

Public Notice

Public Notice Announcing Greene Wash Watershed Plan/Environmental Assessment Greene Wash Watershed, Pinal County, Arizona *Published January 6, 2021* The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), in partnership with the Pinal County Flood Control District as the project sponsor, is developing a Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Greene Wash Watershed in Pinal County, Arizona. Proposed projects would provide continued flood prevention (flood damage reduction to critical infrastructure, property and irrigation canals) and improve public safety by preventing runoff, soil erosion, and sediment damage within the Greene Wash Watershed. Additional considerations would be to improve groundwater recharge and increase the future water supply for agricultural uses and development. The work being considered is located in the southwestern portion of Pinal County within the 245,000-acre Greene Wash Watershed (US Geological Survey Hydrologic Unit Code 1505030303). Improvements under consideration may be partially funded through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (Public Law 83- 566). To be eligible for this funding, NRCS and Pinal County must develop a Watershed Plan – Environmental Assessment (EA) with input from stakeholders and the public. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 require an evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with federal projects and actions with input from the public. You are invited to attend a public scoping meeting where your input is requested. The range of resource issues and conceptual alternatives addressing potential flood protection improvements to the project focus area will be presented and discussed. **Public Meeting:** January 26, 2021 **Time:** 5 – 7 p.m. **Location:** Virtual, Registration URL: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5200967488278230285> Webinar ID: 860-296-923 Or, for dial-in access to the Public Meeting, you may call (562) 247-8422, Access Code 140-004-736. This will allow you to listen to the meeting. Comments may be submitted via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GreeneWash>. Additional information is available at <https://www.cleargov.com/arizona/pinal/county/projects/1144/greene-wash-watershed-plan-environmental-assessment> or <https://bit.ly/2JPqc1q> Comments submitted during this scoping period of January 4 to February 12, 2021 will be used in the development of a draft Watershed Plan-EA. The public will have another opportunity to review the draft plan and provide additional input before they are finalized. Comments may be emailed to christopher.wanamaker@pinal.gov or mailed to the address below. For further information contact: Chris Wanamaker Pinal County Public Works Department P.O. Box 727 Florence, AZ 85132 christopher.wanamaker@pinal.gov The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to the Pinal County Public Works Department at 520-866-6010. ### *The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service provides financial and technical assistance to voluntary farmers, ranchers and forest landowners to implement conservation practices on private lands. 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