

ALAMO WASH BASIN MANAGEMENT STUDY OPEN HOUSE #1 MARCH 22, 2017- COMMENTS

<u>Comment Form Number</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Comment</u>
2	1667 N Magnolia Ave	By Palo Verde High School, 1302 S Avenida Vegas, Tucson AZ. In between Kolb and 22nd. Behind the high school in the neighborhood there is a canal where the water accumulates and affects the people driving and also people walking.
3	6119 E Rosewood St, Tucson AZ 85711	See comments, petition, & photos
4	4846 E Placita Vista Del Puente	Heavy build up with sandbars, trees, vegetation, & overgrowth. The water is being channeled into one outlet at the bridge where it dumps into the Rillito. In a heavy storm water backs up causing it to breach over the banks, and flood apartments. Can some maintenance be done at the outlet at the Rillito, now before the monsoon? This would greatly improve the flow. Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions.
5	2010 E Conner St Av, 85719	Alamo Wash between Speedway and Lee is experiencing a lot of erosion- undercutting trees along the wash (which is deep in the Southern section of this reach) and side cut erosion with water coming off streets and parking lots and entering the wash. I have attached 5 photos as representing these problems. An apartment house at Bellevue and a condo development north of Fairmount are going to be impacted. (See attached photos)
8	3257 N Hill Farm Drive, Tucson AZ 85712	1) Exceptional amount of human debris builds up between wash outlet into Rillito Creek and Swan Bridge after low elevation rain events.
10	4816 E Placita Vista del Puente, Tucson AZ 85712	The sand and sedimentation at the Alamo Wash (North most end) has built up since 2002. Our 40 house community is surrounded by cement and concrete lined drainage systems that were backed up -(not flowing) into the Alamo Wash in 2014. The Alamo Wash flood waters breached the wash, flooded the walkways/path and came right up to the block walls that surround our homes. Summerlin Villas Apartments were flooded and sustained damaged to cars/garages. 2014 flood. Barrio del Este Community where Alamo and Rillito Washes meet.
11		The Alamo Wash is a natural trail for wild animals, at least near 5th St. It also has some of the last cottonwood trees (I've been told) in the area. I would hope that whatever measures are taken would take the animals into consideration, with little to no impact, <u>please</u> . These animals include a bobcat and its cubs for months after their birth, coyotes & javelinas. The bobcat is especially important to me. Thank you!
13	6772 E Hawk Dr. Tucson AZ 85730	Street flooding-- major streets. Kolb Rd from Harrison to Broadway. Golf Links from Prudence to Wilmot. Wilmot from Escalante to Grant. Mann Avenue from Stella to Broadway. Issue: water does not drain off fast enough to not cause traffic issues and hinders emergency vehicles as well. Issue #2: Not enough economic incentive for more residents of flood Basin to invest in rain harvesting.
14	4926 E Hawthorne	1) Live next to Arcadia Wash- end of my property often sees water lapping onto my property. How/or who may I contact to have them look at the problem? 2) How often may one expect to have debris cleaned out of the Arroyo?
15	4710 N Paseo Sark Tucson AZ 85750	Please notify me about the below question. Please check address from Assessor's owner records. Is (7019) Desert Springs in the federal or local flood plain or both? If so is there anyway to get an exemption?
16		Please arrive at your venue early, set up and adjust your AV equipment prior to giving your presentation.
18	6094 E 20th St	We have a drainage ditch fed by a culvert from north of 22nd and runoff from Alamo Rd itself. Water can stand in that ditch for several days after a rain- a real breeding ground for mosquitos. City is pretty good about keeping the grass and weeds under control.
20	6049 E Wendrew Ln	My home backs up to the Alamo Wash. The wash in my area has eroded a lot in recent years. There are a large number of transients/homeless in the wash, living, spending days there-- doesn't that add to the stress in habitat, etc.?!?
22	700 N Alamo	A lot of brush buildup in wash between 5th St. & Rosewood.

23	1501 N Alamo Place, Tucson AZ 85712	Alamo wash <u>itself</u> between <u>Fairmount</u> and <u>Lee Street</u> . 1. Mosquito abatement! We have already had one community member die from a mosquito borne disease.2. Huge amount of bank erosion along the east side of this area of the wash. The wash is coming dangerously close to the properties located on the west side of <u>Alamo Place</u> .
