Willow Creek Watershed Park Management Plan
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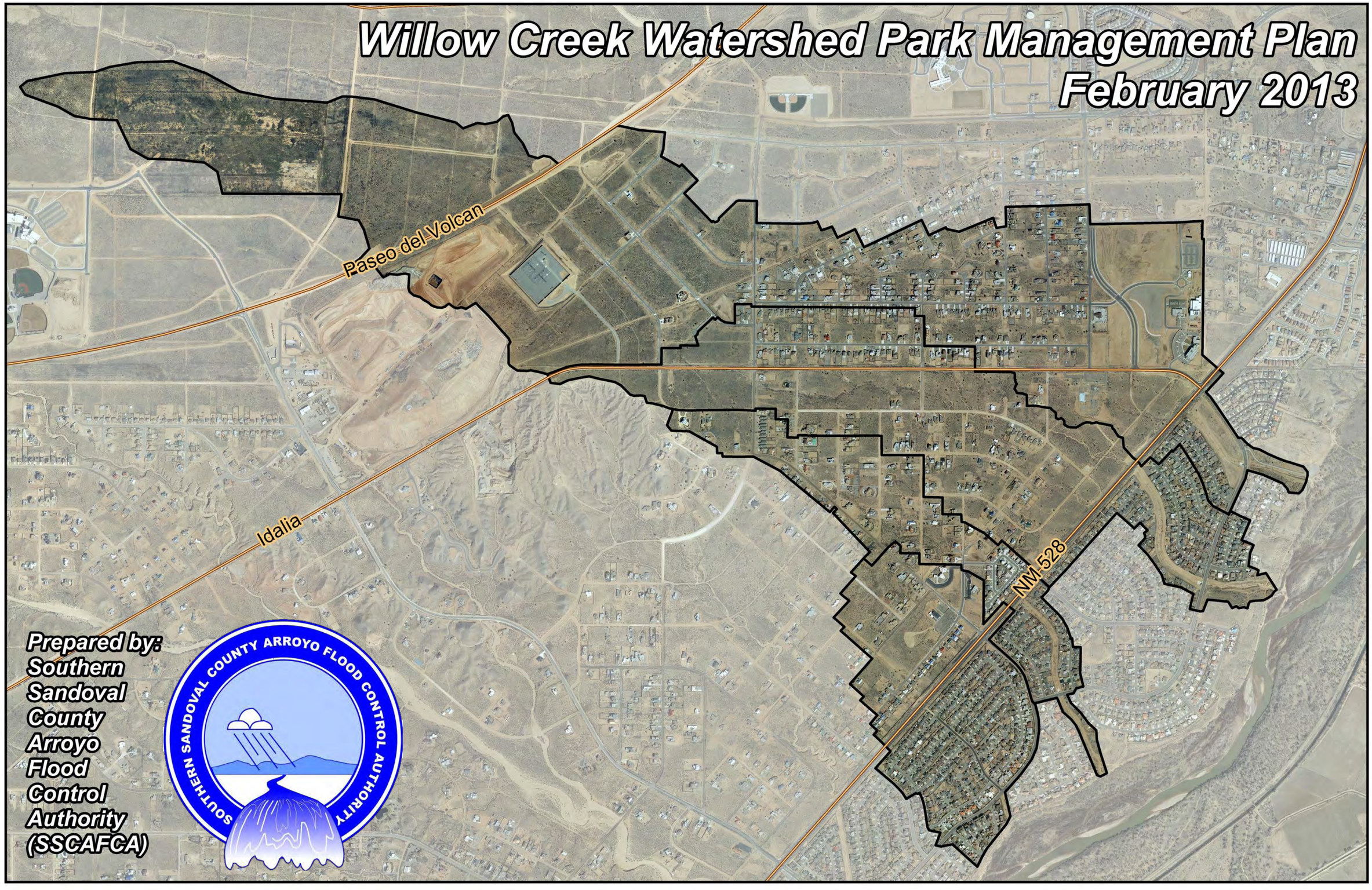

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DRAFT WILLOW CREEK
WATERSHED PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN
(WCWMP)

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WILLOW CREEK WATERSHED PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN (WCWMP) REVISION HISTORY

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ABBREVIATIONS & DEFINITIONS

100-year Storm	-	A storm which has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year
ac	-	Acre
AF	-	Acre-feet of runoff (volume of water that covers one acre one foot deep)
AHYMO	-	**A**rid Lands **HY**drologic **MO**del
AMAFCA	-	Albuquerque Metropolitan Area Flood Control Authority
Arroyo	-	Ephemeral stream in arid or semiarid southwestern U.S. typically with a flat floored channel and vertical or steeply cut banks that is usually dry.
Authority	-	See SSCAFCA
Blvd	-	Boulevard
CBC	-	Concrete Box Culvert
cfs	-	cubic feet per second – flow rate
cfs/ac	-	cubic feet per second per acre
CMP	-	Corrugated Metal Pipe
COA	-	City of Albuquerque
CoRR	-	City of Rio Rancho
USACE	-	United States Army Corps of Engineers
CY	-	Cubic yard
Dam	-	Facility intended for sediment, erosion, and flood control; (see also: "Jurisdictional Dam")
Design Q	-	The flow rate in cfs that the facility was designed for; this assumes that freeboard and other factors were included in the design; this is not the "bank full" capacity
Developed	-	Lot, parcel or area with structures or other man made construction
Detention	-	Collection, temporary storage and controlled release of runoff
DEVEXConditions Hydrology	-	Fully developed watershed, assuming existing platting, and only incorporating currently existing drainage infrastructure
DMP	-	Drainage Master Plan
DPM	-	SSCAFCA 2009 Development Process Manual Chapter 22
Drainage Basin	-	Area of land that drains to a specific location or drainage facility
Drainage Report	-	A document for the purpose of describing the existing drainage conditions, predicting the effects of land use or other changes and proposing solutions to drainage problems
du/ac	-	Dwelling unit per acre
Emergency Spillway	-	A spillway designed to convey excess water through, over or around a dam if the capacity of the dam and principal spillway are exceeded
EPA	-	Environmental Protection Agency
EXISTINGConditions Hydrology	-	Hydrology representing existing development and drainage infrastructure as of the date of the report
Facility	-	Any structure, levee, dike, diversion channel, storm drain, pond, pumping station, detention facility or dam, either natural or manmade, which has the function of conveying, containing, directing or storing stormwater runoff
Facility Name	-	The commonly referenced name for the facility
Facility Plan	-	A drainage study or design analysis of a specific facility, usually limited to a specific drainage basin or sub-basin
Failure	-	An incident resulting in the uncontrolled unintentional release or loss of control of stormwater
FEMA	-	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIRM	-	Flood Insurance Rate Map
Flood	-	A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of two or more acres of normally dry land or two or more properties from: - Overflow of inland or tidal waters - Unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source - Mud flow
Floodplain	-	That area above and alongside a river, an arroyo, floodway or channel, which is subject to inundation by out-of-bank flow
Floodway	-	The central channel or watercourse and the adjacent land area that is administered by FEMA and must be reserved in order to allow discharge of the base flood without increasing the water-surface elevation more than a designated height
fps	-	feet per second
Free Discharge	-	Runoff without peak flow and/or volume attenuation
Fully Developed	-	All areas are assumed to be completely developed (i.e. fully built out) based on existing platting, zoning and/or proposed development
GIS	-	Geographic Information System
Hard Lined Conveyance	-	Constructed channel or other conveyance system with non-pervious lining (concrete, soil cement, etc.)
HEC-HMS	-	Hydrologic Modeling System (HMS) developed and maintained by the US Army Corps of Engineers Hydrologic Engineering Center(HEC); software and manuals can be downloaded for free from the HEC website: http://www.hec.usace.army.mil/software/hec-hms/
Historic Runoff	-	Runoff based on "Pre-Development" conditions. For the purposes of this plan, historic runoff is interpreted as watershed conditions prior to significant human modifications

