

Welcome

The meeting will begin shortly, in the meantime please:

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Santa Cruz AMA GUAC

August 20th, 2024



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Arizona's Open Meeting Law



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Legislative Intent: Openness in Government

- ◆ Arizona's public policy requires that official deliberations and proceedings be conducted openly
- ◆ Any uncertainty should be resolved in favor of open and public meetings

A.R.S. § 38-431.09

Resources

- ◆ A.R.S. §§ 38-431 through 38-431.09
- ◆ Arizona Agency Handbook
 - www.azag.gov
 - Chapter 7 (Open Meetings)
- ◆ Arizona Attorney General Opinions
 - www.azag.gov



WHO is subject to the Open Meeting Law?



“Public Body”

“Public Body” means:

- ✓ The Legislature, all boards and commissions of this state or political subdivisions, all multimember governing bodies of departments, agencies, institutions and instrumentalities of the state or political subdivisions, including without limitation all corporations and other instrumentalities whose boards of directors are appointed or elected by the state or political subdivision.
- ✓ All quasi judicial-bodies and all standing, special or advisory committees or subcommittees of, or appointed by, the public body.
- ✓ All commissions and other public entities established by the Arizona Constitution or by way of ballot initiative.

A.R.S. § 38-431(6) and Arizona Attorney General Opinion 107-001

Advisory Committees & Subcommittees

- ◆ **“Advisory Committee” or “Subcommittee” means:**
- ◆ Any entity, however designated;
- ◆ Officially established on motion or order of the public body or by the presiding officer;
- ◆ Appointed to make a recommendation concerning a decision to be made or considered by the public body.

A.R.S. §38-431(1)



Advisory Committees & Subcommittees

- ◆ Must comply with all requirements of the Open Meeting Law
- ◆ Must take minutes or make recordings of their meetings
- ◆ Must provide appropriate agendas for meetings of the Committee

WHEN does the Open Meeting Law apply?



Meeting

- ◆ A gathering, in person, or through technological devices
 - Phone, email, fax
- ◆ Of a quorum, that
- ◆ Discusses, proposes or takes legal action
 - ◆ Includes deliberations
 - ◆ Includes a one-way electronic communication that proposes legal action and/or an exchange of electronic communications that involves discussion, deliberation or legal action

A.R.S. § 38-431(4) and Arizona Attorney General Opinion 105-004

Quorum

- ◆ Generally in Arizona, a quorum is a majority of a board or commission.
- ◆ Look to your statutes and rules.
- ◆ Vacancies **DO** count toward the number of members of a board unless your statutes/laws say otherwise.

What if you don't have a quorum?

- ◆ You don't have a “meeting”

BUT

- ◆ Beware of serial communications
- ◆ Beware of “wheel and spoke” communications
 - ◆ Meeting with individual members
 - ◆ Reporting what other members said
 - ◆ Polling the members
- ◆ Look to your statutes and rules.
- ◆ Vacancies **DO** count toward the number of members of a board unless your statutes/laws say otherwise.

What about social events or other occasions where a quorum is present?

◆ If more than a quorum may be present:

1. Post a “courtesy notice” announcing the event where a quorum may be present
2. Include statement that no business of the public body will be discussed & no action will be taken
3. Board members should avoid talking with each other – or have a witness

Discussing, Proposing or Taking Legal Action

- ◆ Normal use and meaning of these words will apply.
- ◆ Legal action means a collective decision, commitment or promise. A.R.S. § 38-431(3)
- ◆ Proposing legal action = “put forward for consideration, discussion, or adoption.”
- ◆ Includes deliberations = discussion of facts and opinions re: potential board business.
- ◆ **RULE:** If this occurs among a quorum of the Board IT IS A MEETING.

A.R.S 38-431(3) and Arizona Attorney General Opinion 105-004



Proposing an Agenda Item?

- ◆ Proposing an item for the agenda via e-mail is allowed IF you do not propose legal action.
- ◆ Communicate the TOPIC only NOT the legal action you want the Council to take.
- ◆ Do not discuss, deliberate or take legal action regarding the proposed agenda item.

One-way E-mail from Staff

- ◆ Passive receipt of information from staff, without more, does not violate OML.
- ◆ Staff may send e-mail to board members.
- ◆ Staff may send agenda packets to board members, these must also be made available to the public.

