

South Central New Mexico Stormwater Coalition
Regular Meeting
July 16, 2015
Held In Hatch at the Village Council Chambers
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chairman Zack Libbin at 1:30 pm followed by pledge of Allegiance

Zack requested a roll call of member agencies and a quorum established, but it was noted that a quorum is ill-defined until bylaws are established.

The agenda called for the approval of October 2014 meeting minutes, however those minutes have already been approved. Additional meeting minutes were presented. All will be reviewed and represented at the next meeting.

Zack told the Coalition that the Bylaws were almost done.

A discussion was started to determine what agencies to invite to future coalition meetings and to potentially become members. Joe Delk will write a letter to Sierra County and Sierra County Soil and Water Conservation District and Zack will write letters to Anthony, Mesilla, City of Las Cruces, and Dona Ana County.

Participants introduced themselves. Attendees included:

1	Pat Banegas	Village of Hatch	9	Slim Whitlock	Village of Hatch
2	Joe Delk	DASWCD	10	John Gwynne	DAC Flood
3	Dennis McCarville	EBID	11	Paul Dugie	DAC Flood
4	Zack Libbin	EBID	12	Michael Villa	DAC OEM
5	Conrad Keyes	PDWWC	13	Dwaine Solana	City of Sunland Park
6	Mike Williams	BLM	14	Cesar Boisselier	USIBWC
7	Rusty Stovall	BLM	15	Melissa Gorham	DASWCD
8	Lizeth Ochoa	BLM	16	Susan Downs	Caballo SWCD

(Blue color indicates Coalition member representative) Only 1 person from each Coalition is identified.

Zack started a discussion about the Placitas Arroyo

Slim Whitlock explained that there is a project in the works to correct erosion of the County road adjacent to the Hatch cemetery. The Village of Hatch has some funds to do the reconstruction and is working with EBID, Dona Ana County, BLM and the Flood Commission to get the work completed by the BLM deadline of September 17, 2015.

Slim and John Gwynne discussed that the Village of Hatch also has funding for an engineering study (Drainage Master Plan, DMP) of the Placitas Arroyo which will include identifying capital projects in phases to reduce flooding.

Paul Dugie explained that this is a requirement from the Army Corp of Engineers. The Corp is working on the preliminary feasibility and design documents for a new dam at the bottom of the Spring Canyon. The funding is contingent on the Village being reasonably safe from flooding, meaning the Placitas Arroyo must be addressed for the Army Corp to approve the new dam project.

According to Zack the NRCS Dam Watch program is moving forward. The State has the program and working on it. No dates for roll out.

Next Meetings:

August 20th, 2015, Army Corp of Engineers, EBID

October 15th, 2015, La Union Flooding and Gardner Dam, La Union?

November 19th, 2015, Prioritizing Watershed projects, DAC Complex