Jurisdictional Dam	-	Dam under the jurisdiction of the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer; Section 72-5-32 NMSA 19.25.12.7 D. (1) (a) NMAC-N, 3/31/2005, defines a jurisdictional dam as 25 feet or greater in height and storing more than 15 acre-feet or a dam that stores 50 AF or greater and is 6 feet or more in height
Lateral Erosion Envelope (LEE)	-	An identified envelope boundary, inside of which development may be at increased risk from flooding or damage due to lateral migration of the arroyo or channel
MRCOG	-	Mid Region Council of Governments
MRGCD	-	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
Natural Arroyo	-	An ephemeral drainage way, typically having a sloping, movable bed with steep or vertical erodible banks, which has not been directly altered by human intervention
Naturalistic Arroyo	-	An ephemeral drainage way, typically having a sloping, movable bed with steep or vertical erodible banks, which has been directly altered by human intervention; and in which non-continuous or limited erosion protection measures have been installed to prevent damage to infrastructure while maintaining the natural bed and bank materials, with the objective of maintaining the natural character of the corridor to the maximum extent practicable such that it can continue to be used by wildlife and recreationist
NM	-	New Mexico
NM528	-	New Mexico Highway 528, also known as Pat D'Arco Highway
NMDOT	-	New Mexico Department of Transportation
NOAA	-	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPDES	-	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (EPA permit program to reduce pollution in water of the US)
NRCS	-	Natural Resources Conservation Service
O&M	-	Operation and Maintenance
O&M Agency	-	The agency with primary operations and maintenance responsibility for a facility
OSE	-	Office of the State Engineer
PMF	-	Probable Maximum Flood
Pond	-	Facility intended for sediment, erosion, and flood control, which is constructed less than 25 feet in height and can store less than 50 AF of water (see also "Jurisdictional Dam")
Principal spillway	-	The low-flow outlet from a dam, typically a pipe or box culvert
Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP)	-	Theoretically, the greatest depth of precipitation for a given duration that is physically possible over a given size storm area at a particular geographic location
Probable Maximum Flood (PMF)	-	The largest flood that may be expected at a point on a stream or water course resulting from the most severe combination of critical meteorological and hydrologic conditions possible in a particular watershed
Proposed Facility	-	A new recommended drainage facility
Q	-	Flow rate, in cfs
RCP	-	Reinforced Concrete Pipe
Regional Stormwater Detention Facility	-	See Major Facilities
ROW	-	Right-of-way
Retention	-	Collection and storage of runoff without release
SAD	-	Special Assessment District
SCS	-	Soil Conservation Service (previous name for NRCS)
Soft Lined Conveyance	-	Constructed channel, swale or other conveyance system with pervious lining, with or without erosion control measures (i.e. riprap, grass, natural soil, etc.)
SSCAFCA	-	Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority
Sub-basin	-	Portion of a watershed; see also "drainage basin"
ULTIMATE Conditions Hydrology	-	Fully developed watershed including all existing drainage facilities along with anticipated future drainage infrastructure
USACE	-	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USGS	-	United States Geological Survey
Watershed	-	Drainage area usually incorporating several drainage basins or sub-basins, typically with an outfall directly to the Rio Grande or into an independent system which conveys the watershed runoff to the Rio Grande
Watershed Park Management Plan	-	A comprehensive study of the drainage characteristics of a watershed establishing the plan for managing drainage within the watershed
WC	-	Two letter identifier for the Willow Creek Watershed Park
WCWMP	-	Willow Creek Watershed Park Management Plan
WMP	-	Watershed Management Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Willow Creek Watershed Park, located within Units 20 and 17 of the City of Rio Rancho, is characterized by steep slopes and soils prone to erosion. Development is mainly residential with some planned commercial development along NM 528 and Idalia Road. Portions of the watershed have minimal or no drainage infrastructure and have been impacted by flooding and erosion during large storm events, most recently in the summer of 2006. Due to this history of storm damage, SSCAFCA has prepared the Willow Creek Watershed Park Management Plan (WCWMP). The plan establishes the hydrology of the watershed both for existing and anticipated future conditions, identifies specific drainage deficiencies, and recommends needed drainage improvements.

SSCAFCA currently owns no property within the watershed. All existing drainage right-of-way is owned by the City of Rio Rancho or Sandoval County, and many of the smaller arroyos are on private land. SSCAFCA is responsible for flood control on a regional scale, and many of the proposed improvements fall below that regional threshold. It is therefore important for all affected agencies and stakeholders to work collaboratively towards solving the drainage and water quality issues affecting the Willow Creek Watershed Park.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Proposed Stormwater Detention Facilities

