



Report to the Board of Directors

Prepared by the Flood Control District of Maricopa County

Title: Floodplain Regulations – Appeals Process Revisions

Document Number: Text Amendment FCD 2013-001

Board Meeting Date: 3/12/2014

Advisory Board Date: 1/22/2014

Supervisor Districts: All

Request: Text Amendment FCD 2013-001 to the Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County, revising the appeals process under the regulations to reduce a regulatory burden.

Discussion: The proposed text amendment will accomplish the following:

- Clarify that appeals on reactivated sand and gravel permits are limited to the requirement for written notification, or the revised permit renewal date, and that reactivation of a voluntarily-suspended sand and gravel permit is not a new permit.
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- Remove the requirement to stay all activities during the pendency of an appeal.
- Clarify the scope of Floodplain Review Board interpretations as affecting only the dispute between the appellant and District employees, rather than being generally applicable. The edit is intended to ensure that the Maricopa County Enhanced Regulatory Outreach Policy's requirements are applied to broader regulation interpretations.
- Clarify that, following an appeal to the Floodplain Review Board, the appellant (rather than "any person") has the right to pursue further appeal to the Board of Directors; and that an appellant aggrieved by a Board of Directors decision may file a special action in the Superior Court of the State of Arizona.

Previous Board Actions: The Board of Directors approved the current version of the Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County under resolution FCD 2011R005 on November 30, 2011. (C-69-12-018-7-00).

On January 29, 2014, the Board of Directors took action to set a public hearing for March 12, 2014 to solicit comments and consider the adoption and enforcement of the proposed text amendment, and to publish a public notice thirty days prior to the public hearing. (C-69-14-026-M-00)

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Flood Control Advisory Board Action: January 22, 2014: Approve (5-0) staff's recommendation to initiate a change to the Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County, and recommend to the Board of Directors approval of Text Amendment FCD 2013-001.

Advisory Board Discussion Notes: Discussion was held clarifying the process for issuing new permits following permit expiration, reactivating voluntarily-suspended sand and gravel extraction permits, and the scope of District determinations in reviewing sand and gravel extraction floodplain use permits. It was moved by Mr. Justice and seconded by Mr. Dovalina to approve the item as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Meeting Dates: An initial stakeholder meeting was held on October 24, 2013. Six external stakeholders attended. A Flood Control Advisory Board meeting was held on January 22, 2014, with eleven attendees.

Public Support/Opposition: The content of the proposed Floodplain Regulations Amendment was formulated through a collaborative effort with Arizona Rock Products Association staff. Stakeholder meeting attendees indicated no opposition to the proposed amendment. Flood Control Advisory Board meeting attendees did not offer comments. One comment sheet was received at the stakeholder meeting and one was received through the Enhanced Regulatory Outreach website, both indicating support.

Other Public Agency Involvement: Invitations to the stakeholder meeting were sent to representatives of all cities and towns in Maricopa County, and various federal and state agencies. The stakeholder meeting was attended by staff representatives of the City of Peoria, City of Buckeye and City of Chandler. The Flood Control Advisory Board meeting was attended by representatives of the City of Phoenix and the Town of Fountain Hills.

Attachments: Proposed amendment; Flood Control Advisory Board presentation, attendance roster and draft minutes; stakeholder

meeting agenda, minutes, materials and attendance roster;
approval memorandum per Moratorium on Increased Regulatory
Burdens; public comments.

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Kelli Sertich, AICP, CFM, Manager, Floodplain Management & Services Division 

Paragraph E of Section 401, Floodplain Use Permit Required, is amended to read as follows:

- E. Voluntary Limited Suspension of a Floodplain Use Permit for Extraction of Sand and Gravel or Other Materials: The permittee may request a suspension of a Floodplain Use Permit for the extraction of sand and gravel or other materials by submitting a written request to the Floodplain Administrator that contains the following information:
1. The facility location and permit number for which a suspension is being requested,
 2. The effective date and time frame of the suspension,
 3. A statement of the reason or reasons for the suspension, and
 4. Current facility contact information to be maintained with the Floodplain Administrator.

If the permittee is in compliance with the current permit, the Floodplain Administrator shall issue a suspension of the existing permit for a period not-to-exceed five (5) years during a single suspension period or not-to-exceed a total of five (5) years during multiple suspension periods. The expiration date for any permit suspended under this Section shall be extended by the total time period(s) of the suspension(s).

