



Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Taylor called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, August 27, 2026, at the AMAFCA office in Albuquerque, NM.

Directors present: Chair Elizabeth Newlin Taylor – at the AMAFCA building
Director Ronald R. Bohannon – at the AMAFCA building
Director Orlando G. Martinez, Jr. – at the AMAFCA building - left the meeting at 12:45 p.m.
Director Bruce M. Thomson – at the AMAFCA building

Directors excused: Director Tim Eichenberg

Attorney present: Marcus J. Rael, Jr., Robles, Rael & Anaya – at the AMAFCA building

Others present via Zoom and / or in person: David Stoliker, Interim Executive Engineer
Staff
Other attendees on file at AMAFCA

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Director Thomson made a motion to approve the Agenda. Director Bohannon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0).

3. Meetings Scheduled

- a. September 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- b. October 22, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- c. November 19, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting**
- d. December 17, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting and Board of Director's Luncheon**

Director Thomson advised he may miss the September 24, 2026 meeting. There were no changes to the above dates.

4. Items from the Floor / Public Comments

No items from the floor or public comments were received.

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5. Approval of Minutes

a. July 23, 2026

Director Bohannon made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 23, 2026. Director Martinez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0).

6. Consent Agenda

Chair Taylor advised Agenda Items 6.a. to 6.e. were on the Consent Agenda, which was shared on the TV for all participants to view. Director Thomson made a motion that the Board approve those items on the Consent Agenda. The motion approved the following:

- South Domingo Baca Diversion and Main Channel Reconstruction – Advertisement for Request for Bids;
- Agency & Area-Wide XIII - Advertisement for Request for Bids;
- On-Call Engineering Services – Task 7 with Bohannon Huston, Inc;
- Government Finance Officers Association 2027 Annual Conference – Out of State Travel to New Orleans, LA, June 6 – 9, 2027; and
- Government Finance Officers Association Accounting Academy – Out of State Travel to Austin, TX, December 14 – 17, 2026.

Director Bohannon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0).

7. Legal

a. Status Report

Attorney Marcus J. Rael, Jr., summarized information provided in the memo. There were no questions. Mr. David Stoliker, AMAFCA Interim Executive Engineer, expressed his thanks to Attorney Mailene Ramos for all her help during the month.

8. Executive Engineer's Update

a. Notification of Past Month's Activities

Mr. David Stoliker, AMAFCA Interim Executive Engineer, recapped significant activities from the current month and answered questions from the Board.

Staff vacancies: Two staff vacancies happened the previous week the departures of Nicole Friedt and Jared Romero.

Prado Ridge: There is a resolution for the first flush issue; Bernalillo County (BernCo) has a requirement that the first flush be retained forever; AMAFCA must comply with the 96-hour rule even though some of AMAFCA's facilities do retain some water; BernCo wanted AMAFCA to accept the first flush in a Regional Pond, which AMAFCA did not want; the Engineer on Record for the project suggested percolation; BernCo accepted; however, AMAFCA has been concerned

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that over time the percolation holes can seal over; the resolution is that the Engineer of Record will meet BernCo's requirement for the stormwater and drainage coming off the facility and would meet AMAFCA requirements with the Engineer proving the first flush can be percolated into the ponds; BernCo is okay with AMAFCA not maintaining the ponds for percolation and AMAFCA will take over for Operations and Maintenance. AMAFCA is investigating how the facilities are doing with percolation; percolation tests had been done by the Engineer on Record for future ponds in Prado Ridge; the Board suggested that AMAFCA contact a percolation expert, Dr. Gerhard Schoener at the University of New Mexico, to write up a policy; facilities can be designed to perc so it was suggested that the policy should consider an actual facility to work it in; AMAFCA does not have facilities that were designed for percolation; and Messrs. Howard Stone and Scott Verhines will be working with Mr. Stoliker on this.

