



**PIMA COUNTY  
REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT**  
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Dear Mitigation Working Group Members:

During March and April 2007, EPG (Environmental Planning Group), contacted you regarding availability to participate in a mitigation working group (MWG) whose purpose is to assist Pima County Regional Flood Control District in drafting revised guidelines for mitigation of riparian losses. The Riparian Habitat regulations, Chapter 16.30 of the Pima County Code, also known as the Floodplain Management Ordinance (Ordinance number 2005-FC2) were amended and became effective in October 2005. Current mitigation guidelines (<http://www.rfcd.pima.gov/riparian>) need to be revamped to incorporate the amended regulations. Two studies are currently underway to review the effectiveness of current mitigation guidelines and formulate possible mitigation banking measures. The studies are now far enough along to start meeting with the MWG.

A total of four meetings will be held with the MWG over the next several months (held approximately one month apart). Our first MWG meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2007 between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. A location has not yet been finalized. We will send out a follow up email with details when the meeting location has been confirmed. Our tentative agenda for this meeting will be to review the old and new riparian habitat ordinances, as well as review the mitigation guidelines and mitigation banking policy in place today.

A tentative date of August 15 has been identified for the second MWG meeting. The project team will be reviewing the results from the two studies currently being completed. The last two meetings will be scheduled after the studies have been finalized and the project team has developed initial guidelines for the MWG to review and discuss.

Your attendance is appreciated and needed to help develop meaningful and effective guidelines. We look forward to your input and working with this group. Please contact me if you will not be available to attend the MWG meeting on July 17, 2007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carla Danforth". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Carla Danforth

Water Resource Division