While a Floodplain Use Permit for the extraction of sand and gravel or other materials is suspended, the permittee is required to maintain existing erosion controls; and to make repairs to the property necessitated by flood events as required by permit or agency directive. All mining, processing of material, material handling, grading, or any other activities not expressly authorized by the Floodplain Administrator within the floodplain shall cease during the suspension period(s). The suspension of the Floodplain Use Permit for the extraction of sand and gravel or other materials does not limit the permittee's right to maintain or remove equipment or impact any other operations that take place entirely outside of the floodplain.

While a Floodplain Use Permit for the extraction of sand and gravel or other materials within the floodplain is suspended, the Floodplain Administrator may inspect the permitted property to ensure compliance with this Section.

The permit may be reactivated by the permittee by submitting a written notification to the Floodplain Administrator fifteen (15) days prior to the resumption of operations to allow the Floodplain Administrator time to inspect the site to verify compliance with the permit. At the end of the suspension period or upon reactivation of the permit, the Floodplain Administrator will ~~issue a new~~ reactivate the permit with a revised renewal date reflecting the extension of the time associated with suspension period. For purposes of Section 409, only the written notification requirement and revised renewal date are appealable on a reactivated permit.

Paragraph B of Section 404, Permit Conditions, is amended to read as follows:

B. Extraction of Sand and Gravel or Other Materials

Issuance of a Floodplain Use Permit for extraction of sand and gravel or other material shall include the following conditions:

1. The Plan of development is subject to post-flood review and possible modification if necessary due to flood related changes in river morphology.
2. The operator of an active sand and gravel extraction operation permitted under these Regulations shall maintain a copy on site of the permit along with an approved Plan of development bearing the approval of the Floodplain Administrator. Failure to maintain a copy on site of the approved Floodplain Use Permit and Plan of development shall be a violation of these Regulations, subject to revocation of the Floodplain Use Permit pursuant to this Section and a fine pursuant to Section 708 of these Regulations.
3. A Floodplain Use Permit for the extraction of sand and gravel or other materials shall not exceed a five (5) year duration unless suspended pursuant to Section ~~404(B)~~ 401(E) and may be issued for a lesser duration of time as determined by the Floodplain Administrator.
4. The Floodplain Administrator may issue a permit of short duration for an applicant participating in an ongoing application process.
5. Any request for a major or minor change to an approved Floodplain Use Permit for the extraction of sand and gravel or other materials including an approved Plan of development shall require an application to amend the permit.
6. The Floodplain Administrator shall advise the applicant that the issuance of a floodplain use permit does not negate any requirements to obtain all permits from those governmental agencies from which approval is required by Federal or State law.

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Enhanced Regulatory Outreach Program

Notice of Public Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

Location: Flood Control District Administration Building
New River Conference Room
2801 West Durango Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85009

The Flood Control Advisory Board of the Flood Control District of Maricopa County will host a Public Meeting to discuss proposed revisions to the Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County. The subject matter to be discussed includes:

Case#/Title: FCD 2013-001/Appeals Process Revision.

Overview: Revision to the following sections of the Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County: Paragraph E of Section 401, Paragraph B of Section 404, and Section 409. The proposed text amendment will accomplish the following:

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Flood Control District of Maricopa County

Flood Control Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2014 – Agenda Item No.7

Board Members Present: Hemant Patel, Chairman; Scott Ward, Secretary; DeWayne Justice, Ray Dovalina, Ex Officio; Bob Larchick, Ex Officio

Board Members Absent: Dallas Tanner, Vice Chairman; Melvin Martin

Staff Members Present: Tim Phillips; Wayne Peck, General Counsel; Amir Motamedi, Christopher Fazio; Scott Vogel; Kelli Sertich, Patrick Schafer; Linda Reinbold, Anna Medina; and Ed Raleigh.

Guests Present: Randy Harrell, Fountain Hills; Nathan Ford, RBF; Jeff Minch, Wood/Patel; Raj Shah, Ritoch Powell; Justine Buler, Dibble Engineering; Laura Marquis, Hoskin Rayan; Hasan Mushtaq, City of Phoenix; Brian Schalk, Atkins; Stuart Kimball, G&K; Laurie Marin, Kimley-Horn; Huri Raghavan

Chairman Patel called the meeting of the Flood Control Advisory Board (FCAB) to order at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2014.