Telephone Conferencing

- ◆ Allowed if the public body has approved this practice.
- ◆ The notice and agenda should indicate telephone participation.
- ◆ The public must be able to hear.
- ◆ Minutes should identify telephonic participants and describe public access.
- ◆ See Informal AG Opinion issued March 13, 2020 regarding Open Meeting Law and COVID-19

HOW do you comply with the Open Meeting Law?



Find a good location

- ◆ Meetings must be accessible
- ◆ Discourage procedures that obstruct or inhibit public attendance such as:
 - Remote or inadequate location
 - Required sign in sheets
 - Unreasonable time

Location, location, location

- ◆ Can you move the meeting to another location close to the original location?
- ◆ YES NO
- ◆ Leave a staff person to give directions
 - Post a large notice
 - Start the meeting a little later

Statement and Notice

Public bodies of the State, counties and school districts shall:

- ◆ Conspicuously post a statement on their website stating where all public notices of their meetings will be posted
 - Include physical and electronic locations
 - Give additional public notice as is reasonable and practicable
- ◆ Post all public meeting notices on their website and give additional public notice as is reasonable and practicable as to all meetings.
- ◆ A technological problem or failure that prevents posting or use of the website does not preclude the holding of the meeting if the public body complies with A.R.S. §38-431.02(A) all other notice requirements.

A.R.S. §38-431.02(A)

Notice of Meetings

- ◆ Notice required at least 24 hours in advance of a meeting
- ◆ To all members of the public body
- ◆ To the public by posting at the location(s) described

A.R.S. § 38-431.02(C)

Contents of Notice

- ◆ The public body
- ◆ Date, time, place (address, room number)
- ◆ Agenda or how to obtain agenda
- ◆ Executive Session if applicable (cite specific statutory authority)
- ◆ Accommodations under the ADA

Recessed & Resumed Meeting

- ◆ Can recess and resume a meeting with less than 24 hours notice if proper public notice of initial session of the meeting is given and, prior to recessing, notice is publicly given regarding the time and place of the resumed meeting or regarding the method by which notice shall be publicly given.

A.R.S. § 38-431.02(E)

Agendas

- ◆ Agendas must include matters at the meeting to be
 - Discussed,
 - Considered or
 - Decided
- ◆ Must contain information reasonably necessary to inform the public

A.R.S. § 38-431.02(H)

May 24, 2024



Agendas must be understandable

- ◆ No acronyms
- ◆ Statutory cite is not enough without explanation
- ◆ No legalese
- ◆ No agency slang

Agenda Items

- ◆ Needs to include “specific” items to be discussed, considered or decided
- ◆ NOT GOOD ENOUGH without details:
 - “New business”
 - “Old business”
 - “Personnel”
 - “Announcements”

If it's not on the agenda

- ◆ You CANNOT discuss
- ◆ All discussion must be reasonably related to an adequately-described agenda item
- ◆ Add new items to the agenda for future meeting

Changes in agenda

- ◆ Post and distribute same as original
- ◆ 24-hour rule still applies

Minutes

- ◆ Required
- ◆ In writing or
- ◆ Recorded - audio or video tape
 - ◆ Be wary of tech mishaps!
 - ◆ If doing minutes by recording, ensure quality is good

A.R.S. §38-431.01(B)

May 24, 2024



Contents of Minutes

- ◆ Date, time, place
- ◆ Members present/absent
- ◆ General description of matters discussed or considered
- ◆ Accurate description of legal actions proposed, discussed or taken and how members voted
- ◆ Name of members who propose each motion
- ◆ Name of each person making statements or presenting material and a reference to the legal action addressed

Public Access to Minutes

- ◆ Minutes or a recording shall be available for public inspection 3 working days after the meeting
- ◆ Make tape available
- ◆ Can stamp as “draft”

A.R.S. § 38-431.01(D)

Public's Rights

- ◆ Must be permitted to attend meeting
- ◆ May attend without signing in
- ◆ Not permitted to speak, unless public body allows it
- ◆ If they make a presentation, they must identify themselves (required for Minutes) A.R.S. §38-431.01(B)(4)
- ◆ Cannot disrupt proceedings (but make a good record before removing someone)
- ◆ Can record all or part of the meeting. A.R.S. §38-431.01(F)
- ◆ Can limit speaking time of each speaker