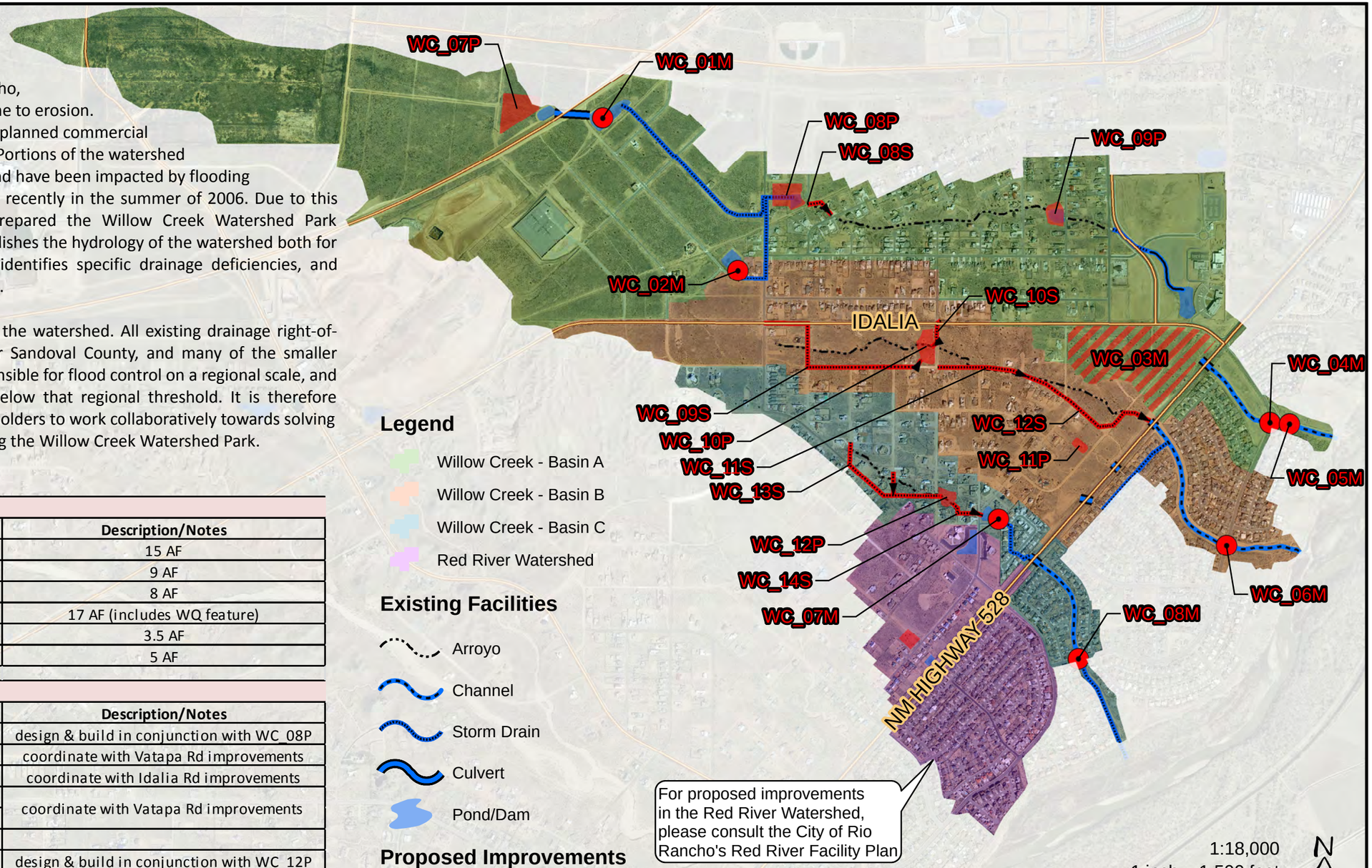
Facility ID	Name	Description/Notes
WC_07P	Pond # 12	15 AF
WC_08P	SAD 6 Pond # 6 upgrade	9 AF
WC_09P	SAD 5 Pond # 10 upgrade	8 AF
WC_10P	Campeche Pond	17 AF (includes WQ feature)
WC_11P	Tampico Pond	3.5 AF
WC_12P	Upper Christopher Pointe Pond	5 AF

Proposed Conveyance Facilities

Facility ID	Name	Description/Notes
WC_08S	Pond # 6 outfall SD	design & build in conjunction with WC_08P
WC_09S	Upper Vatapa Rd SD	coordinate with Vatapa Rd improvements
WC_10S	Idalia SD	coordinate with Idalia Rd improvements
WC_11S	Middle Vatapa Rd SD	coordinate with Vatapa Rd improvements
WC_12S	Lower Vatapa Rd SD	
WC_13S	Pasilla Rd SD	
WC_14S	Upper CP Pond outfall SD	design & build in conjunction with WC_12P

Proposed Misc. Drainage Improvements

Facility ID	Name	Description/Notes
WC_01M		Remove pond
WC_02M		Rehab outlet structure
WC_03M		Restrict developed discharge (< 75 cfs)
WC_04M		Upgrade crossing
WC_05M		Replace failing drop structures
WC_06M		Upgrade crossing
WC_07M		Rehab outlet structure
WC_08M		Upgrade crossing & downstream conveyance



I. INTRODUCTION

A. BACKGROUND

The Willow Creek Watershed Park Management Plan (WCWMP) was prepared by the Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority (SSCAFCA). The Willow Creek Watershed Park is located in the City of Rio Rancho, between the Venada Watershed Park to the north and the Barranca Watershed Park to the south.

B. VISION AND GOALS

The goals presented in the WCWMP for the Willow Creek Watershed Park represent both the goals of SSCAFCA, which are broad and visionary, and goals specific to the watershed. These goals are:

1. To provide flood protection up to the 100-year storm for the public health, safety and welfare of residents and properties within its boundaries.
2. To recognize the value of the land purchased or controlled for floodways as areas with multi-use potential.
3. To control sediment and erosion within the boundaries of the flood control authority.
4. To assist other entities in the construction of flood control for the good of the public.
5. Control the release of developed flows to meet the capacity of the existing culvert crossings at NM 528 and Willow Creek Road, and provide discharge guidelines for future development.
6. Preserve the natural character of the arroyos where possible and provide improvements to mitigate the effect of developed flows.

II. WATERSHED OVERVIEW

A. JURISDICTION

The watershed lies within Sandoval County, the SSCAFCA jurisdictional boundary, and the City of Rio Rancho, as shown in Figure 1 (Appendix A).

B. STUDY AREA

The study area of the WCWMP encompasses three major drainage basins, all of which cross NM 528 and drain to the Rio Grande in separate locations. From north to south, those basins are called Willow Creek A, B and C; a fourth basin that lies further to the south is called Red River Watershed. In 2006, the City of Rio Rancho compiled a facility plan for the Red River Watershed (WCRD 10), and SSCAFCA defers to the recommendations contained in that plan (see Appendix E). The WCWMP therefore only relates to the Willow Creek basins, although the Red River Watershed is shown on most maps.

