

**CITY OF GOODYEAR
CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

SUBJECT: Acceptance of an Exclusive Storm Drain Easement for the Canyon Trails Unit 4 South Development	STAFF PRESENTER: Linda R. Beals COMPANY: Canyon Trails Unit 4 South Homeowners Association CONTACT: Amy Taylor
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RECOMMENDATION:

Council approve the acceptance of the dedication of an Exclusive Storm Drain Easement to operate, repair and maintain an underground storm drain located at the northeast corner of Cotton Lane and Lower Buckeye Road from the Canyon Trails Unit 4 South Homeowners Association, an Arizona non-profit corporation (HOA).

PURPOSE:

The easement is required in order to operate and maintain the storm drain improvements which the Flood Control District of Maricopa County (FCDMC) will be constructing as part of the Loop 303 Outfall Channel Project. The City will be required to operate, repair and maintain the storm drain line in the area described in the storm drain easement. The HOA is providing the Easement to the City at no cost. (Linda R. Beals, Real Estate Coordinator)

BACKGROUND AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT:

The Canyon Trails Unit 4 Development extended a drainage channel along the east side of Cotton Lane to Lower Buckeye Road as part of the necessary infrastructure improvements. The channel was planned to be extended further south upon development of the property south of Lower Buckeye Road. During storm events, water currently flows down the channel and ponds at the north side of Lower Buckeye Road until it eventually overtops Lower Buckeye Road and continues south. The storm water has also backed up onto adjacent residential streets.

As part of the Loop 303 Outfall Channel project, FCDMC has designed and will construct a storm drain pipe to convey the ponded water from the Canyon Trails drainage channel to the new Loop 303 Outfall Channel along the west side of Cotton Lane. This will eliminate the flooding that has occurred over Lower Buckeye Road and within the residential streets. FCDMC will operate and maintain the storm drain line from the FCD channel to the limits of the HOA property. The acceptance of the Easement will provide the City with the property rights necessary to operate, repair and maintain the storm drain line within the HOA property to the inlet point of the storm drain within the Canyon Trails channel.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

The City has been working with both the FCDMC and the HOA to resolve the historical flooding issues in the area. We were recently able to reach a resolution to the issue, wherein the FCDMC has agreed to construct all of the improvement associated with this project and to maintain the improvements once they exit the HOA property. The HOA

has agreed to maintain the head wall and associated grate and railing and the City will be responsible for maintaining the storm drain line from the head wall to the HOA property line.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The easement is being dedicated to the City at no cost by the HOA and the FCDMC will be responsible for the construction of and the cost of the improvements. The City is estimating the operating and maintenance costs at approximately \$500.00 per significant storm event, which occurs at approximately 5 to 7 year intervals.

ATTACHMENTS:

Staff Report

Exclusive Storm Drain Easements to Construct