



FY2025 Phoenix Floodplain Management Plan (ST83140150)

Committee Meeting #5

April 9, 2025, at 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

MEETING MINUTES

1. Safety moment – Allergy Season

2. Overview of Meetings 1 – 4.

a. Review of Hazards and Problems Identified

b. Review of Updated FMP Goals

- i. Educate Public, Policy Makers, and City Leaders on Stormwater and Floodplain Management and Risks
- ii. Coordinate with Other Jurisdictions and Agencies to Mitigate Flooding Hazards and Improve Emergency Response
- iii. Protect People, Property and Natural Resources from the Dangers of Flood Hazards
 1. Nazar Nabaty: Use reduce the risk instead of "protect" on the phrasing of goals.
 2. Nick Ramirez: Maybe "public safety awareness to mitigate or reduce risk"
- iv. Protect Critical Infrastructure and Facilities to Ensure Operation during and after Flood Events
- v. Establish Proactive Maintenance and Preventative Measures for Stormwater Infrastructure
- vi. Utilize Public Funding in the Most Effective Manner for Stormwater and Floodplain Management

3. Action Items Discussion (Step 8)

a. CRS Manual Action Item Categories

- i. Preventative
- ii. Property Protection
- iii. Natural Resource Protection
- iv. Emergency Services
- v. Structural Projects
- vi. Public Information

b. Group Discussion of Action Item by Goals

Goal 1: Educate Public, Policy Makers, and City Leaders on Stormwater and Floodplain Management and Risks

- These action items notify the same people a lot. The workshop should be held prior to the State of the State Address.
- Stating CRS specific webpage

- Action Items 4 & 6: Combine these and make it quarterly.
- Put social media information in water bill.
- Be more specific on the attendance at garden shows or festivals.
- Signage should be expanded beyond City dams.
- Use County's resources for new, radio and TV ads.
- Action Item 1: Add "program" at the end.
- Action Item 8: Add "provide" to the beginning.
- Action Item 2: This should be reworded; the workshops should include hands-on and educational sections.

Goal 2: Coordinate with Other Jurisdictions and Agencies to Mitigate Flooding Hazards and Improve Emergency Response

- Action Item 10: Make this more inclusive.
- Add clarification like "continue to participate" for things the City is already doing
- Action Item 11: State "have staff attend" instead of "send". Remove "as credited".
- Action Item 11: FEMA may not be funded, maybe do AFMA Conference. There need to be alternatives for the scenario where grants and funding are not available.
- Action Item 12: ADWR opened new stations, maybe city coordinates with them to use the COR station being developed. Maybe add a few more.

Goal 3: Protect People, Property and Natural Resources from the Dangers of Flood Hazards

- Action Item 13: Instead of webcast alone, it should be in person.
- Item 13 - encourage more than webcast, direct outreach, email, social media, media.
- Action Item 13: YouTube tutorial on maintenance
- Action Item 15 & 16: Combine these two items.
- Action Item 15: Use "evaluate" instead of "require" .
- Item 16 - include "promote, incentivize and encourage".
- Action Item 17: Update the public on the projects. Instead of "complete major projects" say "show major progression" or something similar. Use QR codes for people to sign up for project updates.

Goal 4: Protect Critical Infrastructure and Facilities to Ensure Operation during and after Flood Events

- Action Item 23: Review and determine if updates are needed.

Goal 5 & 6: Establish Proactive Maintenance and Preventative Measures for Stormwater Infrastructure & Utilize Public Funding in the Most Effective Manner for Stormwater and Floodplain Management

- Action Item 25: City should have an internal priority list.
- Action Item 26A: clarify the requirements.
- There are new MS4 post construction requirements for new drywells. There are more requirements related to confirming maintenance.
- Action Item 34: There may be no federal grants.
- Action Item 25: Include the cost of maintenance for justifying a project.
- Action Item 27: Put project updates on webpage.
- Action Item 27: Reword. City crew procedures should stay private. Maybe a separate public procedure for HOAs would be public. Clarify this item.
- Action Item 30: Clarify how this would be distributed. This may be an opportunity to coordinate with Army Corp.
- Action Item 31: Include evaluating and documenting recommended recurrence intervals for maintenance.