Tijeras Arroyo: A meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2026, with the City of Albuquerque (CoA). CoA Aviation is looking at an area around Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) west to I-25 or the Rio Grande; CoA Aviation wants to channelize the area for commercial development; CoA Aviation cannot do anything outside of their property; UNM and other property owners are in the area; there is an interest in doing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the CoA Aviation Department for the design of a portion of the Tijeras Arroyo; CoA Aviation would pay for their part with AMAFCA paying for the rest; other parties would be involved to cost share during construction. The Board acknowledged that an MOU can be drafted.

There was a brief discussion regarding KAFB. Director Bohannon advised he had spoken with Mr. Bo Bohannon with the Civil Engineer Division on KAFB, and he is willing to work with AMAFCA. Mr. Stoliker advised KAFB cannot fund any project outside of their facility and had informed AMAFCA that KAFB had reassessed their funding and will handle the project themselves. There are various security issues and concerns with the Tijeras Arroyo area on KAFB and KAFB has been encouraged to work with AMAFCA.

b. HROD, Inc. dba MMO Partners – Informational Only Presentation

Mr. David Stoliker, AMAFCA Interim Executive Engineer, introduced Mr. John O'Donnell, Managing Partner of MMO Partners. Mr. O'Donnell introduced Mr. Kyriakos Pagonis, Vice President of MMO Partners. Part of the presentation included: Background of the firm; FY27 Appropriation cycle; Water Resources Development Act (WRDA); FEMA Reform Act; Surface Transportation Authorization; National Defense Authorization Act; Future Funding & Legislative Opportunities; FY28 Appropriations; FEMA Funding Hazard Mitigation & Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC); Defense Communities Infrastructure Program (DCIP); EPA Clean Water Act; and the WRDA Environmental Infrastructure (EI). There was a brief discussion regarding types of funding that might be used; Defense Communities Infrastructure could be used in and around the Base; Western Rural Water can go after water issues; Senator Martin Heinrich has funds earmarked for the Albuquerque District; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can help entities, but they must be on a List of Priorities, and the entity should send in a Letter of Intent; AMAFCA can identify projects. The Board asked that MMO identify areas and look at all programs / projects that AMAFCA could apply for; send a list of the applicable Bills with short summaries; and keep in mind that SSCAFCA shares boundaries with AMAFCA and should be included.

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Ladera Pond: Mr. Stoliker continued with a portion of his Executive Engineer's report advising he met with Messrs. David Flores and Gary Boyd with CoA and Ms. Margaret Callahan and Serena Gallegos with Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) Real Estate regarding the purchase of the Ladera Pond from APS. It was agreed that a third appraisal will be obtained, which is estimated to be around \$3,000.00.

c. Alarid – Informational Only Presentation

Mr. David Stoliker, AMAFCA Interim Executive Engineer, introduced Ms. Skye Devore with Alarid Consulting. Ms. Devore handed out a recap of items Alarid Consulting is working on for the 2027 Legislative Session and answered questions from the Board. Part of the presentation included: Encouraged AMAFCA to apply for Water Trust Funding; the Water Trust has grant funds available; in 2026 there was \$114 million available and \$112 million was granted; projects can be approved without Legislative approval; the deadline for submittal is estimated to be in September or October; Capital Outlay Projects have to be on the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP). In 2026, Alarid Consulting tracked Procurement, Property Tax, and NPDES Bills. The Project Schedule was moved up; a Capital-Outlay one-sheet was developed; a real time Bill portal was created so the Executive Engineer could see tracked legislation and submit comments in real time; and year-round follow through is done. The overarching plan for the upcoming session is to prepare, execute, follow through, and go again. The Board was asked to consider a Board and / or staff member to be AMAFCA's Government Liaison which the Board will consider. Ms. Devore brought up a Legislative Strategy & Policy Book that could be utilized for a quick how-to on AMAFCA and volunteered to take a stab at drafting one. Ms. Devore suggested using a Bill drafter to work on a Bill to change the 96-hour rule and advised that the State has employees who can be designated to draft the Bill. Ms. Devore advised she would speak with the State Engineer to make sure this can be done and will reach out to SSCAFCA as well.