C. WATERSHED CHARACTERISTICS

The three major drainage basins in the Willow Creek Watershed Park (see Figure 4, Appendix A) range in size from 140 acres to 380 acres (see Table 1). Existing development as of the date of this report ranges from 25 percent in Basin A to 60 percent in Basin C. Most of the development is residential; two major exceptions are the PNM Electric Substation and the Sandoval County Judicial Complex in Basin A. Residential development west of NM 528 can be categorized as low density (< 4 du/ac); minimal drainage infrastructure exists in Basins B and C, and roads are largely unpaved. West of Paseo del Volcan (PDV), Basin A is undeveloped with the exception of some graded dirt roads. Between PDV and NM 528, Basin A features mostly paved roads and some drainage infrastructure. Located east of NM 528 are River's Edge II & III, high density residential subdivisions with paved roads and established drainage infrastructure. Several portions of River's Edge II and III drain to the Bosque independently and are not part of Basins A, B or C. Those areas were not analyzed as part of this planning document, since they have established drainage infrastructure and do not accept off-site flows.

Table 1: Contributing drainage areas and percent development of the major basins in the Willow Creek Watershed Park

Drainage Basin	***Drainage Area (acres)***	***Percent Developed***
Willow Creek – Basin A	380	25
Willow Creek – Basin B	350	45
Willow Creek – Basin C	140	60

The soils in the Willow Creek Watershed are predominantly loamy fine sands, with some sandy loams in the upper portions of basins A and B. Soil data was obtained from the NRCS (U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service). Soil types found in the watershed include:

- Grieta fine sandy loam (1-4% slopes)
- Grieta-Sheppard loamy fine sands (2-9% slopes)
- Sheppard loamy fine sand (8-15% slopes)
- Sheppard loamy fine sand (3-8% slopes)

D. REFERENCES

Available reports and plans for existing and proposed developments and drainage facilities within the watershed were assembled and reviewed and have been included in the development of the WCWMP. These reference documents are referred to in the text as Willow Creek Reference Document (WCRD). All reference documents are listed in the table opposite Figure 2 (Appendix A) and are available for review at the SSCAFCA office.

E. EXISTING DRAINAGE FACILITIES

Details of existing drainage facilities are shown on the tiled maps in Appendix B. Each facility is assigned a unique identification number. Technical data pertaining to each existing facility is summarized in the table on the page adjacent to each map. Existing drainage facilities include the following:

- Five stormwater detention ponds currently exist in Basin A and one pond in Basin C:
  - Pond # 13 (WC_01P, Photo 1), Pond # 6 (WC_02P, Photo 2) and Pond # 2 (WC_05P, Photo 3) were constructed in conjunction with the City of Rio Rancho's Special Assessment District (SAD) 6 drainage improvements; contrary to the original plans laid out in the SAD 6 drainage report (WCRD 05), outflow from Pond # 2 (WC_05P) is conveyed north via storm drain in Chayote Road and discharges into Pond # 6 (WC_02P); originally, this runoff would have continued south to Idalia Road and into Basin B.
  - Pond # 10 (WC_03P, Photo 4) is part of the SAD 5 drainage improvements (WCRD 03).
  - The Sandoval County Pond (WC_04P, Photo 5) was constructed in conjunction with development of the Sandoval County Judicial Complex (maintained by the County).
  - The pond in Christopher Pointe Subdivision (WC_06P, Photo 6) is currently the only pond in Basin C.
- Runoff from Basins A, B and C crosses NM 528 and Willow Creek Road through a number of culverts; culvert capacities at NM 528 and Willow Creek Road dictate allowable peak flow rates from the upstream basins (see Table 2 for culvert sizes and estimated capacities).
- Between NM 528 and Willow Creek Road, runoff from Basins A, B and C are conveyed through the River's Edge III subdivision in three engineered earthen channels; the channels are stabilized with concrete grade control structures.

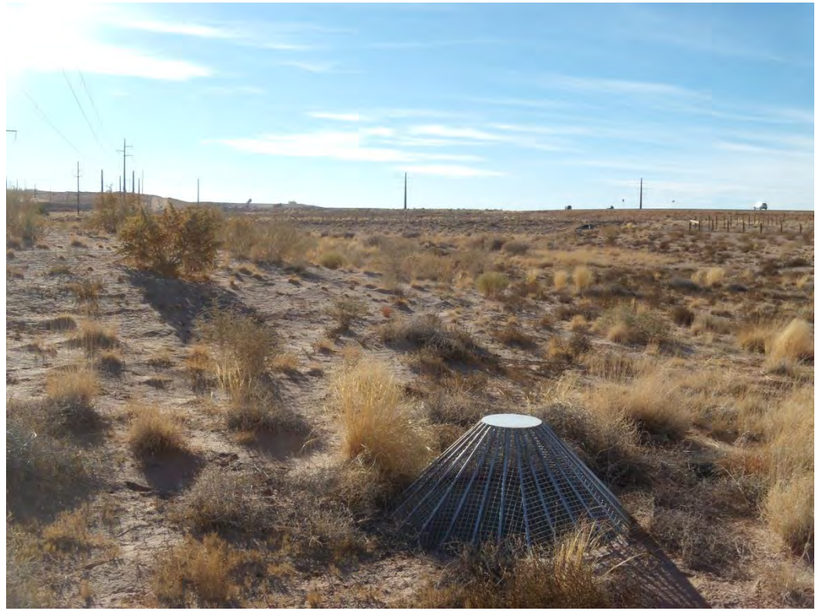


Photo 1: Pond # 13 (WC_01P, capacity ≈ 3 AF), looking west from the outlet.

Photo 2: Pond # 6 (WC_05P, capacity ≈ 3 AF), with the outlet visible in the background.

Photo 3: Pond # 2 (WC_05P, capacity ≈ 9 AF)

Photo 4: Pond # 10 (WC_03P, capacity ≈ 4 AF); culvert crossing serves as outlet structure.

Photo 5: Sandoval County Pond (WC_04P, capacity ≈ 9 AF), with ported riser outlet structure in the background.

Photo 6: Christopher Pointe Pond (WC_06P, capacity ≈ 2 AF), with outlet structure in the foreground.

III. HYDROLOGY

A. CRITERIA AND ASSUMPTIONS

1. Mapping & Topography

Orthophotography used for this project consists of tiled images which depict color digital aerial photographs acquired in the spring of 2010 during leaf-off conditions. LiDAR-derived elevation data (2-foot contour interval) was used to delineate watersheds and sub-basins as well as for calculating hydrologic parameters. Both orthophotogarphy and elevation data are part of the *MRCOG 2010 Digital Orthophotography and Elevation Data Project*.

