PIMA COUNTY REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
TECHNICAL POLICY

POLICY NO.: Technical Policy, TECH-001 EFFECTIVE DATE: January 25, 2006

POLICY NAME: Completion of an Elevation Certification-Qualification

PURPOSE: To clarify inconsistencies in 16.26.030.A, 16.26.030.B, 16.20.070, 16.26.050.D, and 16.34.040.B regarding the qualifications of persons who complete Elevation Certificates.

BACKGROUND:

The Floodplain and Erosion Hazard Management Ordinance (2005-FC2) provisions identified above contain various and inconsistent qualifications with respect to the completion of Elevation Certificates. Some prescribe the use of Arizona-registered land surveyors, others prescribe Arizona-registered engineers and one allows the use of both registrants.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program Elevation Certificate Instruction allows the use of engineers, land surveyors, and architects for completion of the Elevation Certificate.

The Floodplain Regulations of Maricopa County Section 503 allows the use of Arizona-registered engineers and land surveyors for completion of the Elevation Certificate.

POLICY:

The inconsistencies with respect to qualifications within the Title 16 provisions may reduce the enforceability in requiring only a single type of registrant. As such, Elevation Certificates that are completed by either an Arizona-registered engineer or land surveyor can be accepted by the District. RFCD encourages the use of Arizona registered land surveyors for completing Elevation Certificates due to their higher degree of specialization and generally better knowledge of Elevation Certificates. In all cases, the Elevation Certificates shall be reviewed for completeness and accuracy prior to acceptance.

This policy is consistent with both federal and other Districts' local requirements.

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