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Wickenburg dam is dedicated

By Brent Whiting
Staff writer

WICKENBURG — Town and Maricopa County officials have dedicated a \$5.2 million dam that will protect residents from floods that have ravaged homes three times in the last 13 years.

Thursday's ceremony marked the completion of the Casandro Wash Dam, an earthen structure and underground storm-drainage system what runs nearly parallel to U.S. 60 in west Wickenburg.

Work on the project began in January as a joint enterprise of Wickenburg and the Maricopa County Flood Control District.

Mayor Dallas "Rusty" Gant, said the dam will protect about 100 homes in the Casandro Wash floodplain and lift federal flood-insurance requirements for area homeowners.

Gant said the project was launched after the town identified the wash area as Wickenburg's top

flooding problem.

Officials said the dam will protect residents from 100-year floods like those that roared through the area in 1976, 1983 and January 1993, the type of flood that has a 1 percent chance of occurring in any year.

The dam is 32 feet high and 350 feet long. It is designed to hold 143 acre-feet of water. An acre-foot, 326,000 gallons, covers an acre of land 1 foot deep.

The dam system also has two storm drains that will carry floodwaters underground to Sols Wash north of the Santa Fe Railway tracks. From there, the water will drain into the Hassayampa River.

Major Phoenix flood-relief projects delayed by county financial woes

By Frank Turco
The Arizona Republic

Maricopa County's financial troubles have trickled into Phoenix, delaying several major long-range flood-relief projects that affect thousands of homeowners throughout the city.

"It looks like the people who have been waiting for years for some flood relief are going to have to wait a little longer," said a disappointed Jack Tevlin, deputy city manager.

He said there's little that the city can do now because funding for the projects is controlled by the county Board of Supervisors, which has been struggling to dig itself out of a \$66.5 million deficit.

Part of the supervisors' budget-juggling involves holding the line on the special flood-control tax levy — 0.3632 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation — for the next five years instead of increasing it by about 9 cents in the final three years as planned.

Supervisors have in the past maintained the county's overall tax rate by reducing secondary taxes that fund flood-control work, libraries and debt, while increasing the general tax rate, which pays for general county operations.

The decision not to increase the flood-control tax was seen by some county and city officials as a signal that more of the same could be coming in the next couple of years.

As a result of keeping the flood-control rate the same, the county Flood Control District was forced to reduce its five-year capital improve-

Supervisors vow to chip away at \$66.5 million budget deficit

By David Schwartz
The Arizona Republic

The bill will be a little harder to climb for debt-ridden Maricopa County, but no detours are planned.

County officials said Friday that they will stay tightly focused on increasing revenues to chip away at the \$66.5 million deficit and wipe it out in two years.

"We're going to keep up with what we've been doing," said Betsey Bayless, chairwoman of the county Board of Supervisors.

"We've done a lot of work on expenditures, now we're going to work on the revenues."

Bayless and other officials found out Thursday that the deficit is \$4.1 million larger than they had announced previously.

She said the new figure would not mean any more layoffs or service cuts. She also said it is too early to talk about a tax increase.

Bayless said cutbacks already have made a dent.

"We just have to see how it goes and make a decision on taxes

later," she said.

The county has commissioned a series of audits to determine the true cost of providing services.

One audit found that the county needs to charge six small towns an additional \$1.3 million to compensate for sheriff service.

Officials also are working to get more property on the tax rolls to bring in more money.

The county also is teaming with Pima County on a legislative agenda aimed at squeezing more health-care dollars from the state.

Although supervisors were surprised to learn of the new deficit figure Thursday, they were even more stunned to learn it once had ballooned to \$76.1 million.

Interim County Administrator Barbra Cooper said that top-level finance staffers knew about the change but that the information did not "bubble up" to the supervisors.

Officials said the increase was caused by a ruling by the state Auditor General's Office about how to account for depreciation.

ment program by 17.4 percent to \$121.43 million and delay a number of countywide projects for as long as three years.

"We didn't have much choice," said Dick Perreault, chief of the

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Phoenix projects delayed by county budget problems

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district's planning branch. "Hopefully, things will improve later and we can restore some of them."

About a half-dozen Phoenix projects have been pushed back. Chief among those is a \$25 million expansion of the Old Cross Cut Canal, a two-mile drainage ditch that runs along 48th Street from Indian School Road to McDowell Road. It overflows during heavy rains, flooding streets and neighborhoods on both sides of the waterway.

Raymond Acuna, the city's floodplain manager, said work on the ditch still is scheduled to begin early next year, but probably will not be completed until 2000, two years later than planned.

