

Arroyo Chico Update- June 5, 2007

Phase 2A, TUSD Cherry Field Basin and Railroad Wash Confluence, to start construction in late June 2007. Groundbreaking ceremony planned for July 5th at 11:00 am.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) opened bids in late December 2006 for the full Phase 2 of the Arroyo Chico Project. Only one construction company bid on the project and their bid was approximately twice the Corps original estimate. After a careful and thorough review by the Corps, the increased costs were determined to be fair and reasonable due to major fluctuation in supply and demands that have raised fuel and construction material costs. The District has requested that the Corps and Congress consider these inflationary costs and increase the budget authorization for completing the entire Phase 2 project.

After much discussion, and considering limited availability of funds, the project was subdivided into two phases. It was determined that Phase 2A, Cherry Field Basin and Railroad Wash Confluence, can be constructed under the current funding authorization.

Current Project Status

The Corps negotiated and accepted a bid from Granite Construction to construct the first portion (Phase 2A) of the Project the contract was awarded on June 5, 2007. This first portion will consist of the construction of the detention basin and improvements at Tucson Unified School District's (TUSD) Cherry Field facility and the adjacent Railroad Wash confluence area, at a cost of \$19,400,000 and an estimated construction schedule of 15 months.

The second portion of the Park Avenue Basins, which includes Basins 1, 2 and 3 , High School Wash improvements, and channel improvements upstream of Campbell Avenue, is pending further federal funding and has been included in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA 08) bill that is currently in Congressional Committee. The WRDA legislation will advance the completion of the project by authorizing additional funds. Advertising and bidding for the construction of the second portion will begin as soon as the WRDA 08 funds can be secured.

Community Involvement

During the design phase of this project, the City formed a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) appointed by the Mayor and Council to provide citizen input for the project. The Corps incorporated the input from the CAC into the construction plans and specifications including a provision for community involvement.

A ground breaking ceremony is planned at the project site for 11:00 AM July 5, 2007. The public is invited to attend the ground breaking ceremony.