



MEMORANDUM

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT - PLANNING DIVISION

DATE: May 12, 2014

TO: Chairman and members of the Planning and Zoning Commission

FROM: Arlan Colton, Planning Director. *AC*

SUBJECT: Request for Initiation of Zoning Code Text Amendment

Staff requests that the Planning and Zoning Commission authorize and initiate a revision to the Pima County Zoning Code to include definition, regulations, options to provide incentives for use, and standardization of terminology for stormwater harvesting systems.

Background:

The proposed amendments to the Zoning Code will provide direction and guidance for the use of stormwater harvesting systems. The Zoning Code currently defines and regulates the use of rainwater harvesting systems (i.e., components that capture, convey and store water collected from roofs or catchment areas). The inclusion of stormwater harvesting systems in the Zoning Code will define and codify stormwater collection from parking lots and other impervious surfaces for irrigation use in bufferyards and landscaped areas. Use of stormwater can conserve groundwater resources, and reduce runoff and soil erosion.

Staff will be available to discuss the issues in more detail at the May 28th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.