Calls to the Public

- ◆ Optional
- ◆ Be fair
- ◆ Avoid getting into a discussion of matters not on the agenda
- ◆ Public body's response is limited:
 - Direct staff to study the matter
 - Respond to criticism
 - Schedule matter for future meeting



Meeting Etiquette

Discourage the following:

- ◆ Whispering to other Committee members
- ◆ Passing notes between Committee members
- ◆ Letting members of the public talk to each member before the meeting starts with their hands over the microphone
- ◆ If its about business of the public body, this could become a violation
- ◆ In any event, it looks like a violation

Executive Sessions

- ◆ Special Requirements
- ◆ Still requires an agenda and notice
- ◆ Meeting and minutes are confidential
- ◆ Consult with your attorney before contemplating an executive session

Executive Session Categories

- ◆ Personal matters
- ◆ Confidential records
- ◆ Legal advice
- ◆ Litigation, contracts and settlements discussions involving attorney consultation
- ◆ Employee salary discussions
- ◆ International, interstate and tribal negotiations
- ◆ Purchase, sale or lease of real property

A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1)-(7)

WHAT happens if there is a problem?



Actions to take if there is a violation

- ◆ Ratify (A.R.S. § 38-431.05(B))
- ◆ Consider self-reporting
- ◆ Cooperate with County Attorney, AG, or Ombudsman's Office and move early to remedy the problem
- ◆ Consider training and changes to policy to prevent violations in the future

Ratification

- ◆ *Welch v. Cochise Cnty. Brd. of Supervisors* provides clarification on the effect of ratification.
 - Ratification ensures effectiveness of decisions, but does not preclude possible sanctions. ¶

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Ratification

- ◆ Must take place within 30 days after discovery of the violation or after discovery should have been made
- ◆ Clear indication in agenda and notice of ratification
- ◆ Detailed written description of violation and all associated deliberations, consultations and decisions available to the public
- ◆ Notice a written description available 72 hours before the meeting

A.R.S. § 38-431.05(B)

What can the AG or County Attorney do?

- ◆ Investigation
- ◆ May issue “investigative demands”
- ◆ May conduct examinations under oath
- ◆ May require written statements under oath
- ◆ May file enforcement action in Superior Court
- ◆ May seek removal from office

A.R.S. §§ 38-431.06 and .07



Arizona Ombudsman's Office

- ◆ Can investigate Open Meeting Law and Public Records complaints
- ◆ Can take anonymous complaints
- ◆ Offers training

Private Parties

- ◆ Open Meeting Law allows private rights of action.
- ◆ Taxpayer suits permissible, whether or not the individual attended or would have attended the meeting. *Welch v. Cochise County Board of Supervisors* at ¶14 – 16 & FN3
- ◆ AG will defer to the court if matter is filed in Superior Court

A.R.S. § 38-431.07

Penalties

- ◆ Action is null and void A.R.S. § 38-431.05
- ◆ Up to \$500 fine for each violation A.R.S. § 38-431.07
 - Against anyone who commits a violation
 - Against anyone who knowingly aids, agrees to aid or attempts to aid another in committing a violation
 - Individual, not public body, pays penalty
- ◆ May have to pay attorneys fees and costs A.R.S. § 38-431.07

Removal from Office

If intent to deprive the public of information or opportunity to be heard

- ◆ Court may remove the public officer from office
- ◆ Assess attorneys fees and costs

A.R.S. § 38-431.07

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SANTA CRUZ ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA

Groundwater Withdrawal Information

Year		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
WMAP	Fee	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	Max \$2.00
	Collected	\$28,457	\$29,756	\$28,934	\$21,104	N/A	
Admin & Enforcement	Fee	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	Min. \$0.50 Max. \$1.00
	Collected	\$14,228	\$14,878	\$14,467	\$10,552	N/A	
Total	Fee	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	TBD
	Collected*	\$45,782	\$49,191	\$48,563	\$33,788	N/A	

Water Management Assistance Program Fund

Current Balance: \$439,826

Encumbered/committed: \$11,938

(+\$415,671 if fully funding Santa Cruz County = \$427,609)

Remaining Balance: \$427,888

(\$12,217 if fully funding Santa Cruz County)

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CITY OF NOGALES

Arizona Department of Water Resources

Water Conservation Education and Technology Grant



The City of Nogales installed two conveniently located kiosks outside of the Nogales City Hall and the Nogales Public Works buildings for water customers. The kiosks are near the buildings' entrances, protected from the elements, and well lit.



