

PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, as part of its annual budget process, holds public budget hearings for the purpose of receiving flood control project requests.

These public hearings are held in a centrally located public place in each of the District's seven tax Zones. A map showing the geographic boundaries of these Zones is shown on the reverse side of this sheet. Each Zone has three Flood Control Commissioners (or Zone Commissioners) who are zone residents. These Commissioners are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and serve without compensation.

Any individual or representative of any business, organization or government entity may make a request for a flood control project by appearing at the budget hearing for the appropriate Zone, or by submitting a written request to the Flood Control District, preferably before the hearing. Support for currently budgeted projects may also be offered. Written project requests should include the location and nature of the problem and the degree of damage (e.g., are residences or businesses actually flooded, etc.). Photographs and maps may be submitted but will not be returned.

After the public hearing, District staff prepares cost estimates of all newly requested projects, as well as ongoing projects, and then prioritizes them on the basis of public need, necessity and available funds. A draft budget is then prepared by District staff and is presented to the Commissioners at a second public meeting (work session). At the work session, the Commissioners review the draft budget in detail with District staff and make adjustments, as they deem appropriate, before making a recommendation for approval. The work session is a public meeting and there is opportunity for public comment, however, the Commissioners do not accept or consider requests for additional new projects at this session.

In June, a final draft proposed budget, approved by the Zone Commissioners, is forwarded to the District's Board of Supervisors for final approval concurrently with the County of Riverside's budget.

Time, date and location of the hearings and work sessions may be obtained by calling the District at 951.955.1200 or by accessing the District's website at www.rcflood.org.

