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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., Thursday, January 22, 2009. Roll was noted as follows:

Directors present:	Chairman Danny Hernandez Director Janet Saiers Director Tim Eichenberg Director Ronald D. Brown Director Daniel Lyon
Directors excused:	None
Others present:	John Kelly, Executive Engineer Christina Anaya, Attorney Staff Other attendees on file at AMAFCA

A quorum was present.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Director Eichenberg made a motion to approve the agenda. Director Brown seconded the motion, then amended the motion to move agenda item 16 forward to after agenda item 5. Director Eichenberg agreed to the amendment to his motion. The amended motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Mr. Kelly noted that there were late mailout memos on agenda items 12 and 13, and a handout on agenda item 16. In addition, there was a handout on one item of new business as agenda item 20b.

**3. Meetings Scheduled**

- a. February 26, 2009, 2:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting
- b. March 26, 2009, 2:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting
- c. April 23, 2009, 2:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

Director Brown suggested the Board consider holding these three meetings at 1:00 p.m., as the Metropolitan Transportation Board meets on the same Thursdays as AMAFCA, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

After discussion, and by consensus, the revised meeting schedule was set as follows:



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- a. **February 26, 2009, 1:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting**
  - b. **March 26, 2009, 1:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting**
  - c. **April 23, 2009, 1:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting**
- 4. Election of Officers**
- a. **Chairman**
  - b. **Vice Chairman**
  - c. **Secretary/Treasurer**
  - d. **Assistant Secretary/Treasurer**

Director Eichenberg made a motion nominating the following slate of officers for 2009: Ronald Brown as Chairman, Janet Saiers as Vice Chair, Danny Hernandez as Secretary/Treasurer, and himself as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Director Brown seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0).

The officers for 2009 are as follows:

Chairman:	Ronald D. Brown
Vice Chairman:	Janet Saiers
Secretary/Treasurer:	Danny Hernandez
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer:	Tim Eichenberg

Newly-elected Chairman Brown chaired the rest of the meeting. He stated he would discuss committee assignments with Board members over the next few days, with the positions being announced next month.

**5. Approval of Resolution 2009-1, *Open Meetings Standards***

Irene Jeffries, AMAFCA Business Manager, stated that Resolution 2009-1, *Open Meetings Standards*, was the same as used in previous years, but with the dates modified for 2009. Attorney Rael had made no changes to the resolution.

Director Hernandez made a motion that the Board approve and adopt Resolution 2009-1, *Open Meetings Standards*, and authorize the Chair and Secretary to execute same on behalf of AMAFCA. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (5-0) on a roll-call vote.

Director Saiers suggested that AMAFCA consider holding the "Public Comments" portion of the meeting early in the meeting, as many other local public agencies do. After discussion, the Board was in favor of the idea, with a five minute limit on the public comment period. Items needing



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Board discussion would be scheduled as an agenda item on the following month's meeting agenda.

**16. 2009 Legislative Issues – Discussion on Memorial to Form Rio Grande Levee Task Force**

Mr. Kelly introduced Deb Foley and Fritz Blake of the Army Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Kelly briefed the Board on the levee situation in the middle Rio Grande area, which has been evolving since Hurricane Katrina. He and former Chairman Hernandez had met with State Senator Feldman, who agreed to sponsor a state memorial to create the Middle Rio Grande Levee Task Force.

He stated that the Task Force will look at the economic impact of FEMA putting large portions of the mid Rio Grande valley into floodplain before completion of the proposed Corps of Engineers project to rebuild the levees, the impact of the Corps project not being fully federally-funded and requiring a 35% local match (\$40 million), and the environmental impacts of complying with new clear zones along the levee, which would impact the Bosque.

Mr. Kelly added that Senator Feldman suggested that the Mid-Region Council of Governments be the convener of the Task Force, as it will cover the entire middle Rio Grande region.

He stated he had emailed a draft memorial to agencies in this area. Copies of replies were provided to the Board in their handout. Colonel Colleton, District Manager of the Corps of Engineers, supports this project and is also interested in a tree-root study being done to see if the requirement for a 30-foot clear zone could be eliminated.

The reply from the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District indicated that they would like to be the convener of the Task Force.

Mr. Kelly stated that SSCAFCA had recently invited AMAFCA and ESCAFCA to meet with them regarding this issue.