Delay of that project also will cause a setback in the planning of a companion drainage-collection system at the north end of the Old Cross Cut and north of the Arizona Canal. The system is needed to relieve flooding and allow road construction in the Arcadia area north of the Arizona Canal, he said.

"Those people up there are in need of a lot of new roads, but it's impossible to put new ones in until we resolve the flooding problems," he said.

Also marked for a year's delay until 1998 is the completion of a \$10 million retention basin that is designed to

control the 10th Street Wash south of Dunlap Avenue and protect the owners of about 600 homes in the area who regularly battle flooding during rainy seasons.

Acuna said the planned widening of the wash north of Dunlap also will have to be set back because that project cannot move ahead until the retention basin is ready.

Channelization work near Shea Boulevard and 46th Street is being delayed two years until 1999, and planning of retention basins and a new collection system along the north side of the Grand Canal in the western part of the city is being delayed at least a year until 1997.

"Both of those areas have serious flooding problems that need to be addressed," Acuna said.

Councilman Craig Tribken, a vocal proponent of ridding the city of the pockets of floodplains that dot the community, said the delays could serve as a springboard for the city to pull out of the Maricopa County district, collect its own tax and do its own flood-relief projects.

"The time might be here for us to go to the state Legislature and try to work something out," he said. "As it is now, city residents are not getting their money's worth out of this."

Tribken said he might pursue the idea with other council members at a transportation subcommittee meeting later this month.

WORLD BRIEFS

Spain gathers flood victims

+ BIESCAS, Spain — Searchers retrieved corpses strewn for miles downstream of a Pyrenees mountain campground Friday, as the government fended off questions about why it allowed the campsite to be built in a flood-prone ravine.

At least 70 vacationers were swept to their deaths when flash floods roared out of the mountains Wednesday night. Authorities say about 20 others from the roughly 650 campers are still missing.

The Green Group, a political party, accused the government of "criminal negligence" for licensing the campsite, saying the campground should never have been established at the foot of a steep mountain ravine.

The Aragon regional government said the kind of torrential rainfall that set off the flash flood is impossible to predict, and denied that planners could have foreseen the risk.

Mistake alarms Cave Creek

Flood Control regrets 'disaster'

By John Nemo
The Arizona Republic

A clerical error by the Maricopa County Flood Control District left several Cave Creek residents wondering if they'd have to move and one county official seething.

"I've never seen in my time here such a disaster as far as a 'clerical mistake,'" said Don Stapley, a Maricopa County supervisor for District Two, which includes Cave Creek.

"I mean, how would you feel if somebody sent you a letter that said, 'We may be moving you out of your house?'"

Flood Control District officials would love to know who got the letters, but they aren't even sure which residents actually received the erroneous packages.

At least four relocation packets were accidentally sent out in mid-May, according to Dan Carroll, a spokesman for the district.

During June, Flood Control officials began hearing from concerned property owners along upper Cave Creek, where the county is conducting a study to determine potential flood hazards.

Carroll said officials, unaware the erroneous pamphlets had been sent, assumed the concerns were over a separate set of letters, also sent out during mid-May by the district. Those letters asked 16 property owners along the creek to grant the county permission for soil testing.

"We were wondering why people were getting so upset over 'right-of-easement' letters," Carroll said. "Then we found out why."

The result had Flood Control District General Manager Michael Ellegood issuing a general letter of apology Thursday. Ellegood said the apology would be sent to the 16 property owners who received soil-testing letters because officials suspect the four relocation packets

landed somewhere in that group.

He added that there are no immediate plans to ask property owners to relocate.

"This is just the start of the study, and we want residents involved from the beginning," he said.

Stapley said the study itself will come to a screeching halt until officials can explain things to Cave Creek residents.

"I'm very unhappy with the folks involved in this thing, and they know it," he said. "Now we're going to be in a process of repairing the damage that we've done with the people out there."

A resident along Upper Cave Creek said neighbors are still confused and concerned about the situation.

"I'm on the creek, and we want to preserve it," said Dave, who declined to give his last name. "I'm sure (the county) has egg on their face with this one."

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Flood Control District to study Cave Creek

by Grant Smith

PHOENIX — Working with the City of Phoenix and Town of Cave Creek, the Maricopa County Flood Control District is developing a watercourse master plan for the Upper Cave Creek for management of the flood plain.

Study area for the plan extends from Cave Buttes Dam on the south to the county line — a distance of 28 miles.

