn Arroyo Project with neighborhood association representatives on July 7, 2011, which was well received.
- Emergency Action Plans – AMAFCA, the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, and the Department of New Mexico Homeland Security were to meet with the Office of the State Engineer to discuss EAP requirements, but the meeting has been difficult to set up as the Department of Homeland Security was not available due to wildfires throughout New Mexico.



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- State of New Mexico – A meeting with New Mexico Department of Transportation Cabinet Secretary Alvin Dominguez was canceled due to a vehicle malfunction on the way to Santa Fe, and will be rescheduled. A meeting with State Land Commissioner Ray Powell will be scheduled to discuss watershed management and how federal and state mandates concerning flood control and water quality are in conflict in some instances.
- Levee Task Force – the task force has continued to meet, and is preparing a draft report for the State Legislature. A subcommittee has been formed to explore alternative levee evaluation criteria, funding options, flood mapping criteria, and possible education/assistance programs to assist residents who find themselves in a newly-mapped flood plain.

Responding to a question from Director Thomson, Mr. Lovato briefly described the previous night's arroyo rescue, which was successful. He added that the Field Highlights would have more information.

**b. Notification of On-Call Services Task Orders**

Mr. Lovato stated that no on-call task orders had been issued this month, although he had signed two contract amendments as outlined in his memo: one with Wilson and Company in the amount of \$6,494.00 to update the Division 100 Section of the contract documents for La Presa Dam, and one with Bohannon Huston in the amount of \$8,800.00 to perform an as-built survey of the completed work along West I-40 for the East Amole Surge Pond. This is needed to complete the LOMR submittal.

He gave the Board details on each. There were no questions from the Board.

***Consent Agenda:***

**9. Consideration of Award of Construction Contract for Miscellaneous AMAFCA Construction Projects 2011**

The memo from Kurt Wagener, AMAFCA Field Engineer, stated that seven contractors submitted bids for the Miscellaneous AMAFCA Construction Projects 2011, but one was deemed non-responsive as the bid proposal was detached from the bound set of Contract Documents. The Information for Bidders in the contract documents states "The Bid Proposal shall not be detached from the bound set of Contract Documents." AECOM tabulated the bids and found no mathematical errors. He stated that AECOM and AMAFCA staff recommend award of the contract to RMCI, Inc., in the amount of \$394,113.40 plus New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax, as the lowest responsible bidder. The required AMAFCA Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form was completed and a copy provided. The project is fully funded by AMAFCA.



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**10. AMAFCA GIS System Development and Implementation – Consideration of *Eighth Amendment to Agreement for AMAFCA Professional Services Agreement for the Establishment of an Enterprise GIS Web Application with AMEC, Inc.***

The memo from Kevin Troutman, AMAFCA GIS Technician, stated that the web-based GIS application developed and hosted under this contract over the past two and a half years, at a cost of \$293,955.00 to date, has changed the way AMAFCA does business, and how it interacts with the public. The application has received accolades at the local and national level, and received an award at the 2011 ESRI International Users Conference. He stated that the Eighth Amendment to this contract will fund Final Phase tasks which include adjusting the basemap data, continued system development, and migration of the application to a cloud computing system. Using a cloud based service will save AMAFCA money over updating AMAFCA's technology infrastructure and reduce the need to increase staffing to accommodate hosting the application onsite.

He requested that the Board approve the Eighth Amendment to the AMAFCA Professional Services Agreement for the Establishment of an Enterprise GIS Web Application with AMEC, Inc., not to exceed \$69,710.00 plus New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax.

There being no further items on the Consent Agenda, and there being no questions, Director Brown made a motion that the Board take action on consent agenda items 9-10, as follows:

- Accept RMCI, Inc., as the lowest responsible bidder and authorize the Chair to execute the contract with them for the construction of the Miscellaneous AMAFCA Construction Projects 2011 in the amount of \$394,113.40 plus New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax; and
- Approve the Eighth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with AMEC Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc., for the final phase of the GIS project on a time and materials basis, not to exceed \$69,710.00, plus New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax, and authorize the Chair to execute the same on behalf of AMAFCA.

Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

Director Brown briefly left the meeting at 11:23 a.m., returning at 11:26 a.m. as the following presentation was getting underway.