Mr. Stoliker advised the AMAFCA Lobbyists (New Mexico and Federal) are to work with AMAFCA Legal on their agreements which will be under \$60,000.00. Since AMAFCA is not required to go out to Request for Proposal there is plenty of time to get the agreements finalized. Alarid Consulting expires at the end of December and HROD dba MMO expires in February 2027. Attorney Rael will let everyone know when their new agreements can be signed.

Mr. Stoliker asked that the Strategic Planning Committee (Directors Bohannon and Thomson) plan to meet soon. Director Bohannon asked for a strategic plan, in word form, to be sent to him.

Mr. Stoliker advised that during the exit interview with Mr. Jared Romero, Mr. Romero recommended that AMAFCA not pursue the Calabacillas grant. Bohannon Huston, Inc. (BHI) was contacted since they have been doing work on the project and Ms. Alandren Etlanus, Senior Vice President, with BHI, advised BHI can handle the project. Mr. Stoliker advised he did not want to stop the project and the Board agreed.

9. Financial Matters

a. Financial Matters – Acceptance of Financial Information

Ms. Maria Zuniga, AMAFCA Director of Finance & Procurement, along with Ms. Cassandra Gutierrez, AMAFCA Assistant Director of Finance & Procurement, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board. The presentation included Budget

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information for Fiscal Year 2027 such as General Fund Budget to Actual; Revenues; Expenditures; Cash & Investments; and Property Taxes. While reviewing expenditures the Board asked that staff post on the website the inventive way AMAFCA is using goats for weed control.

Director Thomson made a motion that the Board accept the Financial Information. Director Bohannon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0).

b. Other Matters

Ms. Maria Zuniga, AMAFCA Director of Finance & Procurement, summarized information provided in the memo, answered questions from the Board, and walked the Board through upcoming tasks within the ConceptBoard system.

c. Resolution 2026-XX Procurement Resolution – Draft for Review

Ms. Maria Zuniga, AMAFCA Director of Finance & Procurement, summarized information provided in the memo. There were no questions from the Board.

10. Administration Information

a. Human Resource Updates

Ms. Crystal Griego, AMAFCA Director of Administration, summarized information provided in the memo. There were no questions from the Board.

11. Planning and Engineering Items

a. Notification of On-Call Services Task Orders

This item was not discussed.

b. Summary of United States Army Corp of Engineers Section 408 Permitting Process

This item was not discussed.

c. Construction Report

Ms. Vera Belaia, AMAFCA Project Engineer, summarized information provided in the memo and answered questions from the Board.

12. Facilities, Operations & Maintenance Update

a. AMAFCA Operations Update

This item was not discussed.

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b. Field Highlights

Mr. Esqui Padilla, AMAFCA Operations Manager, provided a report for Field Highlights on various projects and events and answered questions from the Board.

13. Executive Session (closed)

a. Limited Personnel Matters (§ 10-15-1(H)(2) – Discussion regarding the Recruitment of the Executive Engineer

Chair Taylor advised Items **13a.** was a Closed Session agenda items. The meeting was at the AMAFCA office with four Directors in attendance. Director Thomson 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 Meetings Act, A Compliance Guide for New Mexico Public Officials and Citizens*,” eighth edition, 2015, to discuss Limited Personnel Matters regarding Recruitment of the Executive Engineer (§ 10-15-1(H)(2)). Director Bohannon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (4-0) on a roll call vote. Ms. Griego, Mr. Stoliker, Ms. Grace Lerner, Senior HR Consultant and Partner with Valliant Consulting Group, and Attorney Rael were present.

Chair Taylor closed the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Chair Taylor asked for a motion to re-open the meeting at 12:50 p.m. Director Thomson made a motion that the meeting be re-opened. Director Bohannon seconded the motion, which passed (3-0). Director Martinez had left the meeting during the closed session. Director Thomson stated only Limited Personnel Matters were discussed in closed session and no decisions were made.

14. Unfinished Business

None

15. New Business

None

16. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

Tim Eichenberg, Assistant Secretary – Treasurer, 9/24/2026

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