26	7043 E Nelson Dr	Golf Links/Kolb- parallel to Alamo Wash off Birch. The brush & trees in the wash are frequently set on fire. We try to get illegal dumping of trash and debris reported for clean up. (Stella to Golf Links). The jail crew occasionally cuts trees and cleans up that area- this is greatly appreciated by the residents. Homeless set up in the tunnels under Golf Links. This is a concern for their safety as well as the associated panhandling in the Rolling Hills shopping center. Access to the shopping center for pedestrians & bicyclists from the west side of the wash could be better. There is a cement path within the wash that the kids use for bikes & skateboards-- fun for them if not too many weeds.
27	4931 E Garrison Ct.	This is a great urban path. It provides off the street connection between streets for bikers & walkers. Since the Alamo connects to "The Loop" (or the Rillito Path), it would be a great way to expand "The Loop"'s reach. More urban paths!! :) By the way... there are many of these paths over the Alamo Wash...they are just not connected nor maintained...yet! :)
28	5036 E Asa Carr Way	In my opinion the section from Fort Lowell to Rillito River has been collecting sand and dirt over the years. That can be a problem for the flow of water during a storm.
29	5122 E Citrus Street	My thoughts are not really directly connected to drainage issues. Citrus Street does not really have much of an issue. My thought is about bats that roost under the bridge on Fort Lowell that crosses Alamo Wash. In April and into early June hundreds of bats take to the sky just as it gets dark from this bridge. It is quite a sight. I wonder whether anything you will do will impact these beneficial mammals. Please take the bats into account with any recommendations you make to the bridge and this area. I like to walk to that area to view the bats. The time of their flight changes according to the exact time the sun sets.
30	6317 E Calle Dened Tucson AZ 85710	Trees please! Is a non-profit organization that has adopted several wash sites in Tucson. The 2 areas marked on the master maps are sections of the Alamo Wash that our organization has adopted and conducted clean-ups. Please call Gabriel Davila to learn how to volunteer.
31		Concern- Alamo Wash bank erosion behind my property @ 440 Placita Mira 85711.... Who is controlling authority for the wash.
32	5710 E 14th St	The "dip" on 14th St (off Craycroft) seems to drain rather quickly after rainfall. There are a couple of evacuation streets available as well, so you are never stranded. The problem I do observe is after it drains, there is a lot of debris hung up and around the posts, and perhaps the city could clean these out sooner. This is my observation of 20 years living at the address below. Thank you.
33		1. My property is on FEMA floodplain-- how do I go about challenging FEMA's and having my property re-evaluated or map revision. Any assistance to facilitate this process is greatly appreciated. 2. Mosquitos in this area is a huge health issue-spraying the area would be helpful. 3. Smell of stagnated water is over whelming. 4. Safety -- kids play in washes - barriers could helps. I appreciate the setting up of these meetings to inform us of the study, it was nicely done, thank you. Mireya Osuna
34	on sign in sheet	Is your study including a survey of existing invasive SPP in the washes and how will you address control?
35	2027 S Ave del Sol Tucson AZ 85710	5 fires last year 2016 from Calle Luna - Marte
36	1415 N Alamo Pl	Build up sides of the wash. Mosquito control- we've had one death from West Nile. Why has it taken so long to decide to do this study. What is this costing us besides 2 more years of wait and see.
39	1721 N Mckinley Ave	Comment regarding 5654 E Pima St southwest corner Van Buren/Pima. Water backs up at grill in Van Buren when debris washes down. Could additional grills be installed in street at Lee Street & Van Buren? When existing grill backs up at Pima water comes up sidewalk to flow west to curb drain in Pima.
42	2048 N Frances Blvd	1. Please see the Frances Blvd wash town house community concerns & safety suggestions. 2. See petition.

44	5771 E Belleview St	I live in a portion of the Alamo Wash Basin that has a surprising number of transients and drug users who seek "quiet" spaces. I would like both Pima County staff and the engineers to carefully consider in the planning process and maintenance how to <u>not</u> create more havens for drug use, public defecation, prostitution, camp sites. That said, I am in favor of retention and detention basins.
45	2222 N Frannea Dr	Concerned about Alamo Wash being used as dumping ground for landscapers etc. Dead dry branches and debris accumulate on bank behind our residence, 222 N Frannea Dr, highly flammable fire hazard. Also destroys the natural beauty, serenity of the wash. Purchased this property recently, not familiar with water flow problems as of yet. Who do we contact for "no dumping" signs or enforcement. Would like to clean up at least our segment.