When completed, Phoenix, Cave Creek and the county can use it to reduce flood risks, guide future growth and preserve environmentally sensitive areas.

The first public workshop will be held Thursday, June 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Desert Sun Elementary School gymnasium, 33606 N. 60th St. Following a brief presentation, working

groups will be formed to identify issues and concerns related to Upper Cave Creek.

According to the Flood Control District, the primary goals of the plan are:

- Protect existing and future residents in the event of a 100-year flood and from possible damages associated with potential lateral movement of the waterway.
- Consider both structural and non-structural alternatives with an emphasis on non-structural solutions.
- Minimize future expenditures of public lands for flood control and emergency management.
- Establish a significant open space corridor in conjunction with preservation of sensitive

habitats and cultural resources, maintenance of existing recreational uses and allowance for future recreational uses.

- Develop a visionary flood-plain management plan that generates widespread support and can be implemented.

In its upper reaches, Cave Creek is the only remaining waterway in Maricopa County with a perennial flow and contains significant riparian habitat. The area is rich with historic and archaeological sites.

The Desert Foothills Land Trust has applied to preserve 25 acres of State Trust Land called the "Jewel of the Creek" near Spur Cross Road, and the Pinnacle Group has proposed housing

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State siezes auto facility for taxes

by Val Sagrillo

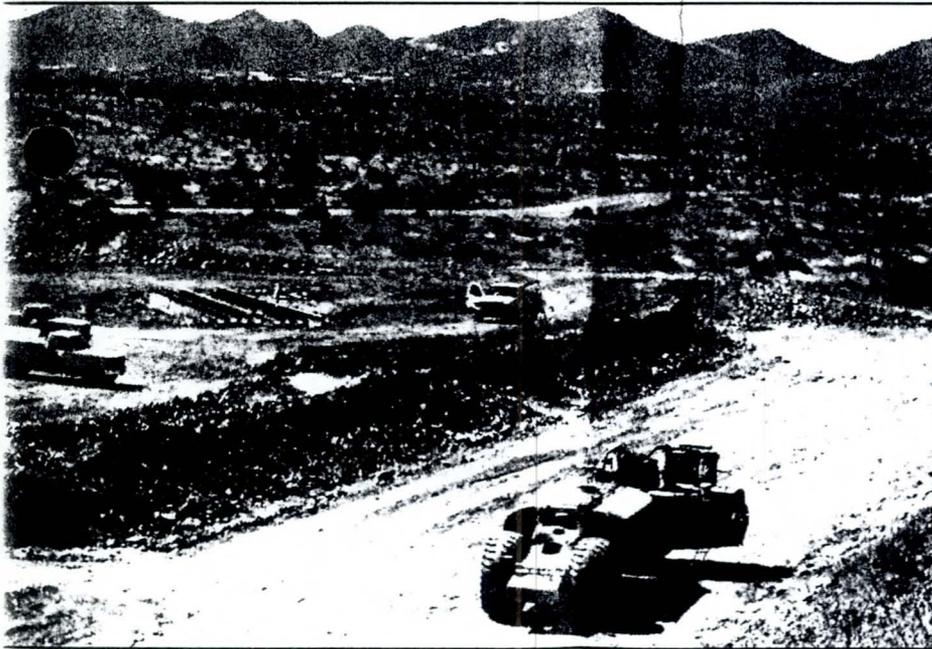
CAVE CREEK — It's said there are only two things you have to do — die and pay taxes. Scott Craig, owner of Cave Creek European Ltd. apparently decided to test the latter as the Arizona State Department of Revenue (ADOR) seized his business June 8 for nonpayment of income taxes.

"All I've ever done with them (ADOR) is to stand there and boldly ask them to please obey the law as written. They just refused to do so and this is the outcome of it, they seized my business illegally," Craig stated.

Robert Avila, Craig's attorney had this to say, "There is no court order or any valid judgment against Scott Craig at this time. They do not have to have a valid judicial court order or judgment in order to go seize someone's property according to them, that's their position."

Avila continued, "Our position is a private citizen has the absolute right to be heard in a court of law prior to any type of action taking place such as what has occurred with Cave Creek European Ltd."

Craig has until 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 20, to pay the \$25,050.95 owed to the State



The Desert Hills interchange on I-17.

starts work on Anthem

Webb on its site here.

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scheduled to be the first to open, according to an announcement by Del Webb Corp. One will be built by Coventry Homes.

Along with the homes, Webb officials say initial construction will include an elementary school (K-8), a community center, golf course, club house, grocery store, medical facilities and a portion of a planned 63-acre park.

