

**PIMA COUNTY REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
TECHNICAL POLICY**

POLICY NO.: Technical Policy, TECH-002

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 25, 2006

POLICY NAME: Erosion Hazard Setback Reductions for Minor Washes

PURPOSE: To clarify 16.28.030.A, regarding the reduction of an Erosion Hazard Setback to less than 25 feet.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Floodplain and Erosion Hazard Management Ordinance (2005-FC2) provision 16.28.030.A.3 appears to limit the Districts ability to approve reductions in the Erosion Hazard Setback to any distance less than 25 feet, even if technically justifiable. There may be instances when setback reductions are warranted and there are not any concerns regarding reasonable access or the stability of nearby structural foundations.

Because of the setback reduction limitation established in 16.28.030.A.3, an applicant may only propose reductions to a distance greater than 25 feet under this provision. In this case, an engineering analysis, certified by an Arizona-registered civil engineer, shall be provided that establishes safe setback limits, and shall be reviewed by a Civil Engineer for completeness and accuracy. In this case, the Civil Engineer acts as the designee of the Chief Engineer, as allowed under 16.08.100. Upon finding the analysis acceptable, the Civil Engineer is authorized to approve the analysis and establish conditions for the Site Review Request or Floodplain Use Permit based on the engineering analysis.

**POLICY:**

If an applicant proposed a setback reduction to a distance of less than 25 feet, the applicant shall make the request pursuant to 16.28.030.B. In this case, the engineering analysis, certified by an Arizona-registered engineer, shall be reviewed by a Civil Engineer and the Floodplain Management Division Manager, and a recommendation for approval or denial shall be submitted to the Director for a final determination. Because these cases involve unusual conditions, the Director is the Chief Engineer.

**APPROVED BY:**

 1/24/2006

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Director

Date

Original Policy Approved:

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