When floods occur, people and animals may be hurt or drowned, and households, businesses and government facilities they depend upon including schools may be damaged. Creation of a Floodplain Management Plan creditable under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) - Community Rating System (CRS) is a path to increased public safety, insurance discounts and greater community resiliency. The Board of Supervisors approved such a plan last year. Pima County residents receive significant flood insurance rate discounts due to the pro-active floodplain management program described in the plan and implemented by the Pima County Regional Flood Control District with its partners. The contributions of these activities to loss avoidance and recovery include risk awareness, mitigation, preparation and response. By reducing flood risk, the entire community economy and individuals are both safer and able to recover from extreme weather events including floods. The approved Floodplain Management Plan includes broad activity categories and discreet activities which are credited by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for their contribution to risk reduction. With this credit in place, insurance rates are discounted due to the reduced risk.

The implementation of this plan and the process to NFIP CRS certification will be presented.