On Friday, January 16, there was a meeting at MRGCD with Major General Bo Temple, Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations at the Corps of Engineers. General Temple was evaluating the \$120 million levee project, as well as the Bosque Restoration work. Representatives of the congressional delegation were also present. It was impressed upon the General that the local agencies wanted to work together with the Corps to complete this project, as it is very important.



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Mr. Kelly stated that the local sponsors had worked together on the Albuquerque West Levee. Those at the meeting also impressed upon the General that the local sponsors want to keep the project going through the federal program on the current authorization of 100% federal costs. They also talked about the ability to break out the Montano Levee Gap under the Section 205 Program, Small Flood Control Projects, and maybe accelerate construction of that project. All of these are subject to federal authorization and appropriation.

Director Hernandez stated he had requested an increase in the cap on the Section 593 Program. Mr. Kelly responded that they had received a legal opinion that the 593 Program is not suitable for rebuilding these levees. The Corps is looking into the Section 205 Program instead, as it is designed for small flood control projects.

Mr. Kelly stated that he had modified the draft memorial based on conversations with Director Lyon, and Subhas Shah of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. Those changes were highlighted on their handout.

Discussion followed.

Director Lyon stated that he thought AMAFCA should go on record that they are very concerned about the levees, and believed the Task Force should include all affected legislative districts. He stated that the Memorial should also be approved by Director Eichenberg, who also serves as a State Senator. He asked if the Memorial is to be a House Memorial, a Senate Memorial, or a Joint Memorial. He also brought up the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, which was further discussed later. He noted that Legislative Council Services will re-write the draft Memorial.

In response to a question from Director Eichenberg, Mr. Kelly stated that the Middle Rio Grande Flood Control Association is included on the Task Force for several reasons. The MRGFCA has been in existence since 1942, and they have volunteered to help with lobbying for federal monies. Having the MRGFCA participate in the Task Force also represents private interests and consulting engineers' interests on the Task Force, rather than solely those of government entities.

Director Eichenberg listed the legislators representing the areas affected by the middle Rio Grande levees, and suggested they all be contacted with a draft of the Memorial. He stated that he supported the idea of the Memorial and creation of the Task Force, but his senate district did not cover an area affected by the levees.

Mr. Kelly noted representatives of the Corps of Engineers had told him about a roundtable program they use to gain input from local interests. He suggested adding, with the Board's concurrence, some language that would mention the Corps' roundtable process as an interface with the Task Force.



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After brief discussion regarding the ownership of the levees, which is in dispute, Chairman Brown stated that, regardless of ownership, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District should be acknowledged as the protecting government agency. Consensus of the Board was to include the MRGCD in a recital.

Mr. Kelly noted that some of the discussion at AMAFCA's meeting with SSCAFCA and ESCAFCA was that the three functions of the MRGCD are irrigation, groundwater drainage, and flood control.

Director Eichenberg cautioned that the Memorial will be re-written by the Legislative Council Services, regardless of how the Board would like it to be worded, so the Board should not spend too much time re-writing it at this point.

Chairman Brown commented that the Board should endorse the gist of the Memorial, rather than the exact language. Director Lyon agreed, stating that the Memorial would be coming from the legislature, not the AMAFCA Board.

Consensus of the Board also was to add some language regarding the timeline for the remap, and the lead time needed to rebuild the levees, so as to convey the urgency of the situation. Director Hernandez commented that, if AMAFCA waits for the Corps of Engineers to have funding available, it will be too late to avoid years of serious economic impact on the region.

In response to a comment from Director Saiers, Chairman Brown stated he would accompany Mr. Kelly to the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board meeting to present the draft Memorial to their Board.

Director Hernandez made a motion to add language stating "whereas, a conservative estimate of the construction timeline is five years," and that the Board support, in concept, the *Memorial to Form Rio Grande Levee Task Force*, and that it be submitted to the legislature for consideration. Director Saiers seconded the motion.

Fritz Blake commented that the Corps of Engineers supports the idea of the Memorial. More local support and local involvement speeds up the funding process.

Director Lyon requested that AMAFCA's lobbyists be requested to support the Memorial, and that Mr. Kelly look over the final Memorial drafted by Legislative Council Services to be certain that it is accurate, with no errors in fact. He opined that the Mid-Region Council of Governments is a good lead agency for the Task Force as they take in all three counties involved.