2. Land Use

Land use data was based on the best available data as of the time of this report. Existing development in the watershed was mapped based on information contained in the City of Rio Rancho parcel geodatabase and verified using 2010 orthophotography. Future development was predominantly based on available platting and zoning information using parameters set forth in the DPM. Exceptions are areas encompassed by the City of Rio Rancho's *La Barranca Specific Area Plan* (WCRD 17) and the *AMREP – Paseo Gateway Drainage Management Plan* (WCRD 18).

3. Hydrology

The methodologies utilized in this study are based on SSCAFCA's Development Process Manual (DPM), Chapter 22, Drainage, Flood Control and Erosion Control (Revised April 2010), and the HEC-HMS 3.5 computer program. All model parameters were computed in accordance with Section 2F of the DPM. The 100-year 24-hour design storm (2.9 inches of precipitation in 24 hours) was used to compute EXISTING and future peak flow rates and runoff volumes.

4. Development Scenarios

Three hydrologic models were developed to identify drainage related problems:

- The *EXISTINGCONDITIONS* model assumes existing development and existing drainage facilities as of the date of this report; it is used to identify current drainage related problems and deficiencies.
- The *DEVELOPED CONDITIONS – EXISTING FACILITIES* (DEVEX) model assumes full development of the watershed based on available platting and zoning information with existing drainage facilities; it is used to identify potential future problems and deficiencies.
- The *ULTIMATECONDITIONS* (ULTIMATE) model assumes full development of the watershed as well as the implementation of all facilities and improvements recommended in the WCWMP.

For hydrologic modeling purposes, each major drainage basin was divided into smaller sub-basins. Peak flow rates and runoff volumes were computed using the computer program HEC-HMS.

B. HYDROLOGY MODEL RESULTS

Table 2 shows the 100-year 24-hour peak flow rates and runoff volumes at selected analysis points for all model scenarios. For a summary of all model results, please consult Appendix C.

In general, both peak flows and runoff volumes are expected to be higher under DEVEX conditions as compared to EXISTING conditions. This is due to the fact that under EXISTING conditions, portions of the watershed are undeveloped. ULTIMATE conditions peak flows may be lower than DEVEX peak flows due to the implementation of proposed drainage infrastructure. Runoff volumes are expected to be similar under Ultimate and DEVEX conditions, since proposed stormwater detention facilities will be designed to drain completely (no significant retention).

Based on the above discussion, there appear to be discrepancies for analysis points one through six.

At analysis point one, peak flows are higher under EXISTING conditions than under DEVEX conditions; this is due to the fact that a portion of basin A_101 has been re-platted as part of the Paseo Gateway Drainage Management Plan (WCRD 18). Under developed conditions, the area west of Iris Road (see map tile 1, Appendix B) will be diverted to the Venada and Barranca watersheds; hence leading to lower peak flows in the DEVEX model

Additionally, Table 2 reports significantly higher runoff volumes for analysis points two through six under ULTIMATE conditions as compared to DEVEX conditions. This discrepancy is caused by two factors:

- Under EXISTING and DEVEX conditions, the culvert at Paseo del Volcan (PDV) limits the amount of flow that can enter subbasin A_102a to approximately 30 cfs; due to this restriction, more than half of the 100-year hydrograph is diverted north to the Venada Arroyo due to overtopping of the existing undersized pond; under ULTIMATE conditions, WC_07P (SAD 6 Pond # 12 proposed in WCRD 05, see map tile 1 in Appendix B) contains and attenuates the 100-year peak flow, and the entire upstream runoff eventually drains through the PDV culvert (no diversion to the Venada).
- Under EXISTING and DEVEX conditions, WC_05P (SAD 6 Pond # 2, see map tile 1 in Appendix B) acts as a retention pond; the proposed improvements to the outlet structure would allow the pond to drain completely under ULTIMATE conditions, thus increasing the runoff volume reaching analysis points downstream of the pond.

The DEVEX and ULTIMATE conditions model scenarios assume a fully developed watershed based on the City of Rio Rancho's specific area plans, or existing platting and zoning information. If actual development in the future deviates from those land use assumptions by increasing densities and impervious area, this will lead not only to increased peak flows, but also to higher runoff volumes than accounted for in this plan. Higher volumes can be detrimental to downstream stormwater detention facilities, even if peak flows from contributing areas upstream are kept at or below rates reported in this plan. Significant deviations from the assumed land uses will therefore require an analysis to ensure that the capacity of downstream stormwater detention facilities is not exceeded. In addition to restricting peak flows, measures to mitigate the effects of increased runoff volumes may be necessary.

Exhibit 1: Hydrology Model Results - EXISTING, DEVEX and ULTIMATE Conditions Peak Flow Rates for Selected Analysis Points.

PROGRESS
LINCOLN
WESTPHALIA
PASEO DEL VOLCAN
IRIS
IDALIA
LINCOLN

Future Diversion see Map Tile 1 in Appendix B

AP 01
EXISTING Q = 255 cfs
DEVEX Q = 220 cfs
ULTIMATE Q = 21 cfs

AP 02
EXISTING Q = 178 cfs
DEVEX Q = 244 cfs
ULTIMATE Q = 128 cfs

AP 03
EXISTING Q = 256 cfs
DEVEX Q = 344 cfs
ULTIMATE Q = 196 cfs

AP 08
EXISTING Q = 349 cfs
DEVEX Q = 460 cfs
ULTIMATE Q = 171 cfs

AP 04
EXISTING Q = 293 cfs
DEVEX Q = 402 cfs
ULTIMATE Q = 331 cfs

AP 09
EXISTING Q = 422 cfs
DEVEX Q = 596 cfs
ULTIMATE Q = 249 cfs

AP 05
EXISTING Q = 373 cfs
DEVEX Q = 476 cfs
ULTIMATE Q = 357 cfs

AP 06
EXISTING Q = 382 cfs
DEVEX Q = 489 cfs
ULTIMATE Q = 360 cfs

AP 13
EXISTING Q = 668 cfs
DEVEX Q = 867 cfs
ULTIMATE Q = 559 cfs

AP 12
EXISTING Q = 578 cfs
DEVEX Q = 774 cfs
ULTIMATE Q = 440 cfs

AP 10
EXISTING Q = 118 cfs
DEVEX Q = 144 cfs
ULTIMATE Q = 35 cfs

AP 11
EXISTING Q = 71 cfs
DEVEX Q = 87 cfs
ULTIMATE Q = 87 cfs

AP 07
EXISTING Q = 201 cfs
DEVEX Q = 287 cfs
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AP 14
EXISTING Q = 81 cfs
DEVEX Q = 96 cfs
ULTIMATE Q = 96 cfs

