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County Urges Residents to be “Flood Smart” this Monsoon Season

June 15-19 is Flood Safety Awareness Week

PHOENIX, Ariz. (June 15, 2015) – After last year’s record-breaking monsoon season, Maricopa County is urging valley residents to be “flood smart” this summer by understanding the risks and being prepared to take action if a flood occurs.

“Monsoon season officially starts today, but we’ve already seen two rain storms hit the Valley in the last week,” said Steve Chucri, Chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and District 2 Supervisor. “It is important that all residents understand the risks of flooding and take the necessary steps to protect themselves and their property this summer.”

Floods are the most common natural disaster in the United States, causing more than \$25 billion in losses over the last ten years. The National Flood Insurance Program paid over \$7 million in flood insurance claims last year just in Maricopa County.

“Last monsoon season reminded us that flooding does happen in the desert and the location can change with each storm,” said Bill Wiley, Chief Engineer and General Manager of the Flood Control District of Maricopa County. “Just because you haven’t been flooded in the past does not mean you won’t be flooded in the future. People should prepare for flooding no matter where they live.”

This monsoon season, Maricopa County encourages you to:

- Be prepared by purchasing flood insurance and taking steps to protect your home.
- Be safe by avoiding flooded intersections and washes.
- Be informed by checking the Weather Outlook and flood forecasts available at www.fcd.maricopa.gov.

Each day during Flood Awareness Week, the District will provide information and videos on our web and social media sites on how the public can prepare for flood emergencies. Visit www.fcd.maricopa.gov for more information on how you can be prepared for this monsoon season.

Schedule of Events:

- June 15: Floods Happen...Even in the Desert!
- June 16: Information on how to get real-time access to weather and rainfall data.
- June 17: Flood Insurance 101: How to get it and why it’s important.
- June 18: Flooding 101 Presentation at the Arizona Science Center for AZ SWIFT Weather Camp (Live stream on District’s social media sites)
- June 18: Simple steps to protect your home and family from flooding
- June 19: Flash flood safety including avoiding flooded washes and roads

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County (District) was created in 1959 to reduce the risk of flooding to people and property. The District’s vision is for the residents of Maricopa County and future generations to be protected from the effects of flooding through fiscally responsible flood control actions and multi-use facilities that complement the beauty of our desert environment.