According to Anne Mariucci, senior vice president, Webb will

In the future, Webb claims it will donate a 50-acre site for a high school along with sites for two additional elementary schools and a building for conversion to a library. The development is in the Deer Valley Unified School District.

Anthem is located three miles north of the Carefree Highway along I-17.

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors approved the master plan in 1996 over strong

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\$300,000 developing the 1.5
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adequate for the Desert Discov-
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it to the McDowell Sonoran Pre-
serve.

Flood

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and a golf course along the creek
at this point. This area has been
annexed by Cave Creek.

The Flood Control District
notes that "private property
along Upper Cave Creek will be
subject to greater development
pressure in the near future."

In 1996, the City of Phoenix
adopted a general plan amend-
ment calling for preservation of
Cave Creek Wash as the "ecolog-
ical spine" of the area.

The amendment called for a
100-foot buffer beyond the 100-
year flood plan on both sides of
the creek and reduced housing
densities near the wash to 1.25
units per acre.

Besides preservation of the
wash and its major tributaries,
the amendment sought to re-
duce the need for structures and
channelization to minimize
flooding. The amendment car-
ried a requirement that all appli-
cations for rezoning along the
wash must be accompanied by a
hydrology study that addresses
downstream impacts.

Shortly after the amendment
was approved by the city coun-
cil, a city hearing officer allowed
construction of a portion of the
Dove Valley Ranch Golf Course
in the wash.

According to the Flood Con-
trol District, the planning
process is expected to continue
through October 1999.

Taxes

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Revenue Department will pro-
ceed in auctioning off the
garage's assets to recoup what-
ever money it can toward the tax
lien. Items for auction include
auto repair tools, diagnostic
equipment, hand tools, lifts and
tool boxes.

Of the total due, posted on
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For any customers of Cave Creek European Ltd. who may have vehicles or property remaining on the premises, 37608 N. Cave Creek Rd., you need to contact Revenue Officer Chad Kamp at the Department of Revenue, 542-5673, ext. 7758, to coordinate retrieval of your belongings. Be prepared to provide proof of ownership.



FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT OF MARICOPA COUNTY

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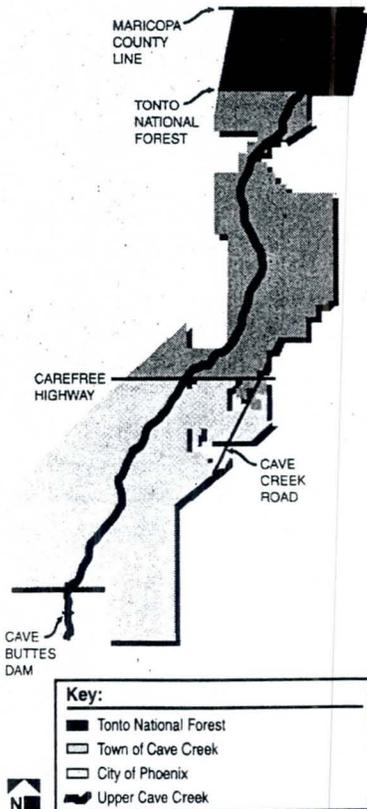
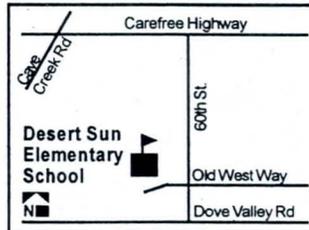
Upper Cave Creek Watercourse Master Plan

Cave Buttes Dam (near the intersection of Jomax Road and Cave Creek Road) to the Maricopa County line

Thursday, June 25, 1998

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Desert Sun Elementary School Gymnasium
33606 N. 60th Street
Cave Creek, Arizona



Study Area

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County will conduct a Public Workshop for the Upper Cave Creek Watercourse Master Plan. The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 25, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A brief presentation will be made at 6:45 p.m. Members of the Study Team will provide information on the watercourse master plan approach to floodplain management. After the presentation, working groups will be formed to identify issues and concerns related to Upper Cave Creek.

The intent of the study is to provide the City of Phoenix, the Town of Cave Creek, Maricopa County and the public with a plan to manage the Upper Cave Creek floodplain. A floodplain management plan can reduce flood risks, accommodate potential future development, and preserve environmentally sensitive areas.

In conformance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, request for special needs will be addressed. For additional information or to submit comments on this project, please contact: Mr. Dave Brozovsky, Flood Control District of Maricopa County, 2801 West Durango Street, Phoenix, Arizona, 85009. Phone: (602) 506-1501.



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