



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 5/20/2025

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***Title:**

Resolution to support the design and construction of green stormwater infrastructure at the Wa:k Community Park on the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation

***Introduction/Background:**

The San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation and Flood Control District are collaborating on the installation of green stormwater infrastructure features at the Wa:k Community Park.

***Discussion:**

The RFCD will partner with the San Xavier District (SXD) to design and construct a neighborhood stormwater park south of the San Xavier Mission. The SXD identified a major vehicular intersection linking the SXD land to I-19 as an area of consistent flooding from Campus Wash in need of mitigation. The SXD identified an open parcel upstream of flooding conditions to construct RFCD infrastructure including three stormwater basins, paths, native plants and irrigation.

The RFCD will invest \$868,624.50 for the stormwater park and, using this investment as a match, SXD acquired a \$1.5 million grant from AZ State Parks to construct the remainder of the community park. The RFCD joined SXD in multiple outreach and listening sessions, and using feedback from the community, RFCD designed the master plan in-house for SXD's first community park including a Toka Field where turf isn't used.

***Conclusion:**

The installation of green stormwater infrastructure in the Wa:k Community Park will mitigate flood risks and provide greenspace and park amenities to the community.

***Recommendation:**

The District recommends approval of this Resolution.

***Fiscal Impact:**

\$868,624.50

***Board of Supervisor District:**

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Department: Regional Flood Control District

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Date: 5/2/2025

Deputy County Administrator Signature: _____

Date: 5/6/2025

County Administrator Signature: _____

Date: 5/6/2025

RESOLUTION 2025-FC__

**RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO SUPPORT THE DESIGN
AND CONSTRUCTION OF A WA:K COMMUNITY PARK IN THE SAN
XAVIER DISTRICT OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**

The Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona sitting as the Flood Control District Board of Directors finds:

1. The Pima County Flood Control District supports the installation of green stormwater infrastructure as part of the Stormwater Park Program throughout Pima County that feature water harvesting, mitigate the risk of flooding, create additional greenspaces, and offer park amenities to the community.
2. On May 16, 2023, the San Xavier District Council of the Tohono O'odham Nation adopted a resolution (attached), recognizing the Nation's need for a community park in the San Xavier District. To meet this need, the San Xavier District has proposed the Wa:k Community Park that will be located on a parcel on the northwest corner of Campus Drive and Little Nogales Drive.
3. The San Xavier District has experienced consistent flooding from the Campus Wash that impedes access from the San Xavier District land to U.S. Interstate 19. The parcel selected as the site of the Wa:k Community Park is upstream of these flooding conditions.
4. The Flood Control District has determined that installing green stormwater infrastructure in the Wa:k Community Park will mitigate the flooding hazards in this area while also serving the San Xavier District community with greenspace for native plants, recreational paths, and a Toka Field.
5. The Flood Control District and the San Xavier District has agreed that the Wa:k Community Park is an appropriate location for green stormwater infrastructure. The Flood Control District agrees to contribute \$868,624.50 to fund the design and construction of the green stormwater infrastructure features of the park. The San Xavier District will fund and construct the remainder of the park.
6. The Pima County Flood Control District will continue to inspect and maintain the flood control infrastructure of Wa:k Community Park in perpetuity with approval from the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Flood Control District Board of Directors supports the funding of the design and construction of the Wa:k Community Park in the San Xavier District and authorizes staff to continue the District's partnership with the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Rex Scott, Chairman
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board



Bobby Yu, Deputy County Attorney



**SAN XAVIER DISTRICT
OF THE
TOHONO O' ODHAM NATION**

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RESOLUTION OF THE SAN XAVIER DISTRICT COUNCIL

(Supporting the proposed Wa:k Community Park, to be located at the parcel on the Northwest corner of Campus Drive and Little Nogales Drive intersection)

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- WHEREAS, The San Xavier District Vision Document has identified a need for a community park since 1990; and
- WHEREAS, The San Xavier District General Land Use Plan has identified a priority for a community park since 1992; and
- WHEREAS, The Wa:k Community Plan has illustrated a need for a park since 2001; and
- WHEREAS, San Xavier District Planning Department has conducted numerous park site feasibility studies and created numerous conceptual designs for community input since 2018; and
- WHEREAS, San Xavier District Planning Department had several meetings with Tucson Foundation regarding funding for Wa:k Community Park concept in December of 2018, the meetings resulted in San Xavier District being awarded the Vance Grant Foundation in 2019 for park funding; and
- WHEREAS, San Xavier District Planning Department presented park concepts at a special community meeting on October 23rd, 2019 where there were no concerns with the Campus Drive and Little Nogales Drive park concept; and
- WHEREAS, San Xavier District Planning Department presented park concepts at a special community meeting on October 26th, 2019 where there were no concerns with the Campus Drive and Little Nogales Drive park concept; and
- WHEREAS, San Xavier District Planning Department presented Wa:k Community Park at Campus Drive and Little Nogales Drive location to Planning & Housing Committee on the evening of June 22nd, 2022 where there were no objections; and
- WHEREAS, San Xavier District Planning Department presented Wa:k Community Park at Campus Drive and Little Nogales Road location at the Community Budget Meeting on August 19th, 2022 where it was widely supported by many attendees; and
- WHEREAS, San Xavier District Staff met with Pima County Flood Control District on March 15th, 2023, in which Pima County committed to fund park design and park construction if District Council Resolution is granted, and
- WHEREAS, The Planning Department requested Archeological & Biological Clearances for the Wa:k Community Park and received clearance on April 12, 2023; and



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WHEREAS, The San Xavier District Planning Department distributed a Wa:k Community Park pamphlet, which detailed the park concept, to all homes within the San Xavier District community from May 1st, 2023 through May 4th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, 91% of participants in District-wide door-to-door Community Survey have expressed a need and support a community park in San Xavier District from our recent May 15th, 2023 analysis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Xavier District Council hereby supports the proposed Wa:k Community Park, to be located at the parcel on the Northwest corner of Campus Drive and Little Nogales Drive intersection.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was passed by the San Xavier District Council at a meeting held on the 16th day of May, 2023, at which time a quorum was present with a vote of 5 FOR; 0 AGAINST; 0 NOT VOTING; 0 ABSENT. Pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by the Tohono O'odham Constitution, Article IX, Section 5, as adopted and approved on 6 March 1986.

San Xavier District

Austin G. Nunez, Chairman

ATTEST

Rina Encinas, Secretary
San Xavier District Council

MOTION: Michael Enis
SECOND: Denise Begay