AP 15
EXISTING Q = 163 cfs
DEVEX Q = 214 cfs
ULTIMATE Q = 98 cfs

AP 16
EXISTING Q = 200 cfs
DEVEX Q = 257 cfs
ULTIMATE Q = 150 cfs

AP 17
EXISTING Q = 207 cfs
DEVEX Q = 264 cfs
ULTIMATE Q = 169 cfs

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B_301
B_401
C_101
C_102
C_103

Legend

- Subbasin Boundary
- Willow Creek - Basin A
- Willow Creek - Basin B
- Willow Creek - Basin C
- Red River Watershed
- Analysis Point

1:18,000
1 inch = 1,500 feet
0 0.25 0.5 Miles

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Willow Creek Watershed Park Management Plan

Analysis Points

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Exhibit 1

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Table 2: Existing, DEVEX and Ultimate Conditions Flow and Capacity Summary for Selected Analysis Points.

Analysis Point	*Location*	*Existing Structure Description*	*HEC_HMS Element*	*Drainage Area (mi^2)*	*EXISTING 100-year Peak Flow (cfs)*	*EXISTING Runoff Volume (AF)*	*DEVEX 100-year Peak Flow (cfs)*	*DEVEX Runoff Volume (AF)*	*ULTIMATE 100-year Peak Flow (cfs)*	*ULTIMATE Runoff Volume (AF)*	*Estimated Capacity (cfs)*
AP 01	Paseo del Volcan	1 - 30" CMP	A_101/ PDV_Culvert	0.33	255	14.9	220	13.5	21	11.3	30
AP 02	SAD 6 Pond 6 Outlet	Pond Outlet	A_103_R	0.74	178	21.5	244	30.6	128	44.0	
AP 03	Arroyo between Campeche & Oldenburg	Unimproved Arroyo	A_103_J	0.89	256	31.9	344	42.0	196	55.4	
AP 04	NM 528 & Basin A (350' south of Idalia)	2 - 60" CMP	A_105_J	1.20	293	57.0	402	78.7	331	91.3	335
AP 05	Willow Creek Rd & Basin A	1 - 66" CMP	A_106_J1	1.25	373	62.0	476	83.6	357	96.2	294
AP 06	Basin A outfall to Bosque		RG_A	1.26	382	62.4	489	84.1	360	96.7	
AP 07	Campeche Road & Basin B	Unimproved Arroyo	B_102_J	0.16	201	8.4	287	17.8	413	23.7	
AP 08	Vatapa Road	Arroyo in Roadway	B_103a_J	0.28	349	16.5	460	28.9	171	28.0	
AP 09	NM 528 & Basin B (1450' south of Idalia)	3 - 60" CMP	B_103b_J2	0.32	422	19.6	596	35.8	249	32.7	422
AP 10	NM 528 & Basin B (2250' south of Idalia)	1 - 36" CMP	B_301/Tampico_ Pond	0.07	118	4.2	144	6.9	35	6.9	46
AP 11	NM 528 & Basin B (2880' south of Idalia)	1 - 36" CMP	B_401	0.04	71	2.4	87	4.0	87	4.0	71
AP 12	Willow Creek & Basin B	1 - 72" CMP	B_104_J3	0.48	578	30.2	774	49.6	440	48.6	355
AP 13	Basin B outfall to Bosque		RG_B	0.55	668	37.3	867	56.7	559	55.7	
AP 14	Matamoros Road	Beginning of Arroyo in Basin C	C_101	0.06	81	3.3	96	4.8	96	4.8	
AP 15	NM 528 & Christopher Pointe	1 - 36" CMP	C_103_J	0.16	163	10.3	214	13.5	98	13.3	88
AP 16	Willow Creek & Basin C	1 - 36" RCP	C_104_J	0.21	200	15.5	257	18.7	150	18.5	91
AP 17	Basin C outfall to Bosque		RG_C	0.22	207	16.5	264	19.7	169	19.5	

Notes:

(1) All peak flow rates and runoff volumes in this table are for selected locations in the corresponding HEC-HMS models. For complete output files for Existing, DEVEX and ULTIMATE conditions, please refer to Appendix C.

(2) Since peak flow rates occur at different times, the peak flow at a confluence is not necessarily the sum of the peak flows from the corresponding tributaries.

(3) There are apparent discrepancies between DEVEX and ULTIMATE runoff volumes for analysis points 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, and between EXISTING and DEVEX peak flows for analysis point 1; please see section III.B of the report for discussion.

Exhibit 2: Overview Map showing Drainage Deficiencies in the Willow Creek Watershed Park; Numbers refer to the Detailed Description in Section IV.A Below.

PROGRESS
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Future Diversion see Map Tile 1 in Appendix B

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EXISTING Q = 255 cfs
DEVEX Q = 220 cfs
Capacity = 30 cfs

EXISTING Q = 293 cfs
DEVEX Q = 402 cfs
Capacity = 335 cfs

EXISTING Q = 373 cfs
DEVEX Q = 476 cfs
Capacity = 294 cfs

EXISTING Q = 422 cfs
DEVEX Q = 596 cfs
Capacity = 422 cfs

EXISTING Q = 578 cfs
DEVEX Q = 774 cfs
Capacity = 355 cfs

EXISTING Q = 118 cfs
DEVEX Q = 144 cfs
Capacity = 46 cfs

EXISTING Q = 163 cfs
DEVEX Q = 214 cfs
Capacity = 88 cfs

EXISTING Q = 200 cfs
DEVEX Q = 257 cfs
Capacity = 91 cfs

Legend

- Willow Creek - Basin A
- Willow Creek - Basin B
- Willow Creek - Basin C
- Red River Watershed
- Analysis Point

Existing Facilities

- Arroyo
- Channel
- Storm Drain
- Culvert
- Pond/Dam
- Drainage Deficiency

1:18,000
1 inch = 1,500 feet
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Willow Creek Watershed Park Management Plan

Deficiencies

Date: February 2013

Exhibit 2

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IV. DRAINAGE DEFICIENCIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the development scenarios described in the previous section, drainage deficiencies were identified and potential solutions evaluated.

A. DEFICIENCIES AND EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES

1. Basin A – Culvert at Paseo del Volcan (PDV)

Issues:

The 30" CMP culvert under PDV (Photo 7) has an estimated capacity of 30 cfs. Under EXISTING conditions, the model predicts a peak discharge of 255 cfs from basin A_101 (143 acres).

