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Dear Mountain Dell Resident,

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I would like to start by thanking everyone for their patience during construction of the Fort Tuthill Sewer Extension Project. Projects like these are never easy, but this one was especially challenging. The good news is that this project is complete. The better news is that Tiffany Construction Co. is preparing to break ground on the Mountain Dell Access Road Reconstruction Project. Tiffany was planning to mobilize for construction in early August; however, this schedule will probably be delayed as their team and the County are currently conducting flood cleanup and mitigation efforts in the Museum Flood Area.

The Mountain Dell Access Road Reconstruction Project includes replacement of the old, cracked asphalt on Mountain Dell Access Road from just past the Beulah Blvd. transition area to the Mountain Dell subdivision. The currently paved sections Palmer Avenue and Sinclair Street in Mountain Dell also will be repaved as part of this project, which is expected to be completed this fall. This schedule is, of course, subject to change due to weather, Museum Flood response needs or other unforeseen factors.

As we shared before, the County had planned to conduct this work in about two years but decided to bring this project forward as one of the Public Works Stimulus Plan projects given the impacts of both the sewer line and flood control projects. We will send you a construction start notification when the project is ready to break ground.

The County is also working with the City on a safer intersection with Beulah Blvd. but given that it will involve additional engineering, permitting and financial resources, this project will not be completed as part of the reconstruction project. Once engineered, the County will have a cost estimate and can then look at opportunities to integrate this project into our Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan.

Mountain Dell Drainage Improvement Project - Update

The Mountain Dell Drainage Improvement Project was constructed last summer to improve the drainage in the community to accommodate a 100-year flood event. The goal of this project was to decrease the size of the flood-affected area, thereby potentially removing 23 structures and the community's water system from floodplain designation, which could positively impact insurance rates for these properties.

We've received several inquiries about when the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will officially approve the change in the floodplain

designation for these properties. Although the Flood Control District submitted the initial paperwork (CLOMR – Conditional Letter of Map Revision) to FEMA several months ago, there have unfortunately been delays in getting it approved largely due to COVID-19 impacts on the FEMA organization’s operations.

Our understanding now is that FEMA is in the final stages of review for approval of the CLOMR. Once the CLOMR is approved, the FCD will submit the final paperwork that includes the application for a final Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), which we hope will bring this process to a conclusion. We will provide a timeline for this process as soon as it is provided by FEMA. That said and as we have stated since our original meeting several years ago, the decision solely rests with FEMA and there is no guarantee of approval.

Coconino County appreciates your patience as we continue working towards completing these important projects for your community. If in the interim you have any questions or concerns, then please call Community Relations Manager Marc Della Rocca at (928) 679-8307 or visit www.coconino.az.gov/MountainDellProjects.

Sincerely,



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