

**Floodplain Management Plan Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
for
December 6, 2018**

Attendees:

Arlan Colton, University of Arizona Planning Program
Brian Jones, PCRFC
Brian Powell, Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Department
Carolyn Campbell, Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection
Catlow Shipek, Watershed Management Group
Chris Gurton, Country Financial
Christina McVie, Tucson Audubon Society
Clair Zucker, University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center
Craig Civaler, Community Water Coalition
Diana Durazo, Pima County Administration
Eric Holler, Community Water Coalition
Eric Shepp, Pima County Regional Flood Control District
Evan Canfield, PCRFC
Griselda Maya-Flores, PCOEM
Ian Sharp, Farmers Investment Company
Ivy Schwartz, Tucson Mountain Association
Jason Ground, Pima County Communications
Jeff Guthrie, Pima County Office of Emergency Management
Jonathan Horst, Tucson Audubon Society
Joseph Cuffari, PCRFC
Lola Graeme, Catalina Foothills Association
Matt McGlone, PCOEM
Nicole Fyffe, Pima County Administrator's Office
Sandra Espinoza, PCOEM
Shawn Cote, Southern Arizona Homebuilders Association
Steve Dolan, Tucson Mountain Association
Shane Clark, Pima County Office of Emergency Management
Terri Tillman, Pima County Development Services Department
Tim Campbell, Farmers Investment Company

1) Welcome & Introductions – Eric Shepp, Floodplain Administrator

Mr. Shepp provided a history of the County's involvement with CRS.

2) FMP Project Overview Powerpoint – Greg Saxe, CRS Coordinator

Mr. Saxe provided a project overview focusing on the role of the Planning Committee, schedule and intent to seek Board adoption of the final plan. Requested names of additional stakeholders and location for informational meetings.

3) Election of Chair, Adoption of Roberts Rules and Consensus Decision Making

The Committee agreed to have the CRS Coordinator Chair the meetings in order to keep them on-track, and agreed to consensus decision-making.

4) Meeting Schedule

Members expressed concern that the schedule was ambitious and acknowledged that involvement was not just for the creation process but also implementation period. The District agreed that the schedule may be ambitious, but that it has hazard and exposure information already for Committee consideration. The organization and delivery of this information to the Committee for review will be key in meeting timeframes while ensuring feedback is substantive. Committee members are asked to invite the District to provide informational meeting for their respective groups. A sample watershed hazard assessment shall be prepared for the Catalina Foothills for presentation at the Catalina Foothills Association meeting in January, 2019. This example will be made available to the Committee via the website for input on information included and act as a format template, prior to completing the assessments for the remaining watersheds.

5) Questions

- a) OEM suggests inclusion of Nogales Wash and dam Emergency Action Plans (EAP). (Jeff)

Watersheds upstream of and impacting Pima County are included in floodplain studies for modelling and mapping purposes and other issues may be identified through this process. Emergency Action Plans will be referenced including inundation areas and warning systems.

- b) How will jurisdictions be involved? (Arlan)

Jurisdictions will participate as stakeholders and outreach will occur specifically to them, in addition to providing updates to the Flood Control District Advisory Committee.

- c) Will the plan be submitted to FEMA?

Yes, as part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). This will include courtesy submittals to the Insurance Services Organization/Verisk Analytics (ISO) Technical Reviewers for guidance at major project milestones and for rating purposes after approval by the Board. FEMA then provides a letter to the County Administrator indicating our score and associated discount rates.

- d) What other plans will be incorporated? Include PAG 2045 Road Plan and tie to the County Comprehensive Plan. DSD to provide contacts.

As part of step 2, “Involve the public” the District is requesting that Committee Members provide the names of plans to include and interested stakeholders to be contacted individually. Pima Prospers and transportation plans are appropriate. The Flood and Drainage Element of Pima Prospers is significant, along with the Conservation Lands System, Water and Economic Development elements. A bibliography and list of studies by watershed will be posted to the project webpage and included in the draft plan.

Later, as part of step 4, “Assess the hazard” and step 5, “Assess the problem”, the Committee will be asked to identify available information on flood hazards specifically related to the constituency represented, along with any data that demonstrates gaps in floodplain management activities. Organizational mission and goal statements will be useful in step 6, “Set goals” and specific project needs in step 7, “Review possible activities”.

- e) Additional recommended stakeholders: PAG, PCDOT, Taylor Lane Neighborhood, Tribes, Oro Valley (Chloe Olivares), School Districts, *Green Valley Coordinating Council, Western Pima County Council (Ajo), Southeast Community Council, Altar Valley Conservation Alliance, NRCS, ADOT, Pima County Community Development (Daniel Tylutki), Pima County Housing (Marcos Ismael), School Superintendent’s Office (Matt Stamp), Sonoran Institute, Bureau of Reclamation.* (Those italicized provided in follow up emails to date)

During the next several months the District will conduct direct outreach to additional stakeholders and written records of input shall be kept and summarized for the Committees consideration in step 6, “Set goals” and step 7, “Review of possible activities”.

- f) Recommendation from OEM to use Nextdoor Neighbor App to advertise and solicit input.

The District will coordinate with OEM and Communications, as well as Program for Public Information (PPI) partners and stakeholders to identify effective use of social and electronic media and implement those programs as part of this planning process.

6) Adjournment