

FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

March 23, 2020

Lena Fowler
Chair
Board of Directors

Dear Mt. Elden Estates Area Property Owner,

Art Babbott
Director
District 1

Thanks to everyone who attended our “meet in the street” on February 25, and especially to Susan Linde for opening up her home to discuss flood mitigation projects in Mt. Elden Estates. Supervisor Art Babbott and the County Flood Control District (FCD) have important updates to share with you regarding these projects. Although our original preference was to host an in-person meeting for you and your neighbors, the COVID-19 pandemic mandates that we do our best to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s guidelines regarding “social distancing” during this challenging and rapidly changing situation.

Lucinda Andreani
Administrator

Christopher Tressler
District Engineer

Jay Smith
Forest Restoration
Director

With this in mind, we would like you invite you to tune in to a live-stream meeting on **Monday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m.** regarding flood mitigation plans for your neighborhood. In addition to streaming this meeting, we will have a call-in number so that we discuss any questions or comments that you might have regarding these projects.

To access the video link for this live-stream meeting on March 30 at 6:00 p.m., please go to www.coconino.az.gov/MEEVideoMeeting and select the “Join on the web instead” option. This link will allow you to both hear & see the presentation and will provide for asking questions as presenters request questions.

To join this meeting with only two-way audio, please call +1 623-473-9267 and enter Conference ID: 237 403 011# on March 30 at 6:00 p.m.

This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the **Post-Museum Fire Watershed On-Forest Alluvial Fan Stabilization Project**, which is scheduled to break ground next month. This project features the installation of on-forest sediment reduction measures, commonly known as grade control, on the eastern portion of the watershed, which accounts for about 70 percent of the watershed’s overall flows that could yield peak flows up to 100 times higher than pre-fire conditions. Left untreated, fans will become impaired and degrade significantly, creating massive head cuts and clogging downstream drainages with sediment. Although no project can completely eliminate sediment, these measures will help to arrest erosion (known as head cutting) and thus the alluvial fan can continue to spread out floodwater, causing some sediment to drop out instead of allowing it to travel downstream and fill up off-forest drainage structures and impact private properties.

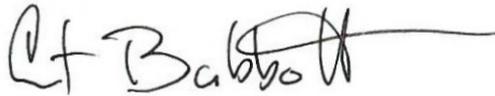
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The FCD also will discuss the off-forest project to remove sediment from basins on Wildrose Trail. In addition, we'll review the proposed **Mt. Elden Estates Master Flood Mitigation Project**, which would be an off-forest flood mitigation project. Staff will explain the process that would be required to finish the design so that a project could potentially break ground next year. As property owners along the entire flood corridor will need to approve any construction on their properties, our goal is to educate everyone about this process to the fullest extent possible.

The FCD has applied for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grant that would fund a portion of this project. More information will be posted to www.coconino.az.gov/MuseumFire/MEE as soon as it is available.

Please know that the Coconino County Flood Control District continues to work hard on your behalf to help mitigate flooding in your neighborhood. We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time and hope that you can tune in to this important meeting and participate to learn more about flood mitigation for your community. If you have any questions about this meeting, then please contact please contact Marc Della Rocca at 928-679-8307 or via email at mdella_rocca@coconino.az.gov.

Sincerely,



Art Babbott
District 1 Supervisor

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Lucinda Andreani
Deputy County Manager
FCD Administrator