48	5851 E Hampton St	Thank you. I learned Sahuara & Van Buren are considered "washes." I have alternate routes to avoid the washes when there is flooding so I don't see it as a problem. Sahuara & Hampton St.
51		The area of concern is the Arcadia Wash. 1. At times the wash runs almost black for the first 15 to 20 minutes, contaminated? 2. The cleaning of the wash is a must to help prevent flooding. 3. The run off water all along the wash increase it's flow, there for the size of the wash should increase all the way to the river. I believe the Arcadia Wash could use work in this area? The culverts under main roads can handle more water than wash itself. The point is to reduce the floodplain. I apologize for being late. Will this do any good?
52		East side yard (sidewalk area) washes deeper and deeper by the curb with each flood, especially in monsoon. Last year, Arcadia wash, flooding has been up to 1/2 of hubcaps at E 23rd to old Corbett Sch. Along Sahuara I parked once before rain, then it rained so i waded to my car, opened drivers door and a car came by drenching me and my drivers side upholstery with filthy water.
53		2005 LA Fitness Ctr did not have drainage basins to retain run off of parking lot that added to Park Mall run off. What are building requirements for retention at runoff from parking lots. Develop more retention and recharge in Basin areas.
55	3150 N Placita Aqua Caliente	The Alamo needs "routine maintenance" to clear the build up where it dumps into the Rillito. The path is being breeched fairly often during monsoons.
58	1437 North Sonita Ave	Hydrology and public safety are appropriately key elements of the study, but mention was made of an ongoing sociological/recreational "greenway" component. What agencies/individuals can be contacted about such land use policies in the watershed? Specific issues: 1. An increase of campsties in the Alamo Wash between 5th and Pima with attendant litter, sanitation, and open fire issues. 2. Encounters between hikers/dog walkers and wildlife transiting the wash (coyotes, javelinas, bobcat) leading to human injury and extermination of the "offending" animals using the same corridor.
60	5425 E Fort Lowell Rd Tucson AZ 85712	Do not eliminate floodplains. No more channelization. Water Harvesting. Reproduce floodplain function. Trails and vegetation on sides of Alamo don't deteriorate-- Slows down flooding and speed of water.
61	5021 E North Regency Circle, Tucson 85711	As far as Rosemont Regency is concerned, the biggest concern is street flooding from Rosemont Blvd flowing into the entrance of our complex before water gets to Arcadia Wash. A large sewer pipe crosses the wash and abstracts debris (including furniture) that gets thrown into the wash. The wash gets severely overgrown with large trees and bushes that also block the flow. Note: Fred did a great job. The others need to learn how the microphone works. Difficult to understand with mic noise.
62	1809 N Calle Serena	Alamo wash south of Pima is all concrete. Area behind my home is natural. When the water gains speed from the concrete area and more north behind my property it creates great amounts of erosion that is slowly moving toward my property line. This also creates a very steep and dangerous bank. Thanks.
63	7457 E Vancouver Dr.	I marked 2 places off and on Stella. I avoided these 2 when I am at Stella and Wilmot--use Golf Links -> Kolb -> Stella & South on Prudence to get home. The one on Prudence/Stella needs to have the bushes <u>DUG</u> out- water flows over the foot bridge and backs up on Prudence.
71	1620 N Sahuara Ave	Water coming from back property washing across 1620 and 1626 N Sahuara Ave making houses sink and foundations cracking. Why do you have to have FEMA on this St can't sell my house. Made road deeper. Have pictures.

73	5687 E 21st	At the end of Del Valle Ave @ Sears park always floods. Beverly and Craycroft flood drains, clogged with debris.
78		Notice said presentation was to be at 6:30 we arrived at 6:20 and it was already almost over. Use TSMS data as base, including no cement in washes, natural washes are better in the long run. Use any funds to have people become the solution by having funding for all the people to H2o harvest on their properties instead of big projects. H2o harvesting would help w/ solution in this watershed as well as creating a place of beauty and/or sustainable into future water shortages.
80	1626 N Sahuara Ave	(1026 N Sahuara Ave.) Property (Church) Water runs to the back yard..flooding my back yard. I believe there is an easement (That could releave the issue in my back yard.) Sahuara Wash is not an issue and would like to have Pima remap this property.