The motion passed unanimously (5-0).



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Due to a prior commitment, Director Hernandez left the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Before he left, Mr. Kelly and the Board thanked him for his two years of leadership as Chairman.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

**a. December 18, 2008**

Director Lyon made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2008 Regular Board Meeting. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed (4-0).

**b. January 2, 2009**

Director Saiers made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2009 Special Board Meeting. Director Lyon seconded the motion, which passed (4-0).

**7. Financial Matters**

**a. Approval of December 2008 Expenditures**

Ms. Jeffries presented the December 2008 Expenditure Report. In response to a question from Chairman Brown about one of the checks, Jerry Lovato, AMAFCA Drainage Engineer, stated that there had been some vandalism to the West I-40 Diversion Project landscaping which required the replacement of six trees and 300 feet of poly irrigation tubing.

In response to a question from Director Eichenberg, Mr. Kelly stated that there were approximately 90-100 people in attendance at the Holiday Luncheon.

Director Lyon made a motion to approve the December 2008 Expenditure Report. Director Eichenberg seconded the motion, which passed (4-0).

**b. Investment Report for December 2008**

For information. There were no questions regarding the Investment Report.

**c. Financial Recap December 12, 2008, through January 15, 2009**

For information. In response to a question from Director Saiers about the Debt Service Fund, Ms. Jeffries stated that she bases her estimates of tax collections on last year's collections plus 3%. This usually results in a fairly accurate estimate. Director Eichenberg noted that this year, more people than usual paid the "first half" rather than "full" payment on the first tax due date, resulting in the lower-than-forecast December tax revenues.



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**d. Financial Forecast January 16, 2009, through February 15, 2009**

Ms. Jeffries presented the Financial Forecast for the period January 16, 2009, through February 15, 2009. She noted that the transfer will be made from the Operating Fund to the Contingency Fund per budget, and that in the Debt Service Fund, bond interest payments will be made.

Mr. Kelly noted that an invoice from the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District for the Albuquerque West Levee for \$1 million is pending and will be re-invoiced. This invoice may be paid during the month but has not been included in the forecast.

Director Lyon made a motion to approve the Financial Forecast. Director Saiers seconded the motion, which passed (4-0).

**e. Mid-Year Budget Recap 2009 Operating Budget**

Ms. Jeffries stated that, due to a loss at the Local Government Investment Pool, there will be a net \$1,000/month loss in interest revenues on the Operating Fund this year. With savings in other areas of the budget, she anticipated year-end expenditures to be at about 97% of budget, balancing revenues.

Director Eichenberg and Chairman Brown thanked her for the update.

Responding to a question from Chairman Brown, Ms. Jeffries stated that much of the loss at LGIP was due to the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers.

**8. Legal**

**a. Status Report**

Attorney Christina Anaya briefed the Board on the status of various legal matters. She briefly answered some questions regarding one of the issues mentioned in the report.

Mr. Kelly further expounded on the case, which does not involve AMAFCA, and stated that AMAFCA will continue to follow it as it regards liability and trespass onto public agency-owned property. The Board briefly discussed these issues as they relate to AMAFCA.

Chairman Brown noted that agenda item 8b called for a closed session, and stated he would like to address agenda item 20a next, before going into closed session. The Board concurred.



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**20. Unfinished Business**

**a. Presentation of Plaque to Steve Metro, Chairman of 2008 AMAFCA Bond Committee**

Chairman Brown presented Steve Metro, Chairman of the 2008 AMAFCA Bond Committee, with a plaque in appreciation of his and the committee's work. He read the plaque, which stated, "In appreciation for serving as Chairman of the AMAFCA 2008 Bond Committee. Bond Question passed with 158,242 votes for and 77,840 votes against. Presented by the AMAFCA Board of Directors, January, 2009."

Mr. Metro thanked the Board and the bond committee members who had served with him. He stated that at first he had been worried about the bond question with the poor economy, but AMAFCA has a good reputation with visible benefits to passage and the bond authorization passed.

**8. Legal (cont.)**

**b. Personnel Matters (closed session)**

Chairman Brown stated that discussion of personnel matters would be in closed session.