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***Regular Agenda:***

**11. 2011 Bond Sale – Briefing by RBC Capital Markets, AMAFCA Financial Advisor, on Bond Sale Amount, Structure and Timing**

Mr. Lovato introduced Kevin Powers and Loretta Brush of RBC Capital Markets, AMAFCA's Financial Advisors. Mr. Powers, with Ms. Brush's assistance, briefed the Board on the 2011 bond sale amount, structure, and timing.

Mr. Powers stated that, based on the return of 63% of protested valuations in 2009 and 60.7% in 2010, he felt confident that basing projected valuations upon the return of 50% of protested valuations in 2011 was very conservative, as the actual figure was likely to be around 60%.

Director Eichenberg noted that the projected valuation figures do not include multi-family protests received in late July, as that deadline is July 29, 2011. He noted that the Assessor was expecting about 4,000 such protests. Mr. Powers stated that he is in frequent contact with the Assessor's Office and will make any adjustments necessary as the new figures come in.

The Board discussed the fact that Bernalillo County is in better shape than many counties, because much of the valuation rollback was made a year earlier rather than waiting till this year, splitting the decline in value over two years, rather than taking the hit all in one year.

Mr. Powers stated that their projections were based upon maintaining the current debt service mill levy rate of 0.675. The bond maturity schedules can be adjusted prior to the sale, if necessary, to keep the debt service mill levy rate the same. The sale date can also be adjusted if bond market conditions are not favorable approaching the sale date.

Chairman Hernandez asked about the repercussions to AMAFCA if the federal government does not extend their debt ceiling, and if the State of New Mexico's bond ratings are downgraded as a result. Mr. Powers stated that the value of AMAFCA's debt could go up, meaning the interest rate may go down. AMAFCA has a diverse tax base, with a history of solid collections, which helps strengthen its bond rating. AMAFCA's bonds should be very attractive to investors.

Mr. Powers noted that AMAFCA's tax collection rate remains strong, rebounding somewhat in 2011 after small declines from 2008's collection rate in 2009 and 2010. This is a stable collection rate at a relatively high level of collections. As long as revenues and expenditures remain in balance, AMAFCA's bond rating should remain intact.

He noted that the municipal bond market does not seem to have been adversely affected by the federal debt ceiling issue.



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He recommended that AMAFCA stay with the previously-determined Bond Schedule: a bond election every two years, a \$10 million bond sale in 2011 and another \$10 million in 2012, and \$25 million bond elections in 2012 and 2014 with \$12.5 million bond sales in 2013 through 2016. He stated that their recommendation was based on assuming the current debt service mill levy of 0.675 would be maintained.

He recommended the 2011 bond sale of \$10 million in bonds be held in September. He suggested the Notice of Bond Sale Resolution be adopted at the August 18, 2011 Board meeting, with the Bond Sale on September 15, 2011 and the closing October 19, 2011.

The Board concurred with this plan of action for the 2011 Bond Sale.

**12. Raymac Dam Watershed Draft Drainage Management Plan**

Lynn Mazur, AMAFCA Development Review Engineer, introduced Michael Smith and Elvidio Diniz of Weston Solutions, Inc. Ms. Mazur stated that the Raymac Dam Watershed is the last of the three southwest mesa dams to be restudied. Little development has occurred since the dam was built in 1987. The existing volume of the dam is sufficient for current conditions, but, as development occurs, the dam pool will need to be further excavated to increase its capacity to handle future developed conditions.

She stated that Weston has studied the watershed, and would present several options during their briefing.

Using a map, Michael Smith showed the Board the location of the watershed, which is from the dam site west of Coors to the top of the Southwest Mesa escarpment, and from approximately 0.4 miles south of Powers Way to 1.2 miles north of Powers Way. He then briefed them on the draft Drainage Management Plan (DMP). Weston's modeling showed that the entire 100 year storm was contained within the dam, although the probable maximum flood did have some overflow in the existing conditions scenario.