7) **FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS FOR MARICOPA COUNTY TEXT AMENDMENT FCD 2013-001, APPEAL PROCESS REVISION**

Presented by Kelli Sertich, Floodplain Management & Services Division Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION: Initiate a change to the Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County and recommend to the Board of Directors of the Flood Control District of Maricopa County approval of Text Amendment FCD 2013-001

Ms. Sertich reviewed that during 2011, staff completed a revamp of the floodplain regulations, making minor changes as a result of a FEMA community assistance visit. The minor text amendments are located in Article 4 of the regulations, which is an administrative section, Floodplain Use Permit Appeals and Variance. She reviewed the process that staff has taken the proposed changes through, requests for comments from stakeholders, various meetings and a workshop with the stakeholders. No opposition has been suggested. The notice has been reposted on the regulatory outreach webpage. The next stage in the process is to present the proposed change the Flood Control Advisory Board. If approved by the Board, the changes would be provided to the Board of Directors for the public hearing and approval process.

She then reviewed the proposed text revision. Revisions to Section 401, Sand and Gravel Permits, included a clarification in language and an added sentence for clarification of appeals. A revision to Section 404 involved a correction in the cross-referencing of sections. Revisions to the Appeals Section 409 included changes resulting from recent State statute changes for the bill of rights for permitting.

Board Member Ward asked whether a sand and gravel permit allowed the user the unilateral right to mine in those floodways. Ms. Sertich confirmed this to be true but added that it would have to

be conducted in accordance with regulations. Board Member Ward asked about the term of the permit. Ms. Sertich replied that they are for up to five years. Board Member Ward asked if a compliant user can then reapply for an extension of the original permit. Mr. Phillips replied that it is not an extension. Mr. Raleigh confirmed this, stating that a new permit would be issued upon reapplication by a compliant applicant. He added that a provision allows a suspension in an active sand and gravel extraction permit, which allows the user to suspend the permit, for example, due to a downturn in the economy which leads to a lull in business or a need to not operate. When the suspension ends, they are not issued a new permit, but a reactivation of their suspended permit.

Ms. Sertich reviewed a further portion of the appeals section, where a clarification in language was needed in regards to the appeal process and the interpretation of the regulations issued. A further change was noted under Section F, where a clarification in language was made from "person" to "appellant." Some sentences containing repetitive language were struck.

Board Member Ward asked about the application process and whether the application is made to staff or to a governing body that reviews and issues the permit. Mr. Phillips responded that staff reviews the application, as the regulating body. Mr. Raleigh clarified that staff is issuing a floodplain use permit only. They do not consider hours of operation, dust control or other related issues. In addition, there is permit paperwork that the applicant must file with the State, that is unrelated to the application process with the District.

Board Member Ward asked for confirmation that the permit does not allow an applicant to receive a prescriptive easement of use of the floodplain in perpetuity. Ms. Sertich confirmed that it does not. General Counsel Mr. Peck added that the permits are for property that the applicant already owns.

Board Member Justice asked for confirmation that the changes have been vetted by all the stakeholders. Mr. Phillips and Ms. Sertich confirmed this.

ACTION: It was moved by Mr. Justice and seconded by Mr. Dovalina to approve the item as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.



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STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES

Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County

Text Amendment FCD 2013-001

Adobe & Harquahala Conference Rooms

October 24, 2013 10:00 am – 11:00 am

The meeting commenced at 10:00 am. District staff initiated the meeting with introductions from all attendees. The stated meeting purpose was to review with stakeholders a proposed text amendment to the Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County, clarifying language in the regulations related to the appeals process.

District staff provided a walkthrough of the County's Regulatory Outreach website, providing instructions in the process for receiving notifications related to regulatory items, and for entering comments related to regulatory items.

Staff reviewed the proposed text changes, and the meeting was opened for comments and questions.

Arizona Rock Products Association representatives voiced support for the amendment, aligning the appeals process in the Floodplain Regulations with language in the State Statutes.