4. Next Steps

- a. Review of Draft FMP
- b. Public Meeting (virtual) – May 22nd
- c. Neighborhood Presentations – Laveen (April 23)
- d. FMP Implementation, Evaluation, and Revision (Step 10)

5. Adjourn



City of Phoenix Floodplain Management Plan (FMP) 2025

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AGENDA

- Safety Moment
- Overview of Meetings # 1-4
- Evaluate Action Items
- Next Steps



SAFETY MOMENT – ALLERGY SEASON

Symptoms:

Sneezing, itchy eyes, congestion, shortness of breath, wheezing and coughing.

Common Allergens:

- Tree pollen, Grass pollen, Ragweed pollen, and Mold.

Some factors that can affect allergy season:

- Temperature, Rain, Locations with different allergy seasons

Reduce your exposure to allergy triggers:

- Monitor pollen counts and plan activities accordingly
- Wash clothes and shower after being outside
- Close doors and windows
- Air Filters (HEPA), portable air purifiers



OVERVIEW OF CRS ACTIVITY 510 – FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Step 1 – Organize
- Step 2 – Involve the Public
- Step 3 – Coordinate
- Step 4 – Assess the Hazard (FMP Committee Meeting #1)
- Step 5 – Assess the Problem (FMP Committee Meeting #2)
- Step 6 – Set Goals (FMP Committee Meeting #3)
- Step 7 – Review Possible Actions (FMP Committee Meeting #4)
- **Step 8 – Draft an Action Plan (FMP Committee Meeting #5)** ← TODAY'S MEETING
- Step 9 – Adopt a Plan
- Step 10 – Implement, Evaluate, and Revise



FMP Mtg #1: Assess the Hazard

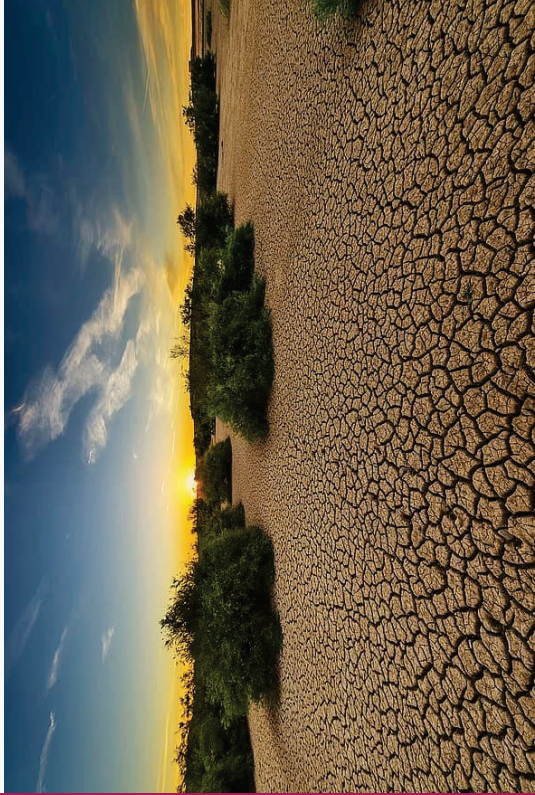


- Special Flood Hazard Areas
 - Riverine Flooding
 - Canal Embankments
- Alluvial Fan
 - Transition from Mountain to Urban Landscape
- Urban Flooding
 - Sheet Flow → Channelized Flow
 - Developments on Fill in Floodplain Fringe
 - Local Flooding
 - Age of Development and Infrastructure
 - Under Capacity Infrastructure
 - Un-Delineated Flood Hazards
 - Wash and Basin Vegetation Maintenance
 - Infill Development



