



Public Comments

Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority Board Meeting

The Board Meeting of the Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA) was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. at 10730 E. Briarwood Ave., #100, Centennial, CO, 80112. The following is a summary of comments made by the public at this meeting.

Lloyd Swint - Cemetery

Citizen Comments:

- Murphy Creek runs through his cemetery property in unincorporated Arapahoe County.
- Aurora's impervious surface flows into his property.
- Parcel was graded to prevent drainage into Murphy Creek, costing \$158K.
- Stated they capture all water and use it for irrigation.
- Requested reconsideration given the property's condition.

Shirley Ann Webb – New World West (Picadelli)

Citizen Comments:

- 2.5 acre sites.
- New World West area is surrounded by Aurora.
- Feels that she lives in an area with no drainage improvements.
- She has no storm sewer; everything drains into the ground.
- Received the letter, and the fee is \$228/yr.
- Future development nearby.
- Wants SEMSWA to review the situation.
- Wants to know how to submit names for others with concerns.

SEMSWA Comments:

- Rod Bockenfeld noted that he is aware of a house in that area with flooding issues, and that flooding on the roads in that area cause traffic to stop.
- Steve Gardner noted that a remedial project is needed in that area, and that roadside ditches and driveway culverts need maintenance.
- Scott Tucker stated that residents with questions can call the customer service center and SEMSWA will review their issues.

Glendon Schantz – New World West

Citizen Comments:

- Wants an explanation as to why he is in a “taxing area”.
- He has lived there for 35 years without issues.
- Surrounded by Aurora.
- How do you define impervious area? SEMSWA Answer: concrete, asphalt, roofs, etc.
- Thinks the whole neighborhood should be reconsidered.
- Has questions from other residents.

SEMSWA Comments:

- Ron Weidmann informed the resident of the Federal Clean Water Act.
- Scott Tucker stated that residents with questions can call the customer service center and SEMSWA will review their issues.

Keith Clay – New World West

Citizen Comments:

- Lived there for 30 years with no runoff.
- He lives on a “hill of sand” that is so porous that nothing ever runs off.
- He agreed one property in the area has flooding, but stated that the other properties absorb all runoff.
- Fee implies no service; sees no prospect of services.
- He stated that SEMSWA is trying to get around Tabor by calling this a fee.
- Referenced the intent of the constitution.
- Serves no purpose for the county to maintain the culverts and drains.
- No impact on water in Sand Creek.
- No circumstance where stormwater would run off his property.

SEMSWA Comments:

- Rod Bockenfeld informed the resident that this is a federal unfunded mandate. There was no vote because SEMSWA has no choice and must comply with the mandate or be fined.

Richard Rader – Gun Club Estates

- Do all areas have to deal with this federal mandate? SEMSWA Answer: yes.

- Is the fee calculated in a similar manner to Denver? SEMSWA Answer: yes.