

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: July 3rd, 2018

Title: Approval of a Riparian Habitat Mitigation Plan Located at 5740 East Santa Fee

Introduction/Background:

Chapter 16.30 of the Pima County Floodplain Management Ordinance No. 2010-FC5 (Ordinance) requires mitigation for disturbance of Regulated Riparian Habitat (RRH) exceeding 1/3 of an acre. A riparian habitat mitigation plan (RHMP) approved by the Flood Control District Board of Directors (Board) is required for disturbance of Hydroriparian habitat exceeding 1/3 of an acre and that exceeds 5 percent of the habitat on the property. The adopted Regulated Riparian Habitat Mitigation Standards and Implementation Guidelines (Guidelines) govern the type, amount, and location of required mitigation.

Discussion:

The owners, Garrett and Beth Rustand, are applying for a floodplain use permit to construct a single family residence on the property located at 5740 East Santa Fee. The property is mapped within Regulated Riparian Habitat (RRH) classified as Important Riparian Area with underlying Class H Habitat as well as Hydromesoriparian Habitat. There has been previous permitted disturbance on this property. With the additional disturbance for construction of the single family residence, the RRH disturbance exceeds the 1/3 acre threshold. The cumulative disturbance is 41,736 square feet (0.96 acres), therefore a RHMP is required.

Conclusion:

Acceptance of the on-site Riparian Habitat Mitigation Plan allows for the disturbed riparian habitat to re-establish to a healthy valuable resource that supports the natural function of floodplains.

Recommendation:

The RHMP conforms to the Ordinance and the Guidelines and, as such, the District recommends approval.

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DATE: June 11, 2018

TO:

Flood Control District Board of Directors

Director

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Riparian Habitat Mitigation Plan Located at 5740 East Santa Fee, Located in Important Riparian Area and Hydromesoriparian Habitat (District 4)

Background

Chapter 16.30 of the Pima County Floodplain Management Ordinance No. 2010-FC5 (Ordinance) requires mitigation for disturbance of Regulated Riparian Habitat exceeding 1/3 of an acre. A riparian habitat mitigation plan (RHMP) approved by the Flood Control District Board of Directors (Board) is required for disturbance of Hydroriparian habitat exceeding 1/3 of an acre when the disturbance exceeds 5 percent of the habitat on the property. The adopted Regulated Riparian Habitat Mitigation Standards and Implementation Guidelines (Guidelines) govern the type, amount, and location of required mitigation.

Report

The owners, Garrett and Beth Rustand, are applying for a floodplain use permit to construct a single family residence on the property located at 5740 East Santa Fee (Exhibit A). The property is mapped within Regulated Riparian Habitat (RRH) classified as Important Riparian Area with underlying Class H habitat as well as Hydromesoriparian Habitat (Exhibit B). There has been previous permitted disturbance on the property. With the additional disturbance for construction of the single family residence, the RRH disturbance exceeds the 1/3 acre threshold. The cumulative disturbance is 41,736 square feet (0.96 acres), therefore a Riparian Habitat Mitigation Plan (RHMP) is required.

Mr. and Mrs. Rustand have chosen to mitigate onsite and hired Jeff Stewart, with Steadfast Drafting and Design, Inc. to prepare a RHMP (Exhibit C). All onsite mitigation planting will occur per the RHMP, which shows the type, number, and planting location of the vegetation that will compensate for riparian disturbance. The mitigation areas are located within existing RRH and within disturbed areas on the property that have the space to support new plantings. Any future development will require submittal of a separate mitigation plan.

Recommendation

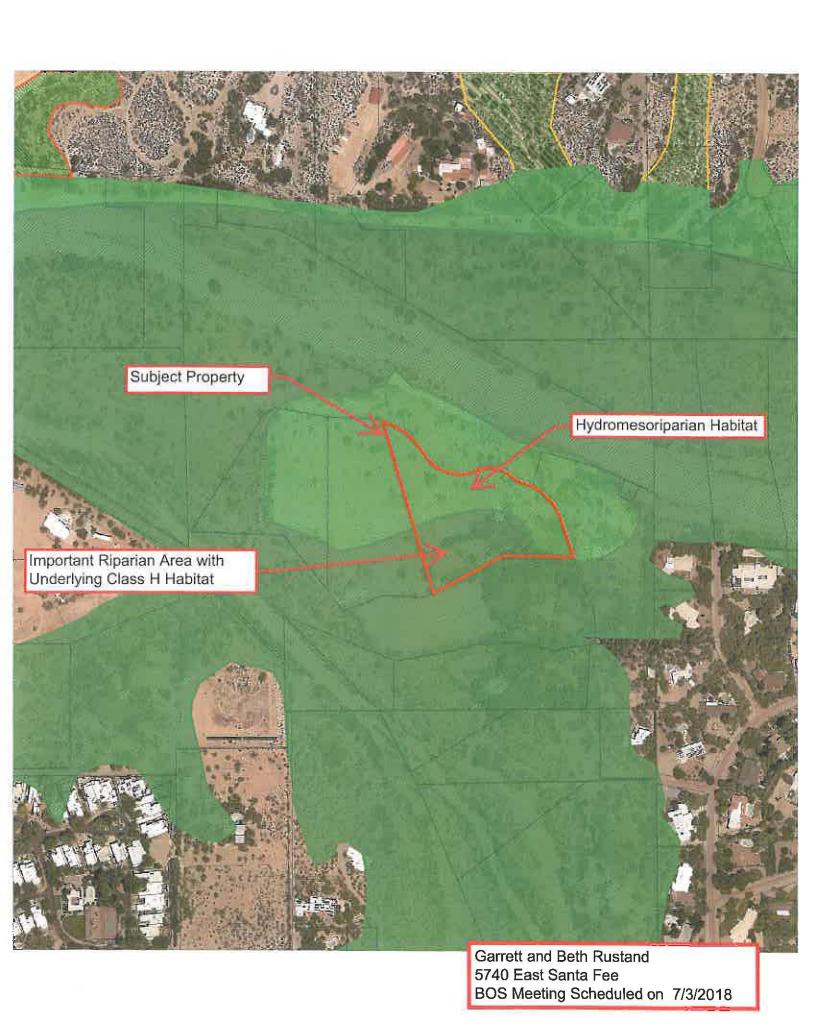
The RHMP conforms to the Ordinance and the Guidelines, and, as such, the District recommends approval.

Exhibit A - Project Location

Exhibit B - Project Site - Riparian Classification Map

Exhibit C - Riparian Habitat Mitigation Plan





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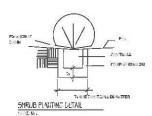
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Gerrett and Beth Rustand 5740 East Santa Fee BOS Meeting Scheduled on 7.3/2018 FPUP P18FC00178

RIPARIAN MITIGATION PLAN

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