He noted that the options covered in the Executive Summary were:

- Option 1: Two regional upstream ponds, located immediately upstream of the power lines/future 118<sup>th</sup> Street, with one located on Raymac Arroyo and one on Los Indios Arroyo, approximately 23.2 to 26.4 acre-feet at the emergency spillway elevation. These will be publicly maintained, and will discharge through ungated 36 inch pipes to the natural arroyos. The dam pool at Raymac Dam will also be excavated further to increase storage. This option is estimated to cost approximately \$1,800,000.
- Option 2: Regulations in place requiring that developers restrict runoff to undeveloped quantities, essentially requiring small detention ponds or equivalent structures to reduce runoff, rather than regional ponds. This option would also increase water quality. The





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dam pool at Raymac Dam will also be excavated further to increase storage. This option is estimated to cost approximately \$273,000.

He stated that several other options were also considered, but these were the most viable.

Mr. Smith stated that the current Southwest Area Plan projects a land use of one dwelling unit per acre (du/ac) for the entire watershed. Based on existing development near the dam of approximately 4 du/ac, it was assumed that future land development would be 4 du/ac east of the powerline (future 118<sup>th</sup> Street alignment) and 1 du/ac west of the powerline. The DMP was based upon anticipated runoff from this land use.

Responding to a question from Chairman Hernandez, Roger Paul of Bernalillo County Public Works confirmed that there may be some zoning changes in this area, but he did not think the zoning would change significantly from that outlined.

Mr. Smith noted that the dam pool capacity will need to be increased in all of the scenarios they ran through the model.

Ms. Mazur noted that a prudent line study by Ayres and Associates will be included with the DMP as a separate document.

Answering a question from Director Brown, Mr. Smith noted that the embankment at Southwest Landfill fully contained all flow up to the 100 year storm. In the probable maximum precipitation event, there was discharge from the facility.

Responding to Director Thomson's question about Southwest Landfill's containing embankment, Mr. Lovato stated that he would find out if it was an engineered embankment, and what criteria and regulations it is required to meet.

Ms. Mazur stated that she would bring a resolution to adopt the updated DMP to the August meeting for the Board's approval.

**13. Drainage Management Plans**

**a. Adoption of Resolution 2011-10, *McCoy Dam Watershed Drainage Management Plan***

The memo from Ms. Mazur recommended the Board adopt the McCoy Dam Watershed Drainage Management Plan by resolution.



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Director Brown made a motion that the Board adopt Resolution 2011-10, *McCoy Dam Watershed Drainage Management Plan*. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0), on a roll-call vote.

**b. Adoption of Resolution 2011-11, *Don Felipe Dam Watershed Drainage Management Plan***

The memo from Ms. Mazur recommended the Board adopt the Don Felipe Dam Watershed Drainage Management Plan by resolution.

Director Brown made a motion that the Board adopt Resolution 2011-11, *Don Felipe Dam Watershed Drainage Management Plan*. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0), on a roll-call vote.

**c. Amole-Hubbell Drainage Management Plan – Request for Authorization to Advertise Request for Proposals to Update the 1999 Document**

Brad Bingham, AMAFCA Drainage Engineer, requested authorization to advertise the Request for Proposals for the Amole-Hubbell Drainage Management Plan (DMP) Update, to update the 1999 document. He briefed the Board, stating that the original study included a drainage basin of approximately 34 square miles. However, since 1999, the contributing drainage basin has been reduced to about 20 square miles due to constructed basin diversions.

He stated that, due to development changes and facilities that have been built diverting some of the flows in the original DMP, the document needs to be updated.

In response to questions from Director Brown, Mr. Bingham noted that the Hubbell Dam is approximately 400 acre-feet. He stated that the Amole Dam is a state-regulated dam, as is the Hubbell Dam. Both are gated facilities, which are emptied after peak flows have passed.

Mr. Lovato added that AMAFCA is striving to get the gates opened for discharge to a straight discharge to the river. They were designed and built as dry dams, and would not pass the criteria for wet dams without the addition of a lining and other expensive improvements (at a cost of about \$5 million for just the Amole Dam). The Office of the State Engineer requires these improvements on gated facilities, which it considers wet dams. Thus, a direct outlet to the river is required to avoid falling under those regulations and needs to be included in the DMP update.

Mr. Bingham also briefly described the different drainage basins in the DMP area and the amount of development to date.



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Director Eichenberg suggested that staff approach Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque to have them cost-participate in the DMP. The Board concurred, but agreed they could approve advertising the RFP before the agreement was in place.

