

COCHISE COUNTY

Engineering & Natural Resources

Flood Control District
Floodplain Regulations Updates

Board of Supervisors
Public Hearing
October 10, 2023



Public Programs...Personal Service

Floodplain Regulations

- 1st Adopted July 30, 1984
- Current Regulations December 15, 2015
- Update Regulations to comply with:
 - State of Arizona Floodplain Management Model Ordinance, June 2023
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
 - National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
 - Agricultural Structures and Accessory Structures



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• Proposed Changes

- For new construction and substantial improvements.
 - Section 2 Definitions
 - State of Arizona Floodplain Management Model Ordinance
 - FEMA Agricultural Structures and Accessory Structure
 - Section 5 Provisions for Flood Hazard Reduction
 - Require all habitable structures to have a minimum of twelve inches elevation/positive drainage from foundation
 - » International Residential Code Section R322, Flood-Resistant Construction
 - Clarified agricultural and other structures are inclusive to non-residential construction
 - General land disturbance inclusive information of adverse impact
 - Section 6 Variance Procedure
 - Added procedure for Accessory Structures and Agricultural Structures



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- Community Rating System (CRS)
 - Currently provides all citizens of Cochise County a 5% discount on flood insurance policies
- Agriculture & Owner – Builder “opt out” have never been exempt from Floodplain Regulations

