

Santa Cruz River Management Plan

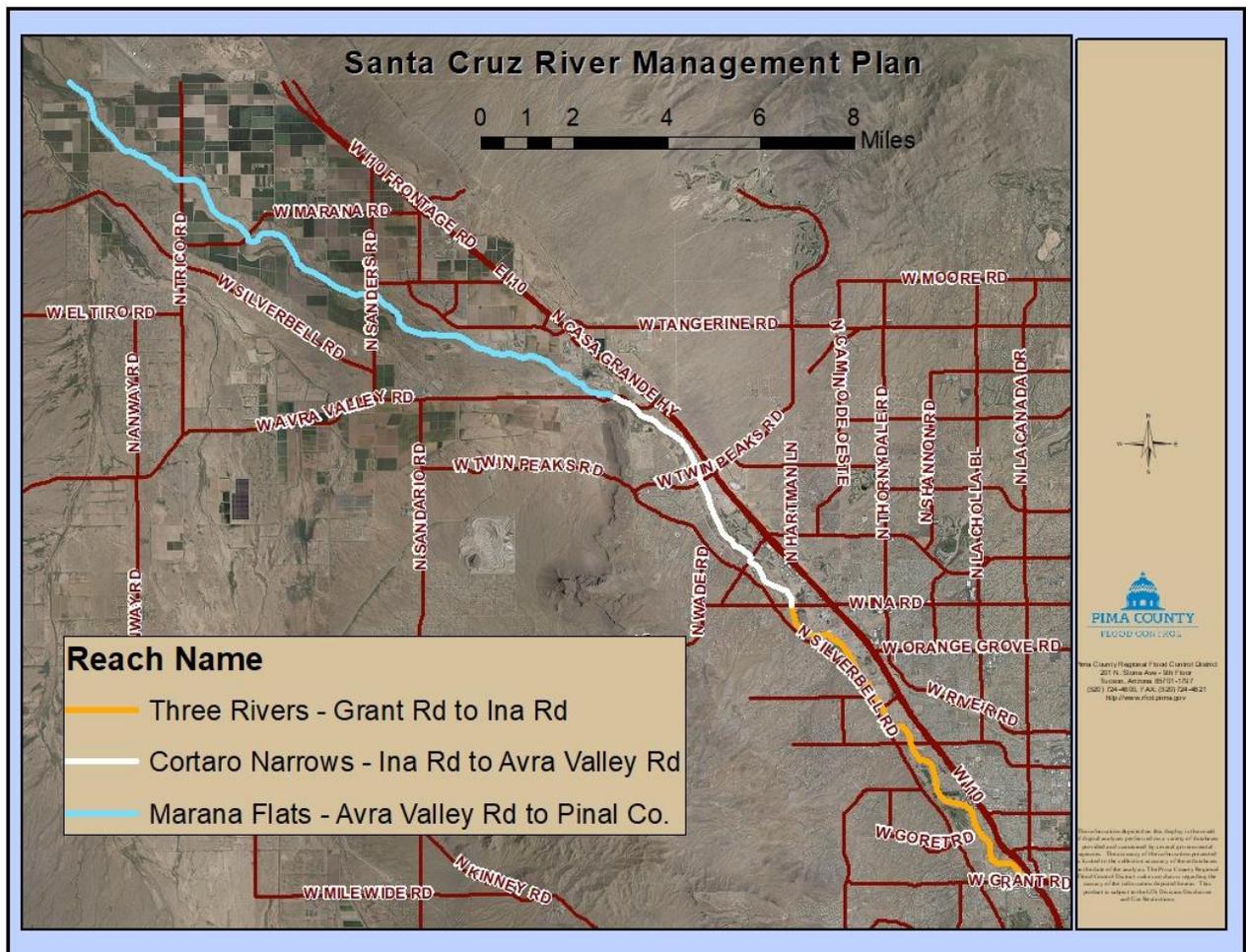
Project Update – October 2020

Project Location

The Santa Cruz River Management Plan is bound by Grant Road on the South and Pinal County Line on the north and generally within the administrative boundaries of the floodplain.

Background

In the Spring of 2018, the Pima County Regional Flood Control District (District) initiated the Santa Cruz River management plan – Grant to Trico, to develop a comprehensive management plan for a part of the river which goes through the City of Tucson, Town of Marana and unincorporated Pima County.



Project Purpose

The purpose of this project is to develop a management strategy to balance flood risk management, drainage infrastructure protection, water recharge, recreation opportunities, public safety and riparian habitat preservation for the Santa Cruz River from Grant Rd to Pinal County.

The first phase of the project, which assessed the existing conditions is complete and resulted in three reports, [Existing Conditions Report](#), [Technical Data Support Notebook for Floodplain Mapping](#), and the [Infrastructure Assessment and Maintenance Evaluation Report](#).

For the past year, the District and the consultant team have been working with stakeholder workgroups from each of the three management reaches.

Non-Structural Projects

[Organized Trash Cleanups](#) to provide a process for engaging the public in organized trash cleanup along the river.

[Vegetation Management Plan](#) to provide a collaborative effort to manage vegetation in the river bottoms for multiple purposes.

[Ecologically Valuable Lands Preserved](#) to acquire properties that are ecologically valuable

[Letter of Map Revision \(LOMR\) for Santa Cruz River](#) to update the FEMA special flood hazard delineations in the Marana and unincorporated Pima County areas downstream of Sanders Rd.



Benefits of the Santa Cruz River Management Plan

By having an accepted plan across all affected jurisdictions, the District will be able to manage the corridor in a consistent manner, while also addressing the desires of the individual jurisdictions in terms of flood risk management, drainage infrastructure protection, water recharge, recreation opportunities, public safety and riparian habitat preservation.

Project Contacts

Please contact us if you would like more information or have photos or information on flooding or erosion issues within these watersheds that you would like to share with the District.

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Past Events

1. On May 7, 2019 the District presented the scope of the project to various stakeholders that represent entities within the project boundaries.
2. The District hosted three different meetings in late October 2019 with key stakeholders within each reach of the project boundary – Grant Rd. to Ina Rd., Ina Rd. to Avra Valley Rd., and Avra Valley Rd. to Pinal County.
3. In January 2020, the District held Stakeholder Working Group meetings and had stakeholders weight their priorities in criteria and project types.
4. In May 2020, the District held a meeting for combined stakeholder presenting the results of the project ranking.

Project Website

<http://www.pima.gov/santacruzriverplan>