Additional Hazards for Consideration

- Dam and Levee Failure
- Other Non-Flood Related Hazards
 - Climate Change
 - Wildfires
 - Drought
 - Funding



FMP Mtg #2: Assess the Problem

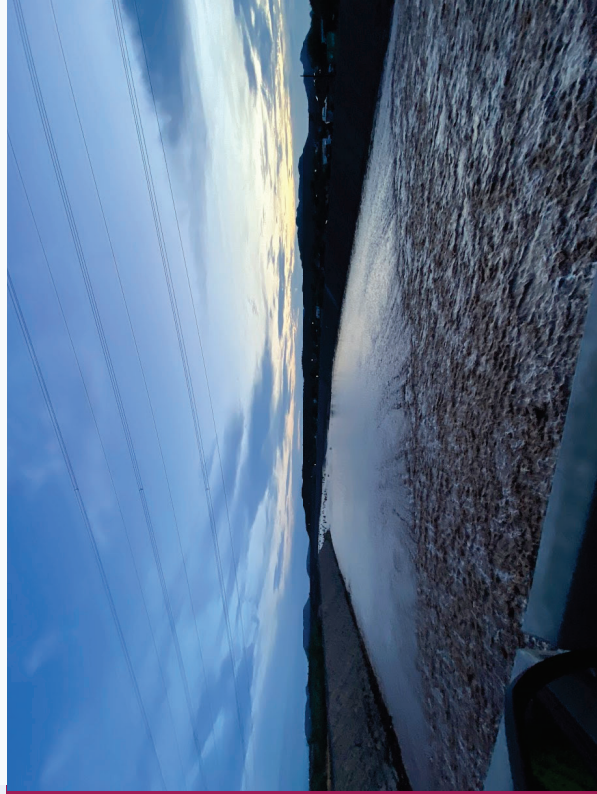


- Life Safety
 - Emergency Warning and Response
 - Evacuations
- Public Health
 - Health Hazards to Individuals – flood waters and mold
- Critical Facilities and Infrastructure
 - Airports, Water Treatment, Fire and Police, Utilities
 - Schools, Hospitals, Senior Care Facilities



FMP Mtg #2: Assess the Problem

- Economy
 - Impacts to Major Employers
- Natural Floodplain Functions
 - Areas Impacted
 - Environmental and Aesthetic Impacts
- Development, Redevelopment, and Population Trends
 - Future Impacts on community, watershed, and natural resources
- Future Flooding Conditions



FMP MTG #3 SET GOALS

- Educate Public, Policy Makers, and City Leaders on Stormwater and Floodplain Management and Risks
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- Protect People, Property and Natural Resources from the Dangers of Flood Hazards
- Protect Critical Infrastructure and Facilities to Ensure Operation during and after Flood Events
- Establish Proactive Maintenance and Preventative Measures for Stormwater Infrastructure



EVALUATE ACTION ITEMS

Educate Public, Policy Makers, and City Leaders on Stormwater and Floodplain Management and Risks

1. Present annually at a City of Phoenix Council Meeting on state of City's stormwater and floodplain.
2. Create an annual stormwater and floodplain management workshop for City leaders, Councilmembers, and Neighborhood Services to help with education and outreach.
3. Develop flyers, CRS Annual Outreach Letter, and a CRS specific webpage for use by the public, City leaders, policy makers, and the City's Neighborhood Services department.
4. Post at least once per month a stormwater, floodplain, or flood insurance related topic on the City's social media platforms.
5. Provide stormwater section bi-annually within the City's water bill for stormwater and floodplain outreach and education purposes.
6. Attend/Present at four neighborhood associations meetings, festivals, or home & garden shows per year to provide information to the public on recent, current, and future stormwater and floodplain projects and the importance of flood insurance.
7. Place signage at City dams to educate the public of the presence of the structure, the need for the structure, and risks.
8. Annual outreach to repetitive loss areas.