Director Eichenberg 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 Attorney General Madrid's document, "*The Open Meeting Act, A Compliance Guide for New Mexico Public Officials and Citizens*," fifth edition, January 2004. Director Saiers seconded the motion.

Chairman Brown stated that the closed session would be for purposes of discussion only, regarding personnel matters. The motion passed (4-0), on a roll call vote.

Chairman Brown closed the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Director Lyon made a motion that the meeting be re-opened. Director Saiers seconded the motion, which passed (3-0), on a roll call vote (Director Eichenberg being temporarily absent).

Chairman Brown reopened the meeting at 11:23 a.m. He stated that the Board had taken no action and made no decisions during the closed meeting, but had discussed personnel matters.

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

Mr. Kelly stated that in the past month, on-call services task orders had been issued to the following:



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- Boyle Engineering for category two professional engineering services for North Diversion Channel Outfall Drainage Facility Modifications, Amendment No. 2 to Task No. 4, December 1, 2008, on a time and materials basis, not to exceed \$3,350.00; and
- Smith Engineering for category two professional engineering design services for Paseo del Norte/Coors Pond, Task No. 3, December 16, 2008, on a time and materials basis, not to exceed \$15,245.00.

***Consent Agenda (items 10-11):***

**10. Calabacillas Arroyo Grade Control Structure 7b – Authorization to Advertise for Construction Bids**

The memo from Kurt Wagener, AMAFCA Field Engineer, stated the Calabacillas Arroyo Grade Control Structure 7b Project was ready to bid. The project consists of a rip rap grade control structure with concrete cut off walls in the Calabacillas Arroyo west of Eagle Ranch NW. It will stabilize the arroyo bed at the ultimate equilibrium slope, protecting utility crossings and upstream grade control structures while maintaining the naturalistic characteristics of the arroyo.

Responding to a question from Director Lyon, Mr. Wagener further explained what a Grade Control Structure is, and where this Grade Control Structure will be located.

**11. AMAFCA Miscellaneous Projects 2009 – Authorization to Advertise for Construction Bids**

The memo from Mr. Wagener stated the Miscellaneous AMAFCA Construction Projects 2009 is ready to bid. There are ten bid lots, including a concrete drop structure, slope protection, a concrete rundown, two AMAFCA facility name sign installations, an avian bacterial source control BMP, a storm drain, joint repair, shotcrete channel lining repair, an access control gate installation, and a water quality bid lot.

There being no further items on the Consent Agenda, and there being no other questions, Director Lyon made a motion that the Board take the following actions on agenda items 10, and 11:

- Authorize the Executive Engineer to advertise for construction bids for the Calabacillas Arroyo Grade Control Structure 7b Project; and
- Authorize the Executive Engineer to advertise for construction bids for the AMAFCA Miscellaneous Construction Projects for 2009.

Director Saiers seconded the motion, which passed (3-0).



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Director Eichenberg returned to the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

***Regular Agenda:***

**12. North Diversion Channel Storm Water Quality Recon Study – Consideration of Agreement with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates**

Mr. Lovato introduced Stephanie Moore, of Daniel B. Stephens & Associates.

Mr. Lovato stated that a contract had been negotiated with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates. Revisions in the basic contract were made to address items in the new draft MS4 Permit from EPA Region 6. The revised contract now concentrates on the identification of pollutants in the storm runoff and possible watersheds that may generate said pollutants. The contract will address low dissolved oxygen at the North Diversion Channel outfall and will include the design and construction of a project to address low dissolved oxygen in the pilot channel, as required in the new EPA permit.

Responding to a question from Director Saiers, Mr. Lovato stated he was comfortable with the changes in the contract. Mr. Kelly added that the contract includes several decision points.

In response to a question from Chairman Brown, Mr. Kelly noted the agenda listing for this item was "Consideration of Agreement..." so the agreement could be approved by the Board at this meeting.

Responding to Director Eichenberg, Mr. Kelly stated that this procurement was via a Request for Proposals for professional engineering services under the Procurement Code. The contract negotiations were done so that it meets the needs of the EPA MS4 permit.

Director Eichenberg made a motion that the Board approve the Professional Services Agreement for the North Diversion Channel Storm Water Quality Recon Study with Daniel B. Stephens and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$165,297.32, plus New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax. Director Saiers seconded the motion, which passed (4-0).