Director Brown made a motion to authorize the Executive Engineer to issue a Request for Proposals for the Amole-Hubbell Drainage Management Plan Update. Director Thomson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

**14. City of Albuquerque**

- a. New Transportation Corridor along the North Diversion Channel – Consideration of the *Agreement for the Construction and Maintenance of Channel Road along the North Diversion Channel with the City of Albuquerque***

Mr. Lovato stated that the redline/strikeout version of the agreement attached to their memos incorporated the edits from the June Board meeting. The major edit was the insertion of a statement outlining the unique situation that will allow the roadway to be constructed within AMAFCA right of way, and that renaming the road will be evaluated before final acceptance of the project by all parties. The name of the road will be consistent with city policies and the public welfare.

He stated that the agreement has been reviewed by Attorney Rael and was being reviewed by the City of Albuquerque's legal staff. He requested Board approval of the agreement, substantially the same as attached to the memo.

Director Brown made a motion that the Board approve the *Agreement for the Construction and Maintenance of Channel Road along the North Diversion Channel with the City of Albuquerque*, substantially the same as attached to the memo, and authorize the Chair to execute the same on behalf of AMAFCA. Director Thomson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

- b. West I-40 Channel La Presa to 98<sup>th</sup> Street – Consideration of *Agreement for Design and Construction of the West I-40 Channel La Presa to 98<sup>th</sup> Street***

Kurt Wagener, AMAFCA Field Engineer, stated that Roland Penttila had briefed the Board on this proposal at the June 23, 2011 Board meeting. He requested approval of the agreement, subject to completion of the City's legal review. It has been through legal review by AMAFCA's attorneys.

Director Lyon made a motion that the Board approve the *Agreement for Design and Construction of the West I-40 Channel between La Presa and 98<sup>th</sup> Street* with the City of



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Albuquerque, substantially the same as attached to the memo, and authorize the Chair to execute the same on behalf of AMAFCA, after the City's legal counsel's review and acceptance of the final document. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion.

In response to a question from Director Thomson, Mr. Wagener stated that it will cost about \$36,000 to design the channel improvements, which will save approximately \$300,000 in project costs.

The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- c. Consideration of Amendment Number 4 to the *Agreement for Design and Construction Management Engineering Services for Unser Detention Dam (now La Presa)* with Wilson and Company for the preliminary design of the West I-40 Channel La Presa to 98<sup>th</sup> Street**

Mr. Wagener recommended approval of Amendment 4 to the *Agreement for Design and Construction Management Engineering Services for Unser Detention Dam (now La Presa)* with Wilson and Company, in order to design the channel improvements contained in the agreement from agenda item 14b.

Director Thomson made a motion that the Board approve Amendment Number 4 to the *Agreement for Design and Construction Management Engineering Services for Unser Detention dam (now La Presa)* with Wilson and Company in the amount of \$36,761.70 and authorize the Executive Engineer to issue the authorization to proceed with the work. Director Brown seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

**15. Bernalillo County**

- a. Proposed License Agreement with Bernalillo County for widening of North Eubank Boulevard along west side of North Domingo Baca Dam – Briefing by Bernalillo County Public Works**

Mr. Bingham introduced Roger Paul and Lisa Manwell of Bernalillo County Public Works, stating that Bernalillo County would like to widen and improve Eubank Boulevard along the west side of North Domingo Baca Dam.

Roger Paul gave an overview of the project timeline, right of way acquisition, design, and funding.

Lisa Manwell then briefed the Board on the project. Bernalillo County is proposing to improve Eubank Boulevard, from north of Paseo del Norte to Wilshire Avenue. The existing road is old, two lanes, and has no curb and gutter, sidewalks, or shoulder. The proposed improvements will



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include a turning median, six-foot bike paths on each side, and a ten-foot multi-use trail on the west side.

She noted that the North Domingo Baca Dam is on the east side of the road, and the County has a license from AMAFCA for a Little League complex on the west side of the road. The improvements will require right of way or a license from AMAFCA for both properties.

Mr. Lovato stated that, because a portion of the road is on top of the toe of the dam, it would be best for AMAFCA to do this as a license agreement, in order to maintain control of the dam and be able to comply with regulations from the Office of the State Engineer (OSE). The improved roadway will double as the required 15' maintenance road at the toe of the dam.

