

**Tucson Drainage Area Project-Arroyo Chico/ Tucson Arroyo
Phase IIB- Park Avenue Basins, Upstream Channel Improvements, and High
School Wash**

Neighborhood Informational Sheet

February 24, 2011

Excavation of Basin 3 began November 22nd and will not be completed until April. An extremely hard layer of caliche has temporarily stopped excavation in the bottom of Basin 3. The contractor has reviewed several potential methods for removing the caliche, and selected to grind or mill the caliche with a special rock grinding machine as his preferred alternative. The contractor is delaying the delivery of the grinding machine in order to confirm that Basin 2 does not contain a similar caliche lense. Removal of the caliche lense in Basin 3 is also delaying the start of the storm drain and catch basin at 15th and Curtis.

Relocation of the waterline under 15th Street between Highland and Curtis Avenues will continue after the culvert under Highland is completed and the dirt covering the 15th Street alignment is moved as embankment over the Highland culvert. Half of the culvert is completed, and forms and rebar for the other half of the culvert will be set starting this week. Concrete is expected to be poured in early March and the Highland Avenue culvert is expected to be completed the mid March. Other work needed to re-establish Highland Avenue and place traffic back onto Highland Avenue is expected to be completed by the end of April 2011.

The contractor began work on Basin 2 between Santa Rita and Highland Avenues starting February 7th. Construction traffic from Basin 2 is currently exiting onto Highland Avenue, over to 16th Street, Cherry Avenue and out onto Kino Blvd at Winsett Street. Other more direct routes are currently under review.

The weatherization contractor was hired last week and is currently ordering the materials. He will be contacting homeowner to confirm measurements of windows and doors. Work to install the new windows and doors will begin in 4 to 6 weeks and all weatherization work should be completed the end of May. Cooler pads or air conditioning filters are also on order and will be provided to several renters in 4 to 6 weeks.

The Tucson-Pima County Art Council (TPAC) has received 64 applications from artists to provide public art to the project. Three (3) artists were selected by the committee, which includes representatives from the San Antonio and Miles neighborhood associations.

If you have any concerns about the project site, please contact Nanette Reynolds at 740-6542. She will work through appropriate channels to respond to your concerns.