



MEMORANDUM

Date: January 31, 2025

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Leshner 
County Administrator

Re: **Additional Information for Board of Supervisors February 4, 2025, Meeting – Items #8 and #9 for Acquisition of City of Tucson-owned Property and Construction of Amphi Stormwater Park**

In 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Tucson and the Regional Flood Control District (RFCD) to collaborate on the development and maintenance of green stormwater infrastructure (GSI). A focus of the IGA is to maximize the number, size, and performance of future GSI projects on City-owned or RFCD-owned property within the City that are large enough to reduce the risk of flooding or reduce pollutant loads at tributary watercourse confluences with regional watercourses. To date, this IGA has resulted in the successful completion of five (5) stormwater parks, including Seneca Stormwater Park, Richey Park, Sunland Vista Stormwater Park, El Vado/New Hope Stormwater Park, and Cherry Ave Park, with additional GSI projects in the planning and design phases.

In mid-2023, the City of Tucson’s Department of Housing and Community Development approached the RFCD with a project opportunity involving two contiguous parcels at 202 East Mohave Rd and 201 East Navajo Road that has an apartment complex on it that had been used for affordable housing but is no longer habitable. The property and the complex are in a federally-designated Special Flood Hazard Area associated with the Navajo Wash which makes redevelopment of the property very difficult. Based on the high flood hazards, it is proposed that RFCD acquire the property and demolish the complex. It is anticipated that the acquisition and the demolition will not exceed \$400,000.

The City has agreed to invest that same amount of money into the property for the creation of the Amphi Stormwater Park using CDBG funds. RFCD and the City will collaborate to engage the neighborhood on the design of the future public space, which at a minimum will include the typical elements of RFCD stormwater parks such as water harvesting, landscaping, and walkways. This site may also include structural elements to promote aquifer recharge, if determined appropriate.

The subject items on the Agenda regarding the RFCD property acquisition and committing the City to invest in the development of the park, should be considered together and are recommended for approval by the Board.

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- c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
- Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
- Eric Shepp, Director, Regional Flood Control District

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