In response to a question about project funding from Director Eichenberg, Ms. Manwell stated that the project funding is a combination of federal and local funding. Responding to his follow-up question about AMAFCA selling the right of way and maintaining a drainage easement, so the purchase is made with federal funds, Mr. Bingham stated that a license agreement gives AMAFCA more control over the dam.

Mr. Lovato noted that he had requested the County raise the roadway to accommodate access to the dam toe and to meet requirements from the OSE Dam Safety Bureau. AMAFCA would retain full control under the terms of a license agreement, which the OSE Dam Safety Bureau has approved in the past. In order for the OSE Dam Safety Bureau to accept an easement agreement for the new roadway, the OSE will require a reciprocal easement agreement between the parties prior to approving the roadway design.

Director Lyon suggested a deed with restrictions, as any conditions desired can be placed upon the deed. He gave Ladera Golf Course as an example. He agreed with the idea of possibly selling the land to the County if it could be purchased with federal funds. He suggested a revocable clause in the deed. He stated that any condition that needs to be made to satisfy the requirements of the OSE can be put in the deed. He suggested exploring which would be the best route to take.

In response to a question from Director Brown, Ms. Manwell stated that sight lines to the Little League and tennis court area entrances will be improved.

Responding to a question from Chairman Hernandez, Mr. Paul stated that the County is working on a timeline that would complete the roadway improvements by May 2012.

Director Brown noted that, with a license agreement, if AMAFCA needed to, we could demand changes in the roadway for flood control purposes, and AMAFCA would also have greater flexibility to meet future OSE requirements. Mr. Lovato confirmed this was correct, and noted



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that the improvements will have to be submitted and approved by the OSE in any case because the new roadway will modify the spillway of the dam.

Consensus of the Board was to support the proposal, with a license to Bernalillo County for the road portion that will be on the toe of the dam. Mr. Lovato will also explore other methods of conveyance which could be used.

**16. Review and Comment on the *Funding Agreement for Calabacillas Arroyo Improvements as Related to Spectrum Housing Development***

Ms. Mazur introduced Ron Bohannon of Tierra West, then summarized the project. It will be of benefit to AMAFCA and Spectrum Housing Development to combine Grade Control Structures 3b and 3c on the Calabacillas Arroyo, along with the related bank stabilization, into one project, with AMAFCA as the lead and Spectrum contributing a lump sum towards the construction of the improvements adjacent to their property. This approach will allow Spectrum to meet all the conditions for a Certificate of Occupancy in a timely manner.

She provided the draft agreement to the Board for their review and comment, stating that the agreement would be finalized and brought back to the Board for approval in September.

In response to a question from Director Brown, Ms. Mazur confirmed that the project includes the two drop structures and the bank stabilization between them, connecting two previously stabilized sections of the Calabacillas Arroyo.

Consensus of the Board was to support the terms of the agreement.

Chairman Hernandez called a brief recess at 12:42 p.m. The meeting resumed at 12:50 p.m.

**17. Field Highlights**

**a. Construction Report**

The memo from Kurt Wagener, AMAFCA Field Engineer, contained a summary of current construction projects. There were no questions.

**b. Field Report**

Mr. Wagener gave a report of various projects and events over the past month, answering several questions from the Board during his presentation. The presentation included video of the news coverage of the successful July 24, 2011 arroyo rescue.



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**18. Real Estate**

**a. Boca Negra Dam Update – Authorization for Executive Engineer to sign the attached Boca Negra Dam Plat and Encroachment Agreement with PNM**

Loren Hines, AMAFCA Real Estate Manager, stated that the agreement with PNM to encroach into their existing transmission line easement for the Boca Negra Dam was ready for approval. He requested authorization for the Executive Engineer to sign the Boca Negra Dam Plat and Encroachment Agreement with PNM. PNM maintains access to their facilities, while meeting AMAFCA's needs for the dam.

He stated that discussions are ongoing with the New Mexico Gas Company, but AMAFCA is ready to sign the agreement with PNM, if the Board approves.