Nogales Public Works Building Kiosk



Nogales City Hall Building Kiosk

The kiosks were installed outdoors during the COVID-19 pandemic when contact with customers and employees was limited as a health precaution. The outdoor locations remained after the pandemic as a convenience to City water customers' schedules, allowing them to view their water consumption, obtain water conservation tips, and pay their water bills at their convenience.

Kiosk promotion and water conservation tips are prominently posted on the City's website <https://nogalesaz.gov/headlines/water-conservation/>. The kiosks are promoted in all water conservation presentations.

The reduction of water usage demonstrated this project's success. Water conservation data shows a steady reduction in water usage during the Water Conservation Education and Technology Grant period (2020-2022). **Water usage reduction between 2020-2021 was 1.49%, between 2021-2022 water reduction usage was 4.33%. Overall, the project resulted in a 5.82% or 123.52-acre feet water reduction usage.**



Water conservation presentations were conducted and water conservation promotional items were distributed at the following locations to those in attendance between 12/18/2023 – 12/20/2023:

- **Lincoln Elementary School**, 652 N. Tyler St, Nogales – all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders and educators
- **Mary Welty Elementary School**, 1050 W Cimarron St, Nogales - K-5th grade students, educators, and school personnel
- **Robert Bracker Elementary School**, 121 Camino Diez Mandamientos, Nogales – K-5th grade students, educators, and school personnel
- **Nogales High School**, 1950 Apache Blvd, Nogales – Gear-Up Club
- **Circles of Peace Women’s Group**, 651 N. Legleu St, Nogales – presented in Spanish

Educational presentations were attended to an estimated 860 individuals. All in attendance confirmed they learned new information. The presentations were interactive. The City of Nogales Public Works personnel responded to all questions. As a result of the positive feedback to the presentations, the City plans to continue and expand upon water conservation and usage educational presentations and kiosk promotion.



Educational Presentations



Nogales High School



Lincoln Elementary School



Mary Welty Elementary School



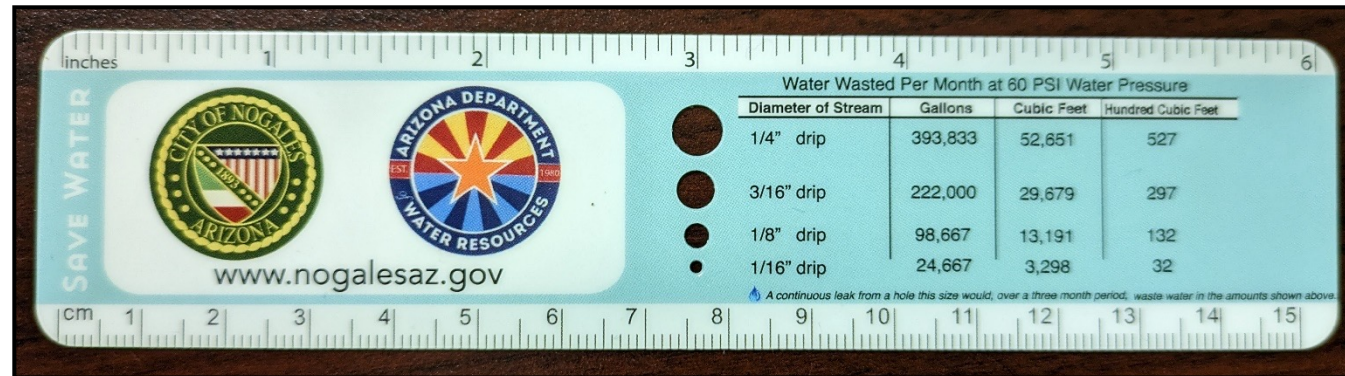
Robert Bracker Elementary School



5-minute timer attaches to shower wall



Magnetic Stickers



Water Waste Chart



Temporary Tattoos/Stickers

The City of Nogales website (www.nogalesaz.gov) promotes, in English and Spanish languages, the kiosks and water conservation information. The following links and information are currently on the site (<https://nogalesaz.gov/headlines/water-conservation/>):

- <https://www.epa.gov/watersens>
- <https://www.watercalculator.org>
- <https://www.arizonwaterfacts.com/tips-resources>
- <https://wateruseitwisely.com>

Four rotating water conservation tips are posted each month.

