

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

### Requested Board Meeting Date: October 20th, 2020

**Title:** Approval of a Riparian Habitat Mitigation In-Lieu Fee Proposal for Placement of a Single Family Residence at 1264 N. Calle Rinconado, Located within Regulated Riparian Habitat (District 4)

## Introduction/Background:

Chapter 16.30 of the Pima County Floodplain Management Ordinance No. 2010-FC5 (Ordinance) requires mitigation when cumulative disturbance of more than 1/3 acre of mapped riparian habitat occurs. If a project site contains suitable area(s) for mitigation, restoration, or enhancement, then on-site mitigation is required in accordance with the adopted Regulated Riparian Habitat Mitigation Standards and Implementation Guidelines. The Ordinance contains a provision for mitigation banking when on-site mitigation is not feasible. All off-site mitigation proposals require Flood Control District Board of Directors (Board) review and approval.

### Discussion:

The applicant, Bill Swoger with Swoger Drafting has applied for a permit to construct a single family residence on property located at 1264 North Calle Rinconado. Most of the property is mapped within Regulated Riparian Habitat (RRH) and is classified as Important Riparian Area with Underlying Xeroriparian Class C. The construction footprint for the residence and supporting amenities will disturb 0.63 acres (27,442 sq. ft.) of RRH. The property is densely vegetated with healthy mature trees therefore has no suitable place for onsite mitigation. As a result, the applicant is proposing to contribute a fee of \$5,985 in lieu of onsite mitigation, based on the Flat Fee Table provided in the *Pima County Regulated Riparian Habitat Off-Site Mitigation Guidelines*.

# Conclusion:

Acceptance of mitigation banking funds in-lieu of on-site mitigation is allowed under the Ordinance. Contributions to the mitigation bank for disturbance of this habitat will provide funds to be used toward purchase of high value resources or towards restoration of degraded riparian habitat within Pima County.

# **Recommendation:**

The ILF proposal presented conforms with the Ordinance and, as such, the District recommends approval.

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Department: Regional Flood Control District Telephone: 724-4600							
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DATE: September 23, 2020

#### **TO:** Flood Control District Board of Directors

FROM: Suzanne Shields, P.E. Director

### SUBJECT: Approval of a Riparian Habitat Mitigation In-Lieu Fee Proposal for Placement of a Single Family Residence at 1264 North Calle Rinconado, Located within Regulated Riparian Habitat (District 4)

#### Background

Chapter 16.30 of the Pima County Floodplain Management Ordinance No. 2010-FC5 (Ordinance) requires mitigation for mapped riparian habitat disturbances greater than 1/3 acre. If a project site contains suitable area(s) for riparian restoration, enhancement, or establishment, onsite mitigation occurs in accordance with the adopted *Regulated Riparian Habitat Mitigation Standards and Implementation Guidelines*. The Ordinance contains a provision for mitigation banking, when on-site mitigation is not feasible. All offsite mitigation proposals require Flood Control District Board of Directors (Board) review and approval.

#### Report

The applicant, Bill Swoger with Swoger Drafting has applied for a permit to construct a single family residence on property located at 1264 North Calle Rinconado (Exhibit A). Most of the property is mapped within Regulated Riparian Habitat (RRH) and is classified as Important Riparian Area with Underlying Xeroriparian Class C (Exhibit B). The construction footprint for the residence and supporting amenities will disturb 0.63 acres (27,442 sq. ft.) of RRH. The property is densely vegetated with healthy mature trees therefore has no suitable place for onsite mitigation. As a result, Mr. Swoger has prepared a Riparian Habitat Mitigation In-Lieu Fee Proposal (Exhibit C) and is proposing to contribute a fee of \$5,985 in lieu of onsite mitigation, based on the Flat Fee Table provided in the *Pima County Regulated Riparian Habitat Off-Site Mitigation Guidelines*.

	ХА	ХВ	ХС	XD	IRA/H, H	IRA/X <b>A</b>	IRA/XB	IRA/XC	IRA/XD
Cost per Acre	\$8,500	\$7,500	\$6,500	\$5,000	\$17,000	\$12,500	\$11,000	<mark>\$9,500</mark>	\$8,000
Single Lot									

#### Recommendation

Acceptance of mitigation banking funds in-lieu of onsite mitigation is allowed under the Ordinance. Contributions to the mitigation bank for disturbance of this habitat will provide funds to be used toward purchase of high value resources or towards restoration of degraded riparian habitat within Pima County

Attachments:	Exhibit A – Project Location		
	Exhibit B – Project Site – Riparian Classification Map		
	Exhibit C – Mitigation Banking In-lieu Fee Proposal		





