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## COUNCIL WORK SESSION SUMMARY ROUTING SLIP

Meeting Date March 9, 2015

TITLE: ARROYO MANAGEMENT PLAN

- Are there attachments to the Council Work Session Summary? Yes  No
- Will there be a Video Presentation for this item? Yes  No
- Will there be a PowerPoint Presentation for this item? Yes  No
- If "yes", will a copy of the PowerPoint Presentation be included on the Council Work Session Agenda? Yes  No

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**PURPOSE(S) OF DISCUSSION:**

- Inform/Update
- Direction/Guidance
- Legislative Development/Policy

**BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:**

During the City Council Work Session on February 23, 2015, the following issues were discussed:

- The City has consistently adopted plans calling for the protection of arroyos and open space;
- Some stakeholders feel the Arroyo Management Plan is too broad, but the plan is a guiding policy only, not regulation;
- Proposed definition of "waters of the U.S." (WOTUS) probably will not be implemented in the near future;
- There was a suggestion to apply "buffers" to public land only; an alternative suggestion was to apply the entire plan to public land only;
- Properties that adjoin protected arroyos often have higher value;
- Doña Ana County Flood Commission supports the plan and its approach;
- There are costs in implementing the plan and there are costs in taking no action; and
- Staff was asked to provide examples and costs of repairing damage due to flooding.

Staff's presentation will include:

- Review of issues;
- Purpose of an integrated approach to arroyo management;
- Subdivision comparisons;
- Costs associated with mitigating flood damage; and
- Responses to questions City Council may have regarding the plan.

**SUPPORT INFORMATION:**

N/A

(Continue on additional sheets as required)