**13. AMAFCA GIS System Development and Implementation – Consideration of Agreement with AMEC, Inc.**

Loren Hines, AMAFCA Real Estate Manager, stated a contract had been negotiated with AMEC for the first phase of the GIS System Development and Implementation, as had been authorized at the December 18, 2008 Board meeting. The fee for the first phase of the agreement, which



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includes digitizing and geo-referencing 500 documents, is \$99,890.00 plus New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax.

He stated that the first phase of the contract is the most time-consuming part of the project. Pending budgeted funds, an amendment may be done in FY 2010 to digitize and geo-reference additional documents. Once all the historical data has been converted, AMAFCA staff will be able to add new data, as needed. Some adjustments were made to the scope of the first phase to bring it in at that amount.

He added that the second and third phases of the contract will have the fee and detailed scope negotiated and authorized via amendment to the agreement. This is due to the uncertainty of future hardware costs and what staff learns about our future capabilities and requirements. The agreement has been reviewed by the AMAFCA attorney.

Director Saiers made a motion that the Board approve the Professional Services Contract with AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc., for the initial phase of the GIS project, in the amount of \$99,890.00, plus New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax. Director Lyon seconded the motion, which passed (3-1).

Director Eichenberg voted against the motion, stating he was uncomfortable with a four year contract, and with the scope being changed to fit the budget.

**14. East Amole Surge Pond – Review of Draft of Agreement with Bernalillo County to Take Portion of Excess Earth to Bernalillo County Landfill**

Mr. Kelly introduced Roger Paul, of Bernalillo County Public Works.

Mr. Lovato stated that staff at AMAFCA and Bernalillo County had negotiated the basic terms of a draft cost share agreement with Bernalillo County to fund the placement of excess material at the 9-Mile Hill Landfill as part of the construction of the East Amole Surge Pond. It had not been through legal review at either agency. The dollar amount for the agreement was still being negotiated.

Mr. Kelly stated that 5% for inspection costs seemed fair to both parties. Everything else is reimbursement for our best estimate of actual costs.

In response to a question from Director Saiers about whether the \$500,000 amount would change, Mr. Lovato stated that requirements from the state regarding the landfill cap will affect this. Minimal state requirements could cause this number to drop.

After discussion, consensus of the Board was approval of the terms of the draft agreement.



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**15. Parkway Storm Drain – Briefing on Project Design, Schedule, and Proposed Agreement with City of Albuquerque for Transfer and Assumption of Completed Project**

Mr. Wagener introduced Pat Conley, of Smith Engineering, the design engineer on the Parkway Storm Drain Project.

Mr. Wagener noted that the Board had visited the site. A large earthen channel will be put into an underground pipe, easing maintenance costs.

Mr. Wagener stated that the draft agreement with the City of Albuquerque had been provided to the Board. The agreement had not yet been through legal review. He reminded the Board that the Contingency Fund reserved \$500,000 for this project. He requested that the Board approve transfer of \$500,000 for this project from the Contingency Fund, as a line item in the FY 2010 budget.

Mr. Kelly noted the project will involve native revegetation, a walking trail/maintenance road, and trickle flow-irrigated trees. The City will maintain the drainage pipe upon completion of the project. AMAFCA will maintain the native landscaping for two years. Upon completion of the project, AMAFCA turn the entire project over to the City, including right-of-way.

Mr. Wagener added that AMAFCA will maintain right of entry for maintenance of the surface treatments for the two year period.

Director Saiers recommended looking at a similar park area east of Tramway, from Comanche past Candelaria. At first, the neighborhood only wanted a natural area, being concerned about proximity to their backyards. However, over time, the neighborhood association agreed to add playgrounds and it is now a nice little park and an asset to the neighborhood.

Mr. Wagener stated that no funding for gazebos or playgrounds was available at the City at this time, and the Parkway Neighborhood Association was not interested in those types of improvements since the property literally looks into their backyards. Director Saiers suggested that this feeling may change in the future, as it did in the other neighborhood she mentioned.

Responding to a comment from Director Lyon, Chairman Brown stated that the property is owned by AMAFCA because it was reserved for the outfall for Ladera Dam #12. Mr. Kelly added that there still will be a need to relieve Ladera Dam #12 in the future, but the connection will not be needed until there is further development upstream in the Mirehaven Arroyo Watershed.