1. Turn off the water when brushing your teeth.
2. Turn off the water while washing your hair.
3. Turn off the water when shaving.
4. Plug the sink instead of running the water to rinse your razor – save up to 300 gallons a month.

Water conservation tips handouts are located at both the Nogales City Hall and Public Works buildings with the kiosks.

The ADWR Contract enabled the City of Nogales to further promote and continue its water conservation efforts benefitting Nogales, Arizona.





Water Conservation Tips

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- ✓ Turn off the water when shaving.
- ✓ Plug the sink instead of running the water to rinse your razor – save up to 300 gallons a month.
- ✓ Shorten your shower to 5 minutes or less – you will save 1,000 gallons water per month.
- ✓ Fix water leaks.
- ✓ Stop using your toilet as a wastebasket.
- ✓ Install water-saving showerheads or flow restrictors.
- ✓ When running a bath, plug the bathtub before turning on the water and adjust the water temperature as the tub fills.
- ✓ Use a hose nozzle when watering outdoors.
- ✓ Water early in the morning or in the evening.
- ✓ Wash your pets outdoors in an area of your yard that needs water.
- ✓ Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
- ✓ Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them.
- ✓ When washing your hands, turn off water while you soap-up.
- ✓ Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on the lawn – you will water your lawn at the same time.
- ✓ Use a hose nozzle or turn off the water when washing your car.
- ✓ While waiting for hot water, collect the running water and use it on your plants.
- ✓ Install water-saving aerators on your faucets.
- ✓ Did you know washing your car in the driveway uses 80-140 gallons of water? A commercial car wash uses about 45 gallons of water. Take your car to a commercial car wash to save water, money, and the environment.

Track your water usage anytime by using the City of Nogales' kiosks located in front of the City Hall and the Public Works buildings.

Water is Precious - Don't Waste It!

www.nogalesaz.gov

Water Conservation Tips Handouts

QUESTIONS?

Alejandro Barcenas

Public Works Director

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Addressing trash in the Santa Cruz AMA

Engineering, community engagement,
and research to reduce trash in the
Santa Cruz AMA

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Founded: 1990


Mission: To connect people and communities with natural resources that nourish and sustain them.

Investment: \$300 million

Conservation: 500,000 acres



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An aerial photograph showing a wide, muddy-brown river winding through a dense, lush green forest. The trees are tall and have rounded canopies, creating a textured green landscape. The river is the central focus, cutting through the forest from the top to the bottom of the frame.

The Santa Cruz River, from Mexico to Marana, is a living, flowing river and the foundation of community health and prosperity.

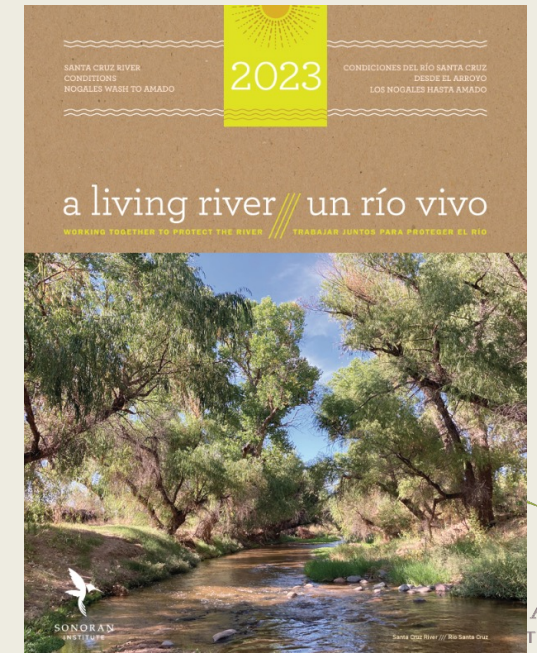
Problem to be addressed

Despite billions of dollars of investment in the Santa Cruz River over the past 15 years, trash remains a persistent and pernicious problem. Solid waste is a direct risk to both groundwater and surface water.