Under DEVEX conditions, basin A_101 is significantly smaller (95 acres) due to the future diversion in the approved Paseo Gateway Drainage Management Plan (WCRD 18). The 100-year storm would result in a slightly lower peak discharge of 220 cfs.

It is apparent that the existing culvert is insufficient to convey the 100-year flows both under EXISTING and DEVEX conditions. The SAD 6 Drainage Report (WCRD 05) shows a proposed pond just north of Paseo del Volcan (PDV), but that pond has not been constructed. Currently, there is only a small de-silting basin (capacity approximately 1 AF) at the entrance of the culvert.

Under EXISTING conditions, flows exceeding the culvert capacity will overtop the existing basin and continue in north-easterly direction following the embankment of Paseo del Volcan, and will enter the Venada Arroyo between Lincoln and Chayote Roads.

Photo 7: 30" CMP culvert under PDV, partially full of sediment.

Evaluation of Alternatives:

- **Stormwater Detention Pond WC_07P (Option a)**

Purchase necessary right-of-way and construct a stormwater detention pond (WC_07P) with a ported riser outlet structure that connects to the existing 30" culvert and discharges at a peak rate not exceeding 30 cfs;

The storage capacity of the proposed pond is approximately 13 AF, requiring about 4 acres of right-of-way (see Exhibit 3). Due to the planned upstream diversion, the required storage volume is less than the 17.25 AF anticipated in the SAD 6 Drainage Report (WCRD 05).

- **Diversion to Basin B (Option b)**

Construct storm drain to safely convey 100-year runoff north to the Venada Arroyo; this option would require an analysis of existing drainage infrastructure in the Venada watershed between PDV and the Rio Grande Bosque (for EXISTING and DEVEX conditions) to ensure that capacities of crossing structures and conveyances are not exceeded.

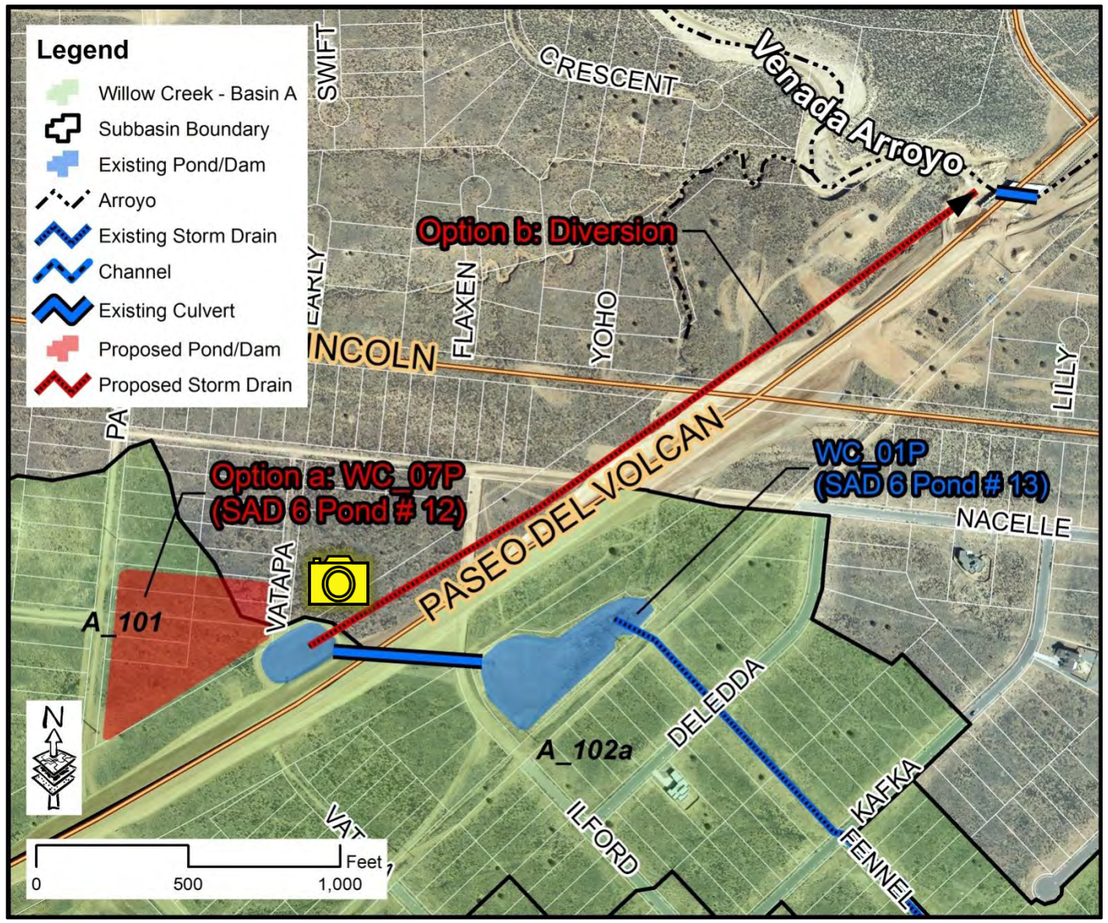


Exhibit 3: Map showing location of proposed pond west of Paseo del Volcan.

2. Basin A – SAD 6 Pond # 2 (WC_05P)

Issues:

Field investigation revealed that SAD6 Pond # 2 (WC_05P) only receives flows through storm drain in Vatapa and Ilford Roads. Evaluation of the pond was therefore based on the assumption that inflow into the pond is limited to the capacity of the storm drain.

According to the SAD 6 drainage report (WCRD 05), the pond was designed for peak storage of 7.7 AF; filled to the top of the embankment, the pond could store approximately 10 AF of water. Under DEVEX conditions, the model indicates that peak storage in the pond would be 10.6 AF and therefore in excess of the pond's capacity (for detailed reservoir routing results, please consult Appendix C).

In addition, the outlet structure of Pond #2 (WC_05P) is a concrete riser pipe without ports (Photo 8). The pond therefore acts as a retention pond until the water surface in the pond reaches the top of the pipe, approximately 7 feet above the pond bottom. According to the SAD 6 report (WCRD 05), the dead storage volume of this pond is estimated at 6.4 AF. This will lead to a stagnant pool of water in the pond after any significant rain event.

Photo 8: Pond # 2 outlet structure is a concrete riser pipe without ports.