After discussion, consensus of the Board was to proceed with the project assumption agreement.



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**17. Albuquerque MS-4 Permit Renewal – Status Report Briefing on Draft Permit**

Mr. Lovato briefed the Board on the status of the Albuquerque MS-4 Permit renewal.

He stated that the permittees received the draft permit late in the day on January 15, 2009. He thanked staff at all the permittees for working late and over the holiday to address the requirements of the new permit. Some of the new sections of the permit address staff funding, study data review, and additional monitoring. A conference call with EPA Region 6 was scheduled for later in the day on January 22, 2009.

He stated that the new permit asks the permittees to look at national standards, not just those pertaining to the arid southwest. He gave an example of the requirement to collect "wet weather" samples upstream, which is difficult to do in arid areas because even if it rains heavily in one part of town, odds are very low that it will rain where the sampling station has been set up. The permittees are attempting to understand the costs that will be involved, minimize the schedule requirements of the permit, and have the highest-quality possible water entering the river.

Responding to a question from Director Saiers, he stated that what makes Albuquerque unique is that it is a city with a population over 200,000 along a running river. Other cities in the southwest do not have these characteristics (Yuma is smaller, and Tucson does not have a river). The permit will require the permittees to meet national standards, or else explain why they cannot.

Director Saiers suggested the co-permittees inform our elected officials in Washington, D.C., of the unreasonable treatment.

He added that the co-permittees want clean water, but are working within budgetary constraints and their budget schedules. They are working together to modify the permit to be a workable document. He stated that he will have further information for the Board at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Kelly added that an example of the national/east coast standards cited were the ones for "turbidity," which assume the natural state of a running body of water is akin to a trout stream. This is not the case with the Rio Grande, which has had a large amount of suspended sediment since before people settled here. The co-permittees are attempting to find river turbidity data from before the North Diversion Channel was constructed.



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**18. Real Estate**

- a. Notification of Quitclaim/Release of Easement Issued to Pueblo of Sandia and Mesa Verde Development for Drainage Easement Lots 31 & 32, Block 11, Tract 1, Unit 3, North Albuquerque Acres**

Loren Hines, AMAFCA Real Estate Manager, stated that, in August 2001, AMAFCA entered into an agreement with Mesa Verde Development and Sandia Pueblo to construct the La Cueva Channel from I-25 to Eagle Rock, and the El Camino Arroyo Diversion Storm Drain. Part of the agreement involved Lots 31 & 32, Block 11, Tract 1, Unit 3, North Albuquerque Acres. Pursuant to the agreement, the drainage easement on the lots was to be quitclaimed / released back to the property owners when no longer needed for flood control purposes.

He stated that, as the lots are no longer needed for flood control purposes, the easement had been quitclaimed / released. No further Board action was required.

**19. Field Highlights**

- a. Construction Report**  
**b. Field Highlights**

Mr. Wagener presented a slide show of various projects, including the Black Dam Water Quality Facility (which is finished except the final punchlist); the tennis courts by the North Domingo Baca Dam, including a picture of the new sign for the dam; repair of freeze-thaw damage in a section of the floor of the North Diversion Channel under the Agency and Area-Wide Flood Control Maintenance contract; and the expansion of the Fountain Hills Pond.

Several pictures depicted the opening of Phase I of the Piedras Marcadas Park, the Board's Holiday Luncheon, the Board's recognition of Representative Heather Wilson with a plaque, and the swearing-in of Directors Hernandez and Lyon.

He also showed pictures of the Manual Trash and Debris contract crew utilizing a small rowboat to collect and remove floating trash at the North Diversion Channel pilot channel which was not accessible from the shore or with waders. This was a change order to the existing contract last year, and has been working well.

**20. Unfinished Business**

- b. UNM North Golf Course – AMAFCA Right of Way Proposal from The North Golf Course Group, Inc.**

Mr. Kelly stated that the attached proposal from the North Golf Course Group was received via e-mail, and as it infers significant impact to AMAFCA rights of way, it was forwarded to the Board



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for their information. The proposal was put together with no input from nor coordination with AMAFCA. He provided it to the Board for information only.

**21. New Business**

None.

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

None.

**23. Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

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Danny Hernandez, Secretary-Treasurer 2/26/09

Recorded by Pam Woodruff, Secretary to the Executive Engineer