



Reata Wash Flood Control Project Engagement Plan

Objective:

To monitor and participate in the City of Scottsdale's planning process for funding/construction of the Reata Wash Flood Control Project and evaluate its potential impacts, both positive and negative, on the DC Ranch community-at-large. Depending on evaluation results, an official DC Ranch position on the Project may be adopted by the DC Ranch Community Council at the appropriate time.

Background:

The City of Scottsdale's General Plan contains provisions to reduce flood hazards. One of the goals is to improve inadequate or undersized drainage facilities to provide both small neighborhood and large regional drainage and flood control.

The objective of the Reata Wash Flood Control Project is to provide 100-year flood protection for the approximate 4,600 structures and transportation corridors in the floodplain. These structures include homes within DC Ranch and other communities along with Scottsdale's primary potable water and wastewater treatment facility, a solid waste transfer station, a police station and a fire station.

The consequences of a major flood in the Reata Wash are far-reaching and dire:

- Emergency responders would temporarily lose vehicular mobility
- 70% of Scottsdale may lose access to tap water
- 50% of Scottsdale may lose sanitary sewer service
- 4,600 residential, commercial and public structures may have flood damage
- A police and fire station could be closed indefinitely
- City-wide trash pick-up may be delayed and generate extensive overtime pay
- At least 68,000 cars per day would be displaced due to temporary closures on Pima, Hayden, Bell, and other roads
- 24 Scottsdale golf courses could lose access to their irrigation water

In the 1990s, as part of the Desert Greenbelt project, a special taxing district was conceived for property owners within the Reata Wash Floodplain to generate a portion of the funds necessary to construct a project to provide 100-year flood protection to property owners within the floodplain. However, the Scottsdale City Council canceled the Desert Greenbelt project in January 2001.

The Reata Wash Flood Control Project was slated to be included in the 2019 Scottsdale General Obligation Bond referendum but was eliminated from the package in part due to City concerns that the project faced some opposition and therefore inclusion would jeopardize the passage of the bond.

Scottsdale's mayor, several city council members and the city manager have stated their commitment to finding a way to get the Reata Wash improvements done. In 2018, the city issued a contract for preliminary design and a refined cost estimate. Once complete, they will seek FEMA approval. The city also solicited

and was awarded funding for 50% of the project cost from the Flood Control District of Maricopa County, provided the City of Scottsdale funds its 50% share.

When the design and cost estimate are complete (in approximately 12 months) funding options for the city's 50% share of the Reata Wash Flood Control Project will be brought back for consideration by the community and Scottsdale City Council.

The DC Ranch Community Council will provide updates to residents on the Newsworthy section of DCRanch.com. The Council welcomes input from any resident, Ranch Association, Covenant Commission member and any other relevant group as it pertains to this engagement plan. Comments should be sent to christine.irish@dcranchinc.com. In addition, the Council may conduct outreach to gather community input. And, if appropriate, the DC Ranch Community Council will take such input into consideration and may develop a position on the Reata Wash Flood Control Project and its funding options that it will share with the broader community on behalf of DC Ranch.

DC Ranch's civil dialogue policy will be upheld: *Residents and DC Ranch employees shall conduct themselves in a manner that is civil and respectful, refraining from abusive, demeaning, or hostile language or behavior.*

The process below outlines the approach DC Ranch will take to the Reata Wash Flood Control Project:

Targeted audiences: DC Ranch residents, city staff, Scottsdale mayor and city council

Approach: DC Ranch Community Council will:

- Schedule and participate in various meetings and conversations with city staff and other relevant groups as appropriate
- Communicate with city staff and elected city officials on areas of potential positive and/or negative impacts on the community-at-large and, if appropriate, desired solutions to mitigate that impact
- Inform residents of opportunities for individual engagement
- Provide updates to the Community Council and Ranch Association boards and residents as information becomes available

Spokesperson: Chris Irish with support from Jenna Kohl, and DC Ranch communications team

News media inquiries: Attribute all quotes and comments to spokesperson

Resident questions: Direct to Chris Irish, Christine.irish@dcranchinc.com

Anticipated timeline: February 2019 – November 2019

Key factors:

1. **Safety / Security** – The Community Council will study and consider the Reata Wash Flood Control Project's potential impacts on the community as it relates to safety and security matters.
2. **Property Values** – The Community Council will consider any impact the Reata Wash Flood Control Project may have on increasing or decreasing DC Ranch and/or Scottsdale property values.