FCD was created in 1959 to reduce the risk of flooding to people and property. Flood control structural projects and programs that have occurred since the creation of the District provide ongoing opportunities for economic vitality, alternative water management and long-term benefits for the community and environment.

The District is a political subdivision of the State of Arizona and is governed by a Board of Directors who also serve as the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. It is advised by the citizen Flood Control Advisory Board. As a special taxing district, FCD has authority to levy a secondary property tax on parcels within the county to fund flood control efforts. The District’s jurisdiction encompasses more than 9,200 square miles. It has partnered on over 151 flood control structures and operates 397 ALERT Stations covering 11,820 square miles.

The District strives to stay ahead of development, which opens up continued opportunities for collaboration. Flood education and tools such as GIS and drone technology, Flo-2D modeling and online permitting help FCD continue to improve, protect and facilitate interaction with stakeholders and citizens.

FCD is responsible for managing the floodplain permitting for the City of El Mirage. Additionally, FCD provides other services for the City such as area drainage studies, cost share on flood control projects, flood warning (ALERT) and educational outreach.

Historically, floods have caused millions of dollars worth of damage to homes, businesses, roads and farmland. Although considerable strides have been made in identifying flood hazards, building flood control structures and establishing programs and regulations, there is still work to be done. Flooding during more recent monsoon storms demonstrated that regional structures are still needed in areas to protect existing development.

In partnership with the City of El Mirage, the Flood Control District (FCD) of Maricopa County reduces risk from flooding so property damage and loss of life is minimized, economic development is supported in a safe and responsible manner and stormwater is recognized as a resource for long-term benefit to the community and environment. Many of the completed structural flood control projects protecting the public also enhance the community as multi-use opportunities such as recreational features, trails and open spaces.

FCD continues to reduce risk through new structures (Capital Improvement Program), purchase of homes and floodproofing to help homeowners in floodprone areas (Floodprone Properties Assistance Program) and partially funding small/local projects through the Small Project Assistance Program (SPAP). Ongoing collaboration with citizens, municipalities, agencies and developers is essential to ensure that people and property remain safe during floods as the county continues to grow and responsible economic growth is supported.
COMPLETED STRUCTURES
1. Lower El Mirage Wash Detention Basin

COMPLETED STUDIES
Lower El Mirage Wash Design
Agua Fria Master Plan

GENERAL FLOODPLAIN INFORMATION
0.9 sq-mi of floodplain in 9.9 sq-mi of town limits = ~ 9.4%
Benefits from 1 ALERT gages in town & 6 stations within 5 mi

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