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Stay Safe by Knowing Your Flood Risk this Monsoon Season

June 15-19 is Flood Safety Awareness Week

PHOENIX, Ariz. (June 16, 2015) – Floods can happen anywhere, but certain areas are especially prone to serious flooding. Understanding your flood risk and staying up-to-date on weather and storm reports can keep you and your family safe this monsoon season.

“Information is one of the most powerful tools at our disposal to stay safe this monsoon season,” said Denny Barney, Maricopa County District 1 Supervisor. “The best way to protect yourself and your family is to understand the location of high flood hazards and then to avoid the hazards by staying up-to-date on weather reports.”

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County (District) conducts floodplain delineation studies to identify areas at high risk of flooding throughout Maricopa County. The high-risk areas, also referred to as floodplains, are published on the District’s website at www.fcd.maricopa.gov. Homes located in floodplains have at least a 1 in 4 chance of flooding during a 30-year mortgage. In moderate-to-low risk areas, the risk of being flooded is reduced but not completely removed.

“We recommend that everyone checks our website to determine if they live in a high-hazard area,” said Bill Wiley, Chief Engineer and General Manager of the District. “But we also want people to remember that even if they don’t live in a floodplain, they may still be vulnerable to flooding especially when driving. More than half of all flood-related deaths nationally occur in cars. That’s why it is important to monitor weather reports and alerts.”

The District operates over 350 precipitation and stream gages throughout Maricopa County to measure the amount of rainfall and stream flow in real time. The District uses this data to advise emergency personnel on closing flooded roads and responding to dangerous flooding situations. The District’s flood forecasts and weather information is available to the public on our website and as an application on your mobile device.

The District encourages residents who witness flooding in their area to report it at <http://reportaflood.org>, a site used by the District to identify flooding throughout the county.

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.

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