A representative of the City of Peoria questioned the five-year limit on voluntary suspension periods for Sand and Gravel Extraction Permits. District staff provided an explanation of the five-year limit but clarified that the five-year period was not being changed by the proposed amendment and therefore outside the scope of this regulatory update process. The City of Peoria representative questioned regarding the limits on appeals available to "any person" under the proposed Section 409 edits to the Floodplain Regulations. Clarification was provided that the proposed language was to meet statutory requirements.

A poll of attendees indicated no opposition to the proposed amendment.

Attendees were notified of next steps in the process, and the District's current intent to follow its Expedited Regulatory Outreach Process provided that no opposing comments are received.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 am.



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FOLLOW MARICOPA COUNTY'S REGULATORY ADOPTION PROCESS—STEP-BY-STEP

- Step 1** County Manager Briefed Board of Supervisors
- Step 2** Conduct Stakeholder Workshop
- Step 3** Stakeholder Notification 2 Weeks Prior to Citizen's Board or Commission
- Step 4** Public Meeting to Initiate Regulatory Change
- Step 5** Specific Departmental Processes
- Step 6** Stakeholder Notification 2 Weeks Prior to Citizen's Board or Commission
- Step 7** Public Meeting to Make Recommendation to Board of Supervisors
- Step 8** Schedule BOS Public Hearing
- Step 9** Board of Supervisor Public Hearing
- Step 10** Item Adopted





Flood Control District of Maricopa County

FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS AMENDMENT FCD 2013-001 - ATTENDANCE ROSTER

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FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS AMENDMENT FCD 2013-001 - ATTENDANCE ROSTER

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Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County

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**Floodplain Regulations
for Maricopa County
Text Amendment FCD 2013-001
Stakeholder Meeting**

October 24, 2013

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Purpose & Introduction

- Several Text Amendment to the Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County have been proposed
- Collaborative effort between stakeholders
- Text Amendment following the Enhanced Regulatory Outreach Process
 - ✓ Step 2 Stakeholder Meeting



Regulatory Outreach Program

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Proposed Amendments

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(Last paragraph)

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Issues and Next Steps

- Discussion
- Next Steps





Questions?

History of Floodplain Regulations

- 1974 regulations available in Maricopa County
- 1975 regulations adopted by Board of Supervisors/Directors
- 1977 regulations to conformance with NFIP
- 1986 regulations brought into conformance with Flood Control Districts by State Statute
- Regulations periodically amended

(amended March 23, 1987; April 6, 1988; September 18, 1989; September 3, 1991; December 15, 1993; November 1, 2000; December 20, 2006, November 30, 2011)





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**Maricopa County Enhanced Regulatory Outreach Program
Tentative Schedule**

Department: Flood Control District	Contact: Kelli Sertich	Date Entered in Process: September 4, 2013
Item Name and Number: TA FCD 2013-001 – Floodplain Regulations Appeals Process		

Step No.	Process	Date	Comments
1	County Manager brief Board of Directors	Week of September 23, 2013	Amendment/clarification related to appeals process
2	Notification Two Weeks Prior to Stakeholder Workshop	October 7, 2013	Notice via County web page and stakeholder list
3	Stakeholder Workshop	October 24, 2013	Stakeholder workshop to review proposed amendment and gather input
4	<i>Notification Two Weeks Prior to Citizens' Board Meeting</i>	<i>Tentative November 20, 2013</i>	<i>Notice/staff report via County web page, stakeholder list, and advisory board agenda</i>
5	<i>Public Meeting to Initiate Regulatory Change</i>	<i>Tentative December 4, 2013</i>	<i>Flood Control Advisory Board; following meeting, evaluate suitability of Expedited Process</i>
6	<i>Notification 30 Days Prior to Board of Directors Meeting</i>	<i>Tentative December 11, 2013 Assumes Expedited Process</i>	<i>If requirements for Expedited Process are met; SOLAR deadline November 21, 2013</i>
7	<i>Board of Directors Public Hearing</i>	<i>Tentative January 22, 2014 Assumes Expedited Process</i>	<i>If requirements for Expedited Process are met; SOLAR deadline January 2, 2014</i>
8	<i>Item Adopted</i>	<i>Tentative January 22, 2014 Assumes Expedited Process</i>	<i>Publish copy of revised Floodplain Regulations to County web site</i>



Flood Control District

of Maricopa County

Date: September 4, 2013

To: Tom Manos, County Manager

Via: Joy Rich, Deputy County Manager *JR*

From: Tim Phillips, Chief Engineer & General Manager *TP 9/4/13*

Subject: Text Amendment FCD 2013-001 to Floodplain Regulations of Maricopa County

