



Pinal County

Drainage Ordinance Update

Board of Supervisors Worksession

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wide open opportunity

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Project Purpose: *What are We Doing and Why!*

- Intent is to Modernize the Ordinance into a Functional Drainage Ordinance with Internal and External Stakeholder Support that:
 - Reflects the desired County balance between the promulgation of practical, modern-day drainage regulations that are also complimentary to County economic development initiatives;
 - Maintain or reduce flood insurance costs for County residents;
 - Enhance County property values;
 - Reduce County mitigation costs; and,
 - Yield greater continuity and consistency in the administration of the Drainage Ordinance in the County's development review process.
 - Creating a simplified ordinance that is easier to understand, administer, and enforce.



Existing Conditions

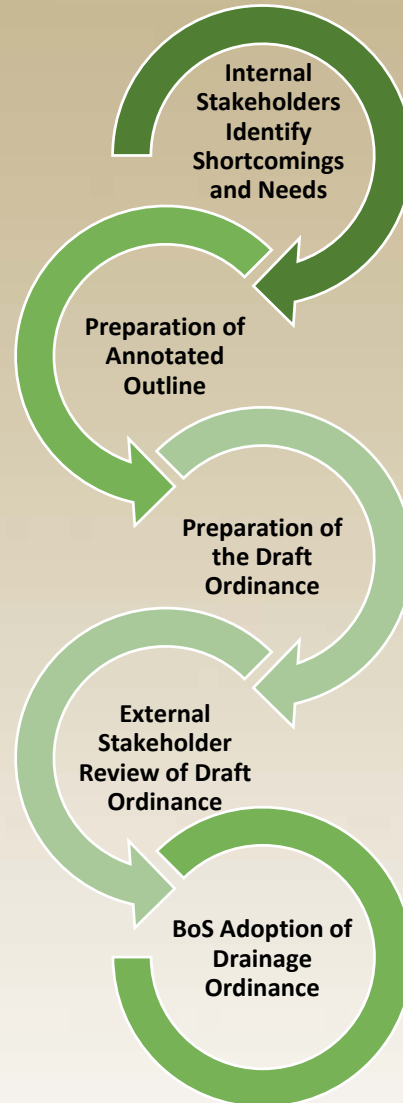
- Current Pinal County Drainage Ordinance:
 - The current ordinance was adopted in November 1998
 - Compared to other Arizona counties
 - Maricopa County - 6 years old
 - Pima County - 6 years old
 - Gila County – 8 years old



Project Work Plan

- Prepare Draft Annotated Outline
- Staff Summit Meeting
- Final Annotated Outline

- Prep of Public Review Draft
- External Stakeholder Committee Meetings #1, #2
- BoS Work Session #2



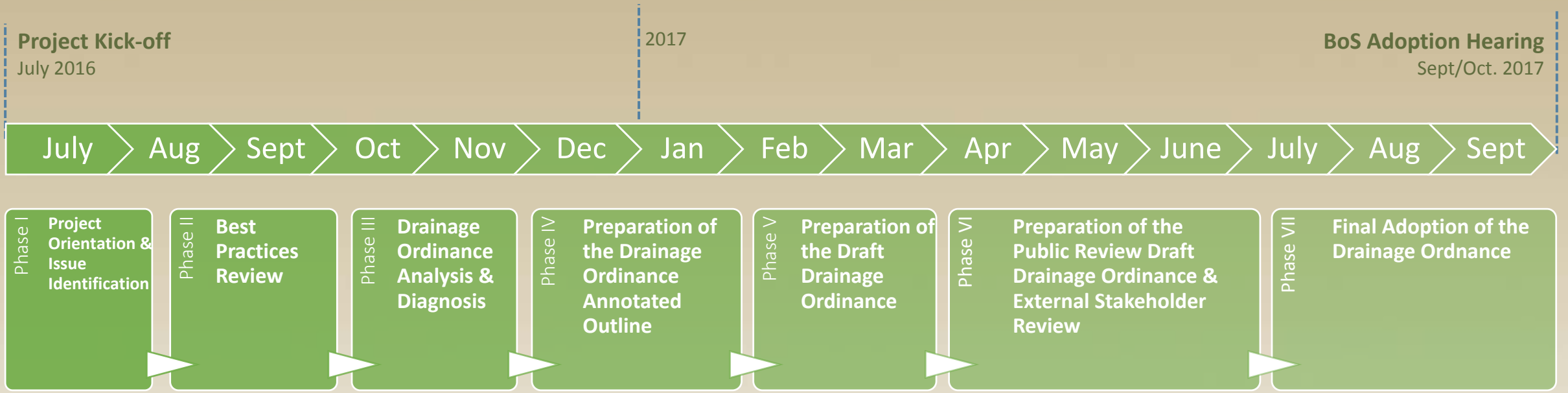
- Staff Summit Meetings
- Consultant Review & Diagnosis
- Benchmarking/Best Practices Review
- Findings and Suggested Modifications

- Prep Draft Drainage Ordinance - Modules
- Test Mapping
- BoS Work Session #1 – **TODAY!**

- Prep Public Hearing Draft
- Planning Commission Hearing
- BoS Adoption



Project Schedule



Ordinance Summary

- Clear, concise, user-friendly
- Administration duties and enforcement provisions pragmatic and clear
- Clear hierarchy of reports and requirements
- Introduce flexibility in waivers, discretion, variance
- Eight (8) Chapters
- Created provisions addressing earth fissures
- Smaller projects and residential permits now have a less intensive drainage “statement” analysis
- New standards & provisions for projects that have low impact on drainage (e.g. solar/wind energy sites)



Desired Outcomes

- #1 – Internal Department Buy-in/Support
- #2 – Administer the Ordinance in the Community Development Department
- #3 – External Stakeholder Consensus and Support
- #4 – Establish an Ordinance that Staff Can Administer
- #5 – Board of Supervisor Adoption



Next Steps

- 1) Prepare Public Review Draft
- 2) External Stakeholder Committee Meeting #1
- 3) Incorporate Ordinance Adjustments from Stakeholder Input
- 4) External Stakeholder Committee Meeting #2
- 5) BoS Worksession #2
- 6) Incorporate Final Ordinance Adjustments
- 7) Planning & Zoning Commission Adoption
- 8) BoS Adoption



Questions or Comments?



Benchmarking Review

- GOAL: Evaluate the best practices of peer agencies to inform the drafting of ordinance provisions to meet Pinal County's needs.

AGENCIES

- City of Apache Junction
- Town of Marana
- Maricopa County
- Pima County

PROVISIONS

- Solar Farm Standards
- Setbacks from Washes
- Retention/Detention Standards
- Penalties & Abatement of Violations & Procedures
- Fissure Setbacks
- Site Plan Reporting Requirements
- Drainage Administrator Powers & Duties
- Fee Schedules

