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Flood Plain Improvements to Enhance Safety and Aesthetics of Lower El Mirage Wash

The City of El Mirage has partnered with the Maricopa County Flood Control District to improve drainage in the detention basin along the Lower El Mirage Wash near the southwest corner of El Mirage Road and Cactus Road. The project is part of an action plan to protect area homes and businesses from flood waters, as well as improve the area's aesthetics. The project design is the result of a series of studies spearheaded by the Flood Control District to help delineate the existing floodplain boundaries, identify known flood hazards, and refine drainage solutions that would reduce flooding hazards.

Basin improvements will include terracing levels within the basin, which the City may use for future recreational activities. Other improvements include a new culvert under El Mirage Road, grass turf areas, and other landscaping elements to make the basin area visually compatible with surrounding neighborhoods.

The improvements, when complete, will redefine the floodplain limits of the Lower El Mirage Wash. Maps of the new floodplain will be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review. FEMA's approval is expected to result in lower flood insurance rates for affected property owners.

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(*Picture Caption:* Design Concept – Lower El Mirage Wash Improvements)

Please visit the City's website at http://www.cityofelmirage.org/DocumentCenter/View/1617 for further information.

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