A proposal for action

1. Install a trash collection device in the Santa Cruz River + research
2. Community events to connect people with the Santa Cruz River
3. Community education through Sonoran Institute's *Living River* report



Litter traps by StormWater Systems



Passive trash collector: water flows through, trash is collected
Hydrology: litter trap is buoyant, doesn't back up water



SCAMA's first litter trap installed in 2024



Camp Little Park

Ownership: City of Nogales, AZ

River system: Ephraim Canyon Wash

River context: drains to Nogales Wash → Santa Cruz River



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Efficacy

Pilot trash trap demonstrates function and efficacy

Trash collected:

- Plastic bottles, plastic food wrappers, tires, vegetation



Tasks 1 and 2: litter trap siting and install

Task 1: Installation location for large litter trap identified.

Process: Coordination with Santa Cruz County Flood Control District on:

- Site location (hydrology, ownership, maintenance access)
- Permitting (Floodplain Use Permit)
- Landowner coordination, where applicable.

Task 2: Purchase and installation of the litter trap.

Process: Coordination with Santa Cruz County and StormWater Systems:

- Site prepared for installation
- Concrete footers poured
- Cameras installed
- Trap assembled in place





Task 3: Monitoring and maintenance

Task 3: Monitoring and maintenance of the litter trap

Process: Coordination with Santa Cruz County Flood Control District on:

- Routine emptying the litter trap payload
- Ongoing Sonoran Institute trash study (before and after installation)

Sonoran Institute trash study has been underway in Pima County since 2021. The study will include:

- Overall trash abundance (57 trash categories)
- Overall trash weight
- Analyses of recyclability
- Source tracking



Researchers study waste, strive for healthier Santa Cruz River

By Angela Gervasi • Nogales International May 31, 2022 Updated Jun 3, 2022



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Task 3: Monitoring...it couldn't be easier

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TRASH SURVEY DATASHEET

STATION DESCRIPTION

GPS coordinates: 32.2454622 -110.942607
(on iPhone and Android -> Google Maps)
 Identify location with blue dot and press down on the dot

Date: 2/4/325

Recorder name: Julia O, Steph W

Event: Wk 11

Location (Identifying info like cross streets or wash name): N of Riverview Blvd, S of Grant

Type of site (riverbed, riverbank, wash, etc.): bed

Bank-to-bank width (m): _____

Flowing river width (m): _____

Type of flow (pool, riffle, run, dry): dry

Transect dimensions (standard transect is 10m x 10m OR 10m x 1m)

Transect length (m): 10 | Transect width (m): 10

Transect identifying features: soft sand, recent rain, green grass

VEGETATION

Vegetation quick assessment score (1-6): 3

1. Impervious: pavement, cement, sidewalk, trapezoidal channel
2. Bare sediment: sand, gravel
3. Slight: no trees, ground easily seen through short vegetation
4. Moderate: patchy tall grasses, overstory of trees that can be easily walked through
5. Dense: thick understory, knee-high vegetation where the ground cannot be seen
6. Impenetrable: understory with vegetation that prevents access

scan and email completed datasheets to
 TRASH@sonoraninstitute.org

TRASH SURVEY DATASHEET

	TOTAL	TALLY NOTES
Plastic bags (grocery, shopping, garbage, newspaper sleeves, parts of torn bags)	10	
Cups		
Styrofoam (Polar Pop)		
Styrofoam (Qt)		
Styrofoam (other)		
Plastic	1	
Paper		
Beer	2	
Bottles		
Cans		
Liquor		
Plastic bottles		
Glass		
Soda		
Bottles		
Cans		
Water	4	
Sports drinks		
Bottles		
Cans		
Juice		
Bottles		
Cans		
Food packaging		
Food wrappers (candy, etc.)	24	
Non-cup styrofoam		
Non-cup plastic	2	
Non-cup paper (bags, boxes)	7	
Straws	1	
6-pack rings		
Plates and bowls plastic		
Cans, milk jugs, mixes		
Plates, styrofoam		
Utensils	1	
Misc		
Nicotine		
cigs, cigars, lighters, dip, packs		