Director Lyon made a motion that the Board authorize the Executive Engineer to sign the Boca Negra Dam Plat and Encroachment Agreement with PNM. Director Brown seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

**b. Preliminary Discussions with New Mexico Gas and PNM concerning entering into an Agreement to Address Future Easements**

Mr. Lovato reported on the preliminary discussions with New Mexico Gas Company and PNM regarding future easements. New Mexico Gas Company has moved discussions to their legal department, and PNM is considering whether their legal department or right of way department should handle further discussions.

He reported that, in addition, Director Lyon had reviewed a number of Utility Licenses, Easements, and Encroachment Agreements at AMAFCA and had suggested some improvements for consistency. Mr. Lovato stated that a workshop for staff and Attorney Rael to review these documents would be useful, especially if similar forms for the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, and possibly other agencies could also be reviewed.

**c. Issuance of Short-Term Recreational License**

Mr. Hines stated that one short-term recreational license had been issued, for a bike race at the Balloon Fiesta Park. This race was originally scheduled to be held at another location, but had to be moved.



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**19. AMAFCA FY 2012 Drainage Facility Planning Review – Review of Projects in North Valley and Mid Valley**

Brad Bingham, AMAFCA Drainage Engineer, with assistance from Mr. Lovato, briefed the Board on the projects in the North Valley and Mid Valley which will probably be listed on the FY 2012 Project Schedule. Mr. Bingham also offered to brief the Board on any other projects in those areas that they would like to learn more about.

He noted that, with the change in date of the July meeting, the Tech Team had not yet met to cover this area. He stated that several projects may be added to the list for this area as the Mid-Valley Drainage Management Plan is completed. The Board will be briefed on any added projects at a later date.

Mr. Bingham explained the rating schedule, which takes into consideration the urgency and importance of each of the proposed projects. He showed the location of each, and explained the need for each of the projects, answering a number of questions from the Board during his presentation.

Chairman Hernandez requested that the legend be included on future facility planning reviews.

Mr. Lovato also provided additional information on some of the projects.

Mr. Bingham concluded by covering the schedule for the rest of the Project Schedule briefings.

**20. Unfinished Business**

**a. GIS Award**

Mr. Troutman displayed the Award for Special Achievements in GIS presented to AMAFCA at the 2011 ESRI International Users Conference in San Diego, California. He stated that AMAFCA's Interactive Facilities Map was selected from more than 100,000 other nominations from over 300,000 organizations worldwide for the award.

**21. New Business**

**a. State Fair Parade**

Chairman Hernandez stated that he had suggested that AMAFCA have a float in the State Fair Parade, similar to the one that was in the South Valley Pride Day parade, to increase AMAFCA's community visibility.





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After discussion, the Board supported the idea, and suggested that the Storm Water Quality Team and Ditch and Water Safety Team be involved.

Director Thomson supported the idea, but noted it will cost AMAFCA in time and resources. Mr. Lovato stated that staff and crew will be able to re-use most of the float from the South Valley Pride parade, which focused on water quality, to cut down on costs.

Director Lyon suggested possibly involving some of the firefighter teams who do swift water arroyo rescues.

**b. Mid-Region Council of Governments Board of Directors Annual Regional Excellence Awards – Public Partnership Award Nomination**

Mr. Lovato stated that he had nominated AMAFCA, Bernalillo County, and the City of Albuquerque for the Mid-Region Council of Governments' Public Partnership Award for the East Amole Surge Pond Dam. A copy of the nomination packet was provided to the Board.

**c. Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee of the State Legislature, meeting at Mid-Region Council of Governments**

Director Eichenberg stated that the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Senate Committee would be meeting at the Mid-Region Council of Governments on August 25 and 26, 2011. He suggested this would be an excellent opportunity for a short AMAFCA briefing on how Department of Finance and Administration policies affect funding for agencies such as AMAFCA. This would introduce the idea for a possible change in legislation involving yield control.

**d. North Domingo Baca Dam Drop Structures**

Director Brown thanked Mr. Wagener and the crew for adding rock to the downstream side of the drop structures at North Domingo Baca Dam. Mr. Wagener stated that the improvements had been made to cut down on erosion.

**22. Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

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Bruce M. Thomson, Secretary-Treasurer, 8/18/11

Recorded by Pamela Woodruff, Executive Secretary