



**Cochise County
Community Development
Highway and Floodplain Division**

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DATE: September 14, 2018
TO: Flood Control District Board
FROM: Jackie Watkins, P.E., P.T.O.E., County Engineer Highway & Floodplain
SUBJECT: **Approve the Stormwater Ordinance**

Recommendation: This department recommends to adopt the Stormwater Ordinance.

Background (Brief): The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has determined three areas of unincorporated Cochise County meet the requirements of small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). In September 2016, County obtained permit for the MS4 and ADEQ issued AZPDES Permit No. AZG2016-002. This permit requires the County to adopt a Stormwater Ordinance that authorizes the discharge of stormwater.

Fiscal Impact & Funding Sources: If approved, there is a \$5,000/ year permit fee.

Next Steps/Action Items/Follow-up: If approved, staff will administer development within affected areas within the new MS4 boundaries.

Impact of Not Approving: Should the item not be approved; the County will be in violation of AZPDES Permit No. AZG2016-002. Subject to a \$25,000 per day fine.

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