

**South Central New Mexico Stormwater Coalition
Regular Meeting
June 18, 2015, 2015
Held at EBID Board Room in Las Cruces
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zack Libbin at 1:30 p.m.

Participants introduced themselves. Attendees included:

Zack Libbin-- Chairman

Paul Dugie, Doña Ana County Flood Commission—Vice Chairman

Susan Downs, Caballo SWCD

Joe Delk, DASWCD

John Gwynne, DAC Flood Commission

Rusty Stovall, Bureau of Land Management

Jessica Knopic, Bureau of Land Management

Naomi Ontiveros, EBID

Dr. Fernando Cadena

(Blue color indicates Coalition member representative)

Zack and members continued discussion from last month's meetings regarding welcoming new members and sending a letter to potential members such as Sunland Park and Sierra County, Sierra County Flood commission. Zack will work on a draft letter to be sent out and a draft of bylaws will be sent out at least a week before the next scheduled meeting.

Zack discussed the National Watershed Coalition meeting in Ft. Worth that he attended. Zack explained that it was a good meeting with many presentations and topics pertinent to this Stormwater Coalition and the member agencies. One most interesting was the availability of NRCS PL 566 funding which is similar to what was used for rehabilitating Garfield Dam in Hatch. This is a great opportunity for watershed planning funding. Zack also discussed that NRCS DamWatch is finally going live and that Oklahoma is currently a successful test case. Zack suggested having a presentation be given to the coalition along with Homeland Security to show the benefits of the program. He also would like for EBID to be another test case for this area.

John Gwynne gave an update Gardner Dam, North of Sunland Park. The retention structure continues to have a seepage problem. Inundation mapping is 2/3 done a more updated will be given at the next meeting. Dam inspection reports were discussed. Zack discussed stormwater improvement options in the Hill area, near Dona Ana. Zack explained that funding is potentially available for such stormwater management improvements through the state legislature. Paul Dugie advises that a Senator will only donate money towards the Hill project if the money is spent on groundwork and not on a study.

Joe Delk advised the members he attended an information session given by Greg Daviet on comprehensive planning. Joe explained his support Mr. Daviet and the ag community. He was not pleased with the lack of coordination on flood control in the county.

Next Meeting Discussions: July meeting first half organizational meeting and second half Placitas Arroyo possibly at Hatch Chambers; August meeting discuss Rocky Acres; September Sierra County; October prioritize watershed projects or DamWatch.

Meeting adjourned 3:40 pm.