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County Approves Flood Control Improvement Project in Scottsdale

PHOENIX, Ariz. (March 11, 2015) – Over 600 properties in the city of Scottsdale will be removed from a floodplain thanks to the Granite Reef Watershed Drainage Improvements Project (Project). An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) was approved by the Flood Control District's Board of Directors today to cost share the initial phase of the Project.

The initial phase of the Project will design the expansion of existing storm drain systems, including additional catch basins and other storm drain laterals, and will acquire property for future detention basins. Future phases will include the construction of those improvements and additional storm drain and channel features. When completed, the overall system will intercept flood water within the Granite Reef Wash watershed and safely convey it to the Indian Bend Wash which outfalls at the Salt River.

The District, City of Scottsdale and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) are partnering on this Project which has been in the works since 2002.

"I am pleased that this project will remove the floodplain from so many properties," said Steve Chucri, chairman of the FCD Board and District 2 Supervisor. "As always, our primary concern is the safety of our citizens and this project will provide additional 100-year flood water protection for citizens in the watershed."

City of Scottsdale Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane agrees. "With the approval of the Granite Reef Wash IGA, we take another step towards providing increased stormwater protection for our citizens."

Project partners are the City of Scottsdale, the District and the SRPMIC, with the city as the lead agency for the design of the Project. The estimated total cost for the initial phase design and detention basins rights-of-way acquisition is \$3.5 million. The cost will be shared between the city, the SRPMIC, and the District. The total estimated cost of the complete Project is \$24 - 28 million. The Project's phases are still under development.

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County provides information to Maricopa County residents so that they can reduce their risk of injury, death, and property damage from flooding, while still enjoying the natural and beneficial values served by floodplains.

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