83	2708 N Beverly	We are getting water/rain runoff from Whitmore Elem. We have hired an engineer to help deal with drainage on Desert Glenn Townhouses HOA. 2701 N Cloverland. However, we can't do anything about draingae off the playground at Whitmore Elem. I have pictures taken during rain/flooding events.
85	6038 E Fairmount St	I own 6038 E Fairmount St property and want bank protection; with the city's help and resources. Home owner tax payers like me cannot afford or have the ability to bank protect from Speedway north to Lee St. Thanks for the opprotunity to meet other Alamo Wash home owners & hopefully strategize a plan to communally protect our homes proactively. :)
86		I purchased my home and 2 vacant lots in 1996. Before I purchased my home I visited City of Tucson Permits and inquired if my lots being in a floodplain would prevent me from building on the 2 lots. They indicated the lots were buildable especially since developing the land would create more property taxes. At that time no one ever mentioned needing a hydrology study. I bought the lots with plans to build on them. Four years later I returned with some building plans and was told I need hydrology study. They said the hydrology study was a detail and they believed I could get my building plans approved. At the time I delayed because of the \$10,000 cost of the study. Last year I returned to the City of Tucson and spoke to their hydrologists. He put me in touch with someone familiar with the flood maps. I made a deal to pay \$5k in cash for the study. But when I asked him if he thought I would be able to build he said proabbly NOT- very unlikely. The City Hydrologist has said the same thing which is why he put me in touch with the hydrologist. I have been paying property taxes on these 2 lots for 21 years and bought them with the understanding (from talking to the City of Tucson) that I could <u>easily</u> build on them. Those lots should be worth \$30k to \$40k each. I could probably sell them for \$5k each which won't even equal the property taxes I've paid over the years. HELP! Steve
89	5212 E 6th St	My concern is Arcadia Wash at 10th St & Beverly & downstream to the bridge over Rosemout. When water stands (or rises into the floodplain) in the big pool behind the hotel @ 10th & Beverly, or in the area downstream of the concrete area just below, the City comes in, dumps giant loads of dirt and drives heavy machinery down into the culvert and on a little way into the wash. (It can't get far because the wash narrows abruptly.) The dirt dumping is just a stupid waste because it washes away in the first heavy rain. The clearing is ineffective because the machines cannot get very far down the wash. I complained to the Mayor's office & Steve Kozachik asked that a better solution be found. Then they dumped a huge load of boulders just below the concrete, which has resulted in gravel & soil collecting on the concrete; which will soon be covered with trees and weeds again (which the city seems interested in tearing out) I love the wildlife along the wash and in the beautiful reclaimed water-- recharge area @ the south end of HU Park, & would like to see crews <u>hand clear</u> fallen treets and other trash blocking the wash (& liable to get caught under the bridge @ Rosemont) <u>AND</u> a better solution to mosquitos in the standing puddles. (Some of us throw drinks? in) I pick up trash in the wash, where i walk my dog almost daily, and would like to see it cared for properly. Thank you for hosting this and asking for our opinions. Also, the "bunny hills" - the bike jumps the kids build behind Target-- meed to be left alone. Kids <u>need</u> a place to play! BTW- since the south end of the park was replaced with native vegetation, it has attracted serious burdens.
90	6970 E Venice St, Tucson AZ 85730	Protect More washes! What are the <u>real</u> problems? How much real damage is occuring? Does using concrete in washes really help or hinder damage to propert? How do we address the issue? City of Tucson Fred Felix/Pima Co.

91	5749 E 14th Street Tucson	I live in 5749 E 14th street. No flooding problems. Thanks to God! However, in the wash Arcadia 14th East Craycroft that wash floods-after drain normally there are a lot of trash- branches- that keep residential flooding water that is becoming source for mosquitos.
93	2040 S Ave Planeta	You are going to study this for 2 years? When do you start clean up? Clean up Golf Links to 22nd. Please get the dead stuff out and the garbage out.
