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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT (BOSAIR)

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Award Type:	Agenda Item
BOSAIR Activity:	Board Meeting Request
Requested Board Meeting Date:	07/14/2026
Project Title / Description:	Pima Association of Governments (PAG) is facilitating an update to the Marana Designated Management Agency (DMA) and Pima County DMA boundary map.


Agenda Item Report

Introduction / Background:	On May 26, 2026, the Board of Supervisor’s approved Pima County and the Town of Marana Agreement regarding Sewage Conveyance and Treatment Services to Saguaro Bloom 9 and 10, Lots 1-174, Blocks 1-4 and Common Areas A-C (SC2600000083).
Discussion:	This map recognizes that Pima County requests to transfer approximately 40 acres of Saguaro Bloom 9 and 10 to the Marana DMA boundary. The proposed boundary revision is in accordance with PAG's 208 Plan Update Boundaries Process B and the concurrent service agreement between the County and the Town of Marana.
Conclusion:	The revised and updated Pima County DMA boundary will supersede the previous Pima County DMA and Marana DMA boundary.
Recommendation:	Staff recommends approval of ancillary documents to clearly identify the DMA boundaries
Fiscal Impact:	There will not be a fiscal impact on the County
Support of Prosperity Initiative:	1. Increase Housing Mobility and Opportunity
Provide information that explains how this activity supports the selected Prosperity Initiative	The current DMA boundary update will allow the Town of Marana to provide wastewater service to new development in Saguaro Bloom Blocks 9 and 10.
Board of Supervisor District:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 • 2 • 3 • 4 • 5


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June 15, 2026

FROM: Olivia Cañez, Project Coordinator, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department

SUBJECT: **Multiple Copies for Processing**

Two copies of the Pima Association of Governments (PAG) letter and Marana Designated Management Agency (DMA) and Pima County DMA boundary map have been prepared, and submitted for review and approval to County Administration, Procurement, and the Clerk of the Board for Board of Supervisor review and approval at the July 14, 2026, meeting. Please process both copies of the DMA such that one completely processed/authorized original copy of the contract can be retained by Pima County for our records, and one original copy can be forwarded to the Town of Marana for their records.



April 20, 2026

Jaime Rivera-Ortiz
Deputy Director, Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department
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Dear Mr. Rivera-Ortiz:

At the request of the Town of Marana Water Department and Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (RWRD), Pima Association of Governments (PAG) is facilitating an update to the Marana Designated Management Agency (DMA) and Pima County DMA boundaries.

Under Section 208 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1288), in 1974 PAG was designated by Arizona Governor Jack Williams as the agency responsible for areawide waste treatment management planning for Pima County, excluding Tohono O'odham Nation and Pascua Yaqui Tribe lands. As one of seven Designated Planning Agencies (DPA) in Arizona, PAG is responsible for developing, maintaining, and ensuring implementation of an Areawide Water Quality Management Plan, or 208 Plan. Under 33 U.S.C. § 1288, A.A.C. § R18-5-303, and A.A.C. § R18-9-A201, Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) permits and certain Aquifer Protection Permits (APP) must be consistent with 208 Plans before these permits can be issued by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). PAG's 208 Plan establishes policies and procedures to ensure that wastewater facilities and other discharges to waterways align with local needs, plans, and priorities while securing regional water quality and reliability. 33 U.S.C. § 1288 also allows the designation of regional waste treatment management agencies, known in Arizona as DMAs. DMAs carry out key portions of their region's 208 Plan, including planning, constructing, and maintaining wastewater systems to meet their regions' anticipated waste treatment needs. PAG's 208 Plan includes policies and procedures to establish DMAs and to update DMA boundaries when needed.

PAG's regionalization policy and policies for private wastewater treatment give the DMAs priority over private waste treatment systems. Before a private facility can be considered, the DMAs can decide whether to provide or decline wastewater service to new developments or areas seeking to convert from septic or other small systems. If a development crosses existing DMA boundaries and one DMA chooses to provide wastewater service, the DMAs can work with PAG to update DMA boundaries so the entire development falls under the appropriate DMA's jurisdiction. If the DMAs wish to jointly plan wastewater service for the development, they can work with PAG to establish or expand a Joint Planning Area (JPA).

DMA boundary updates are facilitated through PAG 208 Plan Process B: Coordination Process for Public Facilities. During Process B, PAG coordinates with the DMAs to update DMA boundary shapefiles, engage stakeholders through a joint meeting of PAG's Watershed Planning Subcommittee and Environmental Planning Advisory Committee, prepare maps of the proposed boundary updates for review and approval by the DMAs' elected governing bodies, ensure that final agreements are in place between the DMAs, and transmit updated shapefiles, signed maps, and agreements to ADEQ for review and approval. Following ADEQ approval, PAG provides final shapefiles to the DMAs and revises its wastewater facility inventory and population and flow projections to reflect the updated boundaries.