Proposed Improvements:

Modify Outlet Structure (WC_05M)

Convert outlet structure to ported riser pipe; during high-frequency rainfall events, ports will act as water quality control by filtering out floatables; in addition, ports allow the pond to drain slowly, thereby allowing a portion of the runoff to infiltrate and evaporate, and allowing for sediment and particulate pollutants to settle out in the pond. During the 100-year storm, the top of the stand pipe will act as the principal spillway.

Re-design of the outlet structure, in particular with respect to size and distribution of ports and top elevation of the stand pipe is necessary to optimize water quality and flood control functions of the pond. Modifications to the outlet structure, particularly lowering the top elevation of the standpipe and allowing the pond to start discharging at a lower water surface elevation will solve the capacity problem of the pond. Re-grading of the pond bottom and introduction of ports in the stand pipe will allow the pond to drain completely.

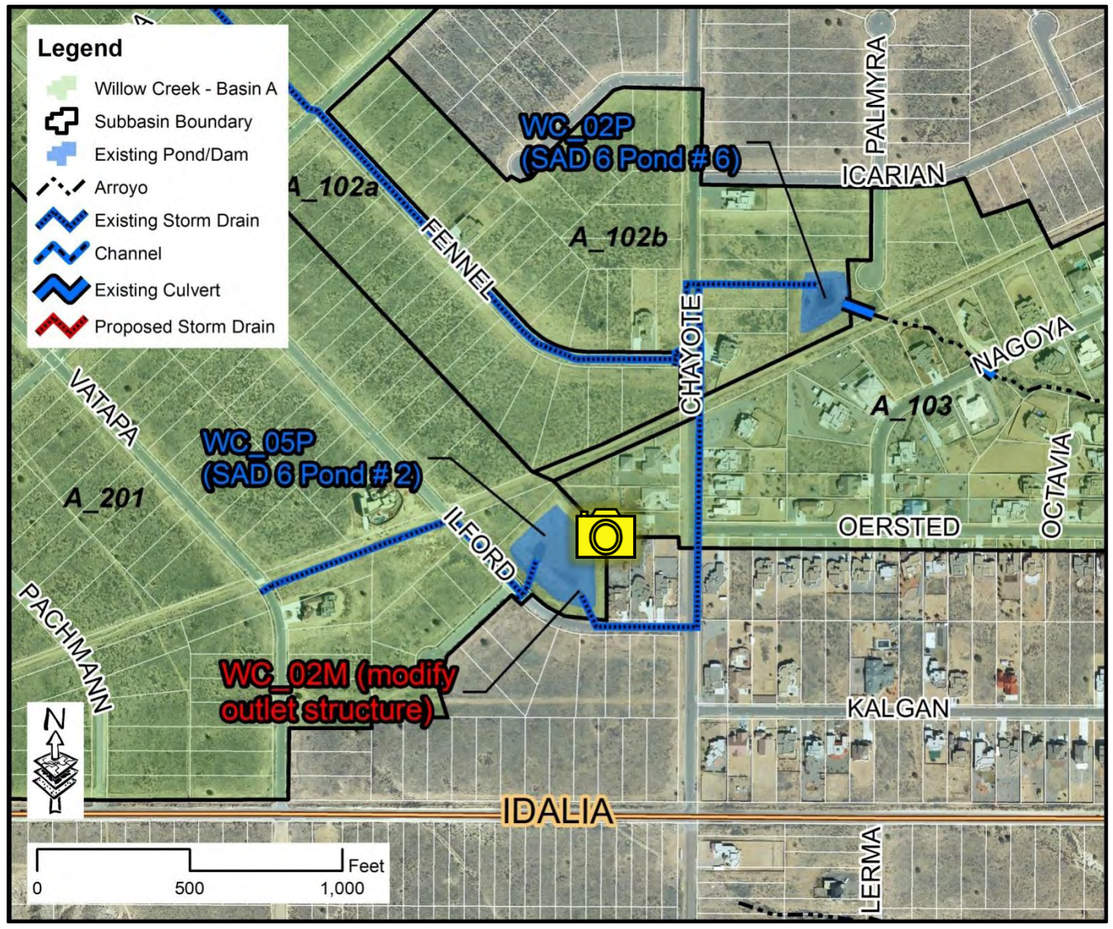


Exhibit 4: Map showing proposed changes to SAD 6 Pond # 2.

3. Basin A – Drainage between SAD 6Pond #6 and Camino Encantadas

Issues:

SAD 6 Pond # 6 (WC_02P) was designed for a peak storage of approximately 3.4 AF. During DEVEX conditions, peak storage in the pond is 3.9 AF, with a peak outflow of 246 cfs. The pond attenuates flows only minimally; sediment-deprived outflow is released back into the historical flow path through two 54 inch RCP culverts. The pond discharges across a gas line easement and onto private property (Photo 9); no public drainage right-of-way exists between the outlet pipes and Nagoya Road. In addition, a home has been constructed in the former flow path, and discharge from the pond will cross the developed lot and cause erosion and flooding.

Further downstream, between Nagoya and Nativitas Road, residential lots are platted to the centerline of the arroyo; in several locations, homes have been built in close proximity to the arroyo (Photo 10) and may be subject to erosion and/or flooding during a large storm event (see Exhibit 6). The original plat for this area shows a generic 20 ft public drainage easement between Nagoya and Nativitas Road; ownership of the easement is unclear.

Evaluation of Alternatives:

- **Stormwater Detention Pond WC_08P (Option a)**

Acquire necessary right-of-way and increase SAD 6 Pond # 6 storage volume from 3.6 to 9 AF (WC_08P); replace pond outlet structure with ported riser pipe; these modifications will decrease the peak outflow from 246 cfs (DEVEX conditions) to approximately 128 cfs during the 100-year design storm. Design of the pond and outfall storm drain will have to take into consideration elevation constraints caused by the high pressure gas line and the existing culvert under Nagoya Road (see Exhibit 6).

- **Diversion to Basin B (Option b)**

Divert upstream flows via new storm drain in Chayote Road to Basin B; replace SAD 6 Pond # 6 outlet with ported riser pipe. This option would reduce the peak discharge from the pond to approximately 30cfs.In addition, the diversion of flows to Basin B would significantly decrease the total runoff volume conveyed by WC_02Aand protect the arroyo reach from erosion.

- **Pond Outfall Storm Drain (All Options)**

Route discharge from SAD 6 Pond # 6 to culvert under Nagoya Road via new storm drain; verify ownership of 20’ drainage easement; depending on implementation of upstream drainage improvements and as necessary in the future, stabilize arroyo between Nagoya Road and Camino Encantadas, taking advantage of existing easement; preserve existing arroyo as open space and linear wildlife corridor.