TRASH SURVEY DATASHEET

	TOTAL	TALLY	
Toiletries			Toiletries
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Packaging			
Rx, drugs			Medicinal
Rx and drug packaging			
Syringes, paraphernalia			
Toys, games			Recreational
Balls, games			
CD, DVD, electronic packaging			
School/office supplies			
ID cards, credit cards			
Batteries			
Paper litter			Paper Litter
News, books, magazines			
Advertising, signs, cards			
Clothing			Clothing
Clothes, shoes, hats	3		
PPE	1		
Misc. fabric	11		
Auto			
Car parts (small)			
Car parts (large)			
Tires			
Construction	4		
Small items			
Large items			
Appliances			Large
Bikes, bike parts			
Furniture/cushions/pillows	2		
Shopping carts			
Carpet			
Rope/line			
Buckets			
Appliances			
Misc	3		
Sm. debris (ex. metal, plastic scraps)			
Lg. debris (ex. garbage cans)			

CONTACT Pima County Regional Flood Control District to report large or dangerous items (Debbie.grijalva@pima.gov)

Large items: _____

Dangerous: _____

Task 4: Community engagement

Task 3a: Annual Santa Cruz River cleanup events

Process: work with Santa Cruz and Pima County-based organizations

- River cleanup during cooler months
- Sonoran Institute cleanup events bring 100 to 300 people
- Data collected during the cleanup (volunteers, total trash weight)

Task 3b: *Living River* publication showcases trash efforts

- Bilingual publication
- 3,000 addresses
- Includes data and calls to action
- Will be reinforced with community outreach (lectures, tours, etc.)



ADWR/SCAMA-related outcomes

PROTECTING WATER QUALITY

- Reducing solid waste: direct benefit to water users
- Ground water quality: litter trap sequesters waterborne pollutants
- Aesthetics: cleaner waterways → a better-served community

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

- Litter trap and signage: informed SCAMA water users, visitors
- Community engagement: river events and cleanups
- Direct education: *Living River* publication to 3,000 addresses in SCAMA

MONITORING AND REPORTING

- Analyses will inform municipalities about policy/engineering solutions
- Source tracking will inform current and future solid waste policies

Tangible outcomes with a reasonable plan

Task	FY25				FY26				FY27			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1. Site for the litter trap installation identified	X	X										
2. Trash condition at site preliminary installation		X	X									
3. Installation of the litter trap		X	X									
4. Post-installation trash assessment (monthly)			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5. Kickoff community event			X									
6. Trash results reported in <i>Living River</i> publication					X				X			
7. Annual river cleanup events						X				X		
8. Future litter trap sites identified										X	X	

Category	FY25	FY26	FY27	Total
Personnel	\$ 67,827	\$ 38,429	\$ 38,806	\$ 145,062
Fringe: Benefits	\$ 10,251	\$ 6,615	\$ 6,630	\$ 23,495
Fringe: Payroll taxes	\$ 7,817	\$ 4,611	\$ 4,657	\$ 17,085
Travel	\$ 1,439	\$ 604	\$ 604	\$ 2,647
Publications	\$ -	-	-	\$ -
Litter trap (purchase and installation)	\$ 150,000	-	-	\$ 150,000
Supplies	\$ 5,100	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 8,100
			<i>subtotal</i>	\$ 346,389
			Indirect (20%)	\$ 69,282
			TOTAL	\$ 415,671

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SANTA CRUZ ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA

Groundwater Withdrawal Information

Year		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
WMAP	Fee	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	Max \$2.00
	Collected	\$28,457	\$29,756	\$28,934	\$21,104	N/A	
Admin & Enforcement	Fee	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	Min. \$0.50 Max. \$1.00
	Collected	\$14,228	\$14,878	\$14,467	\$10,552	N/A	
Total	Fee	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	TBD
	Collected*	\$45,782	\$49,191	\$48,563	\$33,788	N/A	

Water Management Assistance Program Fund

Current Balance: \$439,826

Encumbered/committed: \$11,938

(+\$415,671 if fully funding Santa Cruz County = \$427,609)

Remaining Balance: \$427,888

(\$12,217 if fully funding Santa Cruz County)

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