94	6180 E 3rd St 85711	
95	5815 E 15th Street, Tucson AZ 85711	Rain collecting systems -> as people build these rain collecting systems, we are removing rain water and storing it temp. which "subtracts" the G.P.M. flowing into a wash. If my home collects 10,000 gallons and 25% of residences do the same, that is a lot of water collected and not flowing into the wash. Possible data from permits to install rain collecting systems (i.e. sq. ft of roofspace) also keep \$2000 incentives for building rain collecting systems to promote building them. No water=no life -> how about a campaign to teach every home owner, school child about conservation. I took the Pima Ext. water harvesting class offered on Pima. We will be installing our system this year. 5815 e 15th St Tucson AZ 85711. And God bless schools like Sky High School for teaching the importance of water. What about tax credits for installing permiable pavement for home driveways.
96	5833 E 4th St Tucson AZ 85711 Mailing: P.O.Box 57086 Tucson, AZ 85732	home 4th St peaks and pushes water East to West <u>away</u> from Sahuara Wash. There is a underground culvert that connects 4th to 3rd Street flowing North. Once saw the culvert and it appears about 10 " diameter. Over time, the pipe fills up with debris (vegetation, dirt, dead cats) that backs up storm flow to depths of several inches and more, water advances up our driveway. At times back-up has flowed into yards West of culvert with real property drainage. Multiple calls sooner (water brings team from city of Tucson to 'Roto-Rooter' pipe from 4th St and 3rd St. I have seen backflow which is substantial flushing from culvert pipe. For awhile the pipe drains well and then less well en route to holding flooded street for several days. In these times we have water. Front property with attendant' street damage and public health risks and potential property damage. What to do? Redirect 4th street to Sahuara Wash? Replace culvert that dates to 1950s (and crosses private property)? Do nothing with
98	817 S Forham Dr (xs Yale) Tucson AZ 85710	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extreme overgrow vegetation 2. lack of mountain view due to overgrown veg. A- purchased our home 27 years ago with Mtn views now can <u>NOT</u> see it. Home value declined 3. fire hazard- smokers going up/down alleys and lightening 4. Electrical poles/wires now surrounded by growth A- flooding could take down affecting homeowners utilities 5. Flooding- we have a chain Link fence- water overflows into backyard after flooding alleys twice up to our back home patio 6. animals-bugs-& people hiding in overgrowth- personal safety --> have to walk along wash to take garbage out 7. Graffiti- drug deals-- illegal dumping <u>in</u> wash 8. Flooding debris clogs wash and sticks among vegetation looking like a dump zone- collects at Yale Bridge catches on trees and bushes, some big items... Ex Dumpsters-Doors-- <u>Grocery</u> carts- toys 9. once an exposed sewer pipe broke in middle of wash-water flowing out. 2 reported and it took 3-4 days for someone to look/fix it 10. I have a video on my cell phone from last summer (Aug 9, 2016) 11. Yale/Forham Bridge needs to be replaces neighborhood school children cross daily 12. I have been trying to contact regarding this for years with no response 13- Read about the Rillito clean up done Sept 2016.. Why not the Alamo Residential areas?
102		Build bridges everywhere there is a dip such as at this point. This will prevent cars being swept away and bridges are great opprotunities for architecture and art.

105		My property is on the FEMA flood plain- I need assistance is getting a map revision of the area, to eliminate flood insurance. It is causing a financial hardship. Mosquitos are a huge issue in the area, any assistance provided would be appreciated. Foul smell from wash is also an issue. Thanks, Rainbow Dr.
106	6970 E Vernice St	(We're at the corner of "Vernice.") Please do not put concrete behind out street. (Unfortunately, there is already concrete just to the east of us near Kolb) There is no flooding problem or erosion problem and we love the greenery and wildlife. There is no problem with the street crossing there at Stella- very infrequent inconvenience, adn easy alternatives.
151	6119 E Rosewood	My neighbor was flooded as I had to open my gates to let the water flow through. I live at 6119 E Rosewood St. She is on Hawthorn.
152		What chance of flooding? What is the flooding history of this particular area?
155	300 N Indigo House Rd	1) I thank you for this work 2) Alamo wash is an impacted corridor and wildlife habitat we want to protect 3) FEMA flooding guidance is important and it would be good to justify where appropriate a lowering of fees, 4) Alamo wash is dangerous to pedestrian traffic from 5th street to Broadway as it is very deep and steep- we need simple barriers and warning signs to prevent accidents, and Alamo wash is treasured by our community as a recreational and walking area.
195		The gentleman did not want to leave his name. This location has extreme bad scour at the storm drain outlet is getting deep.