

Storm Water Management Advisory Board Minutes

from meeting held on Tuesday September 24, 2024

Roll Call

Present: Nefi M. Garza, Rodolfo Munoz, Suzanne Brennan Scott, Debbie Reid, Peter Onofre, Bernardino N. Villasenor, Roger Andrade, John Gilbert Hafernack Jr., and Luis Alday.

Absent: Kelsey Ann Krueger, Jennifer Ramos, Bianca Maldonado, and Patrice Melancon

Staff: Jessica Shirly Saenz, Sabrina Santiago, Hailey Taylor, Angie Galal, and Mario Hune

In Attendance

Vanessa Rodriguez

Minutes from the meeting held on August 20, 2024 were approved as amended.

Public Comment

One individual was signed up to speak. Vanessa Rodriguez spoke on the proposed Concepcion Creek project and shared her opposition, additional site review of undeveloped properties, and process for relocation if necessary.

Staff Presentation

Sabrina Santiago presented the follow up data requested by the Board regarding the Storm Water Utility Fee by tier and Council District and Impervious Cover by residential and non-residential. How fees are assessed based on the tier structures.

Nefi asked if staff could provide the impervious cover for non-residential development for comparison between a big box store, chain fast food restaurant with drive through, and small drive through coffee shop.

Sabrina was asked about outstanding issues with the fee structure and shared the issues surrounding recycling centers and salvage yards that do not have a SAWS water account and do not contribute to the storm water utility fee.

Sabrina presented the information regarding the request for information on the types of ponds and their function. Reminded the board of the revised code changes on design requirements. Gib Hafernack shared his desire to see the ponds used for multiple uses such as park or athletic fields.

Sabrina briefed the board on the Community Rating System, the city's efforts in this program to include public outreach plan and shared the request for the Board to serve as the annual community meeting to receive and review the proposed outreach efforts.

Nefi and Mario Hune presented the two options based on board comments to move forward with the Watershed Subcommittees. The first option is to proceed as planned with separate subcommittees. The second option is to allow the board to act as one while focusing on the watershed. The board can choose to add a technical committee or workshop to discuss the proposed scoring of projects in the future. The board agreed to bring this item for further discussion and action at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 7:45 pm