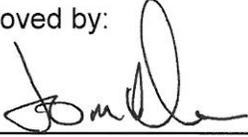
In accordance with the "Moratorium on Increased Regulatory Burdens" (C-44-13-104-M-00), the Flood Control District of Maricopa County requests your approval to pursue a text amendment to the Floodplain Regulations of Maricopa County (TA FCD 2013-001). The proposed amendment generally clarifies the process and limitations associated with appeals. Consistent with the moratorium, the amendment is proposed to lessen a regulatory burden.

The proposed amendment accomplishes the following:

- Clarify that appeals on reactivated sand and gravel permits are limited to the requirement for written notification, or the revised permit renewal date, and that reactivation of a voluntarily-suspended sand and gravel permit is not a new permit.
- Remove from Section 409 (Appeals) language pertinent to variances, which are separately addressed in the regulations; and, clarify parties' appeal abilities by distinguishing the allowable bases of appeal for "any person", "applicants", and "regulated persons".
- Specify information that is required to be included in a written notice of appeal: name and address of the person requesting the interpretation, the regulation that requires clarification, any facts relevant to the requested interpretation and the person's proposed interpretation of the applicable regulation. This information is consistent with the requirements for applicants who are seeking a clarification of interpretation pursuant to A.R.S. § 49-3649.
- Remove the requirement to stay all activities during the pendency of an appeal.
- Clarify the scope of Floodplain Review Board interpretations as affecting only the dispute between the appellant and District employees, rather than being generally applicable. The edit is intended to ensure that the Maricopa County Enhanced Regulatory Outreach Policy's requirements are applied to broader regulation interpretations.
- Clarify that, following an appeal to the Floodplain Review Board, the *appellant* (rather than "any person") has the right to pursue further appeal to the Board of Directors; and that an appellant aggrieved by a Board of Directors decision may file a special action in the Superior Court of the State of Arizona.

Staff recommends advancing this text amendment through the Enhanced Regulatory Outreach process to provide clarification regarding the appeals process and to lessen applicants' regulatory burden.

Approved by:



Tom Manos, County Manager

Floodplain Regulations of Maricopa County Proposed Text Amendment FCD 2013-001

Comment Card

Comments may alternately be provided through the maricopa.gov/regulations "Comments" page

Comment is intended to:

Express Support

Express Opposition

Other

Your contact information – fields marked by * are mandatory:

Name* Steve Truesch

Agency ARPA

City* Phoenix

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Would you like to be contacted regarding your comment?* not necessary

Comments:

The Arizona Rock Products Association is very pleased with both the process and the results of the changes. We are affirmed that the changes to the FCD regulations will provide both clarity and consistency with existing statutes. Thank You!

From: Kelli Sertich - FCDX
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2014 12:00 PM
To: jathompson2144@yahoo.com
Subject: Issue: FCD 2013-001 Floodplain Regulations Appeals Process

Mr. Thompson,
13811 N 11th Street is located in the City of Phoenix. Phoenix has assumed floodplain management responsibilities within its jurisdiction. The Flood Control District of Maricopa County does not have regulatory authority in Phoenix. The text amendment for appeals to the Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County is applicable for property owners in unincorporated Maricopa County and the 13 communities that the Flood Control District of Maricopa County performs floodplain management for.

However, the requirement for Flood Insurance is a Federal one that is part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Flood Control District of Maricopa County does not have the authority to require flood insurance. This requirement is based on federal law and is at the lenders discretion to require property owners to purchase flood insurance. You may wish to contact the Floodplain Administrator at the City of Phoenix to discuss your flood insurance concern. The phone number is (602) 262-4960.

Kelli A. Sertich, AICP, CFM
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Citizen Comments

Issue: FCD 2013-001 Floodplain Regulations Appeals Process

Citizen's Name: john thompson
Organization:
City: Phoenix
Zip: 85022
Phone Number: 480-352-8344
Phone Type: mobile
Email: jathompson2144@yahoo.com

Does citizen want to be contacted: yes

Comment is regarding: express support

Comments:
would like property exempted from flood control-requiring flood ins.13810 n, 11th. st. pgx, 85022

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