

DATE: July 1, 2015
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FROM: Suzanne Shields, P.E.
Director

TO: C. H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

SUBJECT: Community Rating System – Flood Hazards Mailing

Attached is a copy of the Flood Hazards brochure, which will be mailed to the owners of property that is impacted by a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area, FEMA Shaded Zone X sheet flood area or locally mapped floodplains resulting from a detailed study. This mailing excludes the area identified as sheet flooding by Pima County. A separate memorandum has been sent to each Board member.

This brochure is part of our annual outreach to floodplain residents for which we receive credit under the Community Rating System. It is part of the District's effort to keep owners and residents of floodprone property informed about flood risks, the availability of assistance and flood insurance as well as development requirements. In addition, topics including the benefits of preserving riparian habitats, how to prepare for a flood, the negative consequences of dumping in washes, and the risk of crossing flooded roads are covered.

Recently, the District began incorporating regulatory floodplains that were identified by developers on subdivision plats into our GIS system. These floodplains are in addition to the regional floodplain maps produced by FEMA and the District that are already a part of our GIS and mapping information service.

The number of property owners who will receive this brochure has increased from 21,092 to 29,771 due to the inclusion of developer mapped floodplains and new floodplain studies. While developer mapped floodplains typically do not contain habitable structures and therefore insurance may not be required, informing these residents will promote flood hazard awareness.

The number of properties receiving this brochure this year is as follows:

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
9,354	1,560	6,792	6,294	1,640

Please direct any calls or comments you may receive to our office.

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Attachments

- c: John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator – Public Works
- Annabelle Valenzuela, Community Relations Manager
- Eric Shepp, Deputy Director – Regional Flood Control District
- Greg Saxe, Environmental Planning Manager – Floodplain Management Division



July 23, 2015

Subject: Regulatory Floodplain Impacting Your Property

Dear Sir/Madam:

The goal of the Pima County Regional Flood Control District (District) is to minimize the hazard to life and/or property due to flooding by identifying and mapping regulatory floodplains, establishing minimum construction standards for development within these floodplains, and promoting awareness and avoidance of flood hazards.

As part of these ongoing efforts, the District provides annual notices to property owners whose property lies within a floodplain. Enclosed is a brochure which contains information about flood hazards, ways to reduce risk, the availability of flood insurance, and the development permitting process.

You are receiving this letter because the District has determined that the properties identified on the enclosed list are impacted by a regulatory floodplain. This list excludes locally mapped sheet flood zones which may impact parcels that you own. More detailed information may be obtained by visiting the District's office at 97 E. Congress Street, 3rd Floor, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or by viewing the Flood Hazard Map on our website at: http://webcms.pima.gov/government/flood_control. We encourage you to request additional copies of the brochure for occupants as well.

Please be aware that the presence of a regulatory floodplain on your property may limit the type of or extent of improvements that may be constructed on your property. Since the District's review and approval will be required prior to the placement of any improvements on your property, it is recommended that you visit our office at the time of project planning in order to ensure that your proposal is compatible with the provisions of the Floodplain and Erosion Hazard Management Ordinance.

If you have any questions, please call Greg Saxe, Environmental Planning Manager, at 724-4600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Shields". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Suzanne Shields, P.E.
Director and Chief Engineer

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Enclosure(s)

Suzanne Shields, P.E., Director

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