EVALUATE ACTION ITEMS

Coordinate with Other Jurisdictions and Agencies to Mitigate Flooding Hazards and Improve Emergency Response

9. Hold annual dam safety and flood response exercises and invite other agencies to participate.
10. Coordinate with the National Weather Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for updates to weather forecasting and warnings.
11. Send at least one City staff to a FEMA training/workshop annually for emergency response or floodplain management as credited by CRS Activity 360 – Advisor Training (TNG).
12. Establish a network of Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) throughout the City to provide overlapping coverage to support increased detail in surveys for development and public infrastructure projects.



EVALUATE ACTION ITEMS

Protect People, Property and Natural Resources from the Dangers of Flood Hazards

13. Hold an annual webcast to provide recommendations for proper vegetation maintenance and flood preparedness.
14. Publicize the Flood Concerns Customer Self-Reporting on City's 311 App and Webpage.
15. Require new developments to preserve natural drainage corridors.
16. Promote Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development to mitigate flooding risks.
17. Complete major projects within the current 5-year Capital Improvement Program – Paradise Ridge Drainage Improvements; Drainage Improvements: 20th Street between Winchcomb Drive and 19th Way; Storm Drain Replacement Study; Laveen Flood Mitigation; and Hohokam Drainage Program.



EVALUATE ACTION ITEMS

Protect Critical Infrastructure and Facilities to Ensure Operation during and after Flood Events

18. Identify and map critical infrastructure and facilities within the City of Phoenix.
19. Evaluate flood risks for critical infrastructure and facilities.
20. Provide flood fight materials at/near critical infrastructure and facilities based on flood risk.
21. Annually update database of critical infrastructure and facilities.
22. Establish or Update Emergency Action Plans to address flood response scenarios for City-owned critical infrastructure and facilities.
23. Update Emergency Action Plans annually for the City's flood control dams.
24. Require elevation or floodproofing of any new or improvements to existing critical infrastructure or facilities.



EVALUATE ACTION ITEMS

Establish Proactive Maintenance and Preventative Measures for Stormwater Infrastructure

25. Documentation of maintenance occurring at problematic areas throughout the year. (ST. Maint.)
26. Establish requirements and reporting on City-owned drywell maintenance. (ST Maint)
26. Publicize City's 311 App and Webpage for reporting maintenance issues.
27. Publicize the City's maintenance procedures and work completed each year (social media post and/or water bill).
28. Evaluate current stormwater and floodplain requirements, guidelines, regulations, codes, and design manuals for updates.
29. Evaluate and update Building Codes on a routine basis (at least every 5 years).
30. Develop a publicly facing vegetation maintenance guide for private use for wash corridors, storm drain inlets and outlets, and stormwater storage basins.
31. Evaluate and document City-owned stormwater infrastructure for maintenance responsibilities.



EVALUATE ACTION ITEMS

Utilize Public Funding in the Most Effective Manner for Stormwater and Floodplain Management

- 33. Utilize General Obligation Bond funding to mitigate flooding risks.
- 34. Apply for grants through state and federal agencies to reduce the burden on the City for stormwater and floodplain management projects.
- 35. Continue partnership with the Flood Control District of Maricopa County and the Small Projects Assistance Program.
- 36. Evaluate the need and practicality of a stormwater utility fee to establish a dedicated funding resource for the City's stormwater and floodplain needs.
- 37. Evaluate the need to expand impact fees.



ACTION PLAN (EXAMPLE LAYOUT)

Ref #	Action Items	FMP Activity Categories						Priority	Responsible Party	Funding Source	Deadline
		Preventative	Property Protection	Natural Resource Protection	Emergency Services	Structural Projects	Public Information				
FMP Goal 1: Educate Public, Policy Makers, and City Leaders on Stormwater and Floodplain Management and Risks											

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Thank you for your time and support!



Questions?