The current DMA boundary update process will allow the Town of Marana to provide wastewater service to new development in Saguaro Bloom Blocks 9 and 10. Approximately 40 acres of the development area crosses into the Pima County DMA boundary. This area must be transferred to the Marana DMA before the Town of Marana can provide wastewater service. The Town of Marana already provides wastewater service to existing properties in Saguaro Bloom. So far, the Pima County RWRD agreed in writing to participate in the DMA boundary update process, PAG prepared draft DMA boundary shapefiles which were reviewed by the Town of Marana Water Department and Pima County RWRD, a joint committee meeting was held on April 2, 2026, and maps of the proposed DMA boundary updates were reviewed by the Town of Marana Water Department and Pima County RWRD. The next step is review and approval of the maps and sewer service agreement by the Marana Town Council and Pima County Board of Supervisors. A copy of the proposed 208 Plan DMA boundary revision for the Pima County DMA is attached. PAG hopes that the proposed DMA boundary revision is acceptable to the Pima County Board of Supervisors and that the Board will consider approving and signing the map at an upcoming Board Meeting.

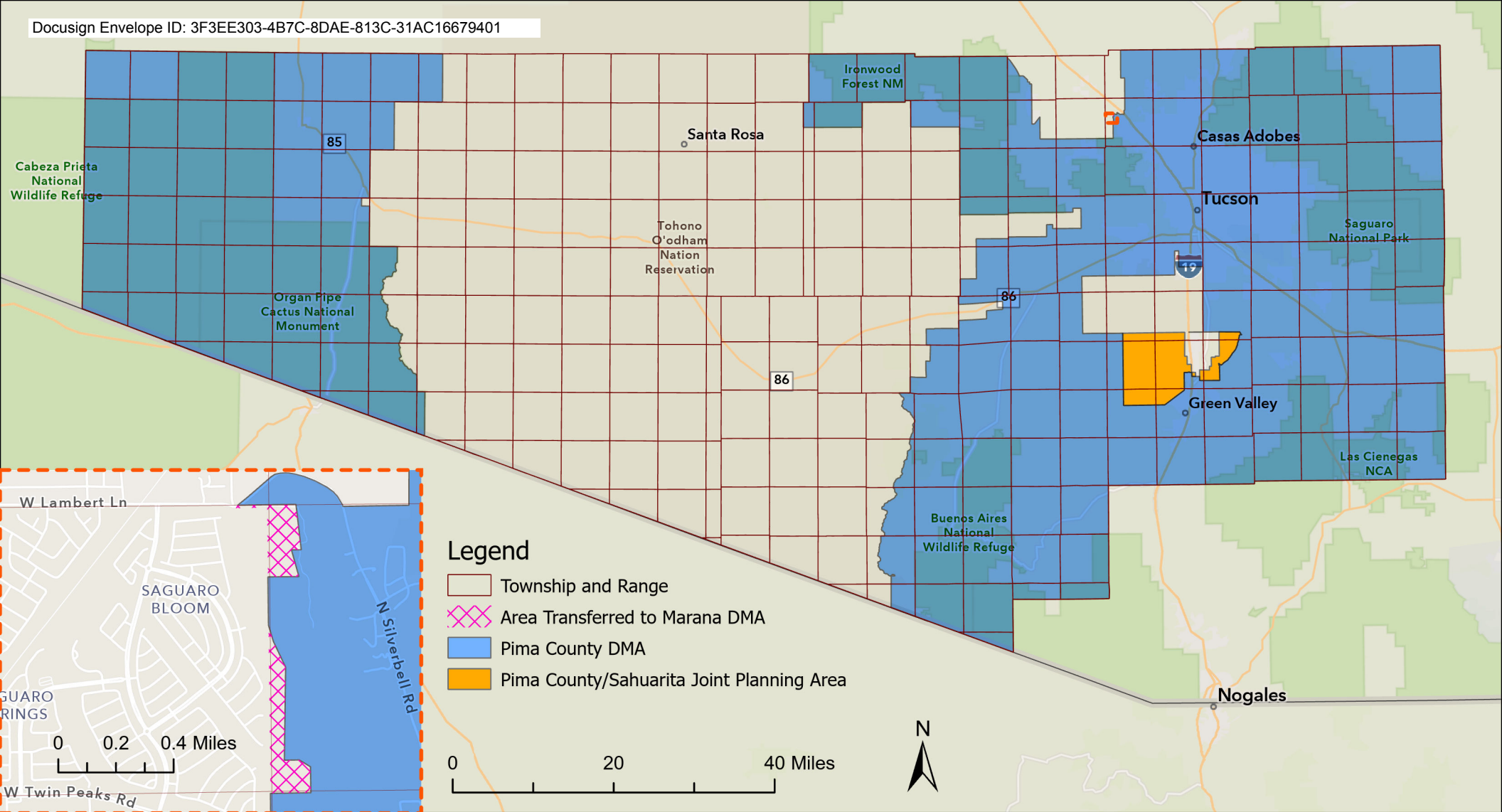
Thank you for the opportunity to facilitate the DMA boundary update. PAG appreciates continued coordination with the Pima County RWRD to ensure that our communities have access to safe, reliable wastewater systems and high-quality effluent and reclaimed water.

Sincerely,



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In coordination with the Town of Marana, Pima County requests to revise the Pima County Designated Management Agency (DMA) boundary to remove the areas indicated with pink hatches on the map above.

As acted on _____ (Date) by the Board of Supervisors, Pima County accepts the revised DMA boundary as depicted herein in accordance with all local, state, and federal regulations and subject to approval by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.



208 Plan DMA Boundary
Revision, dated 04/02/2026

Pima County Designated
Management Agency

Supervisor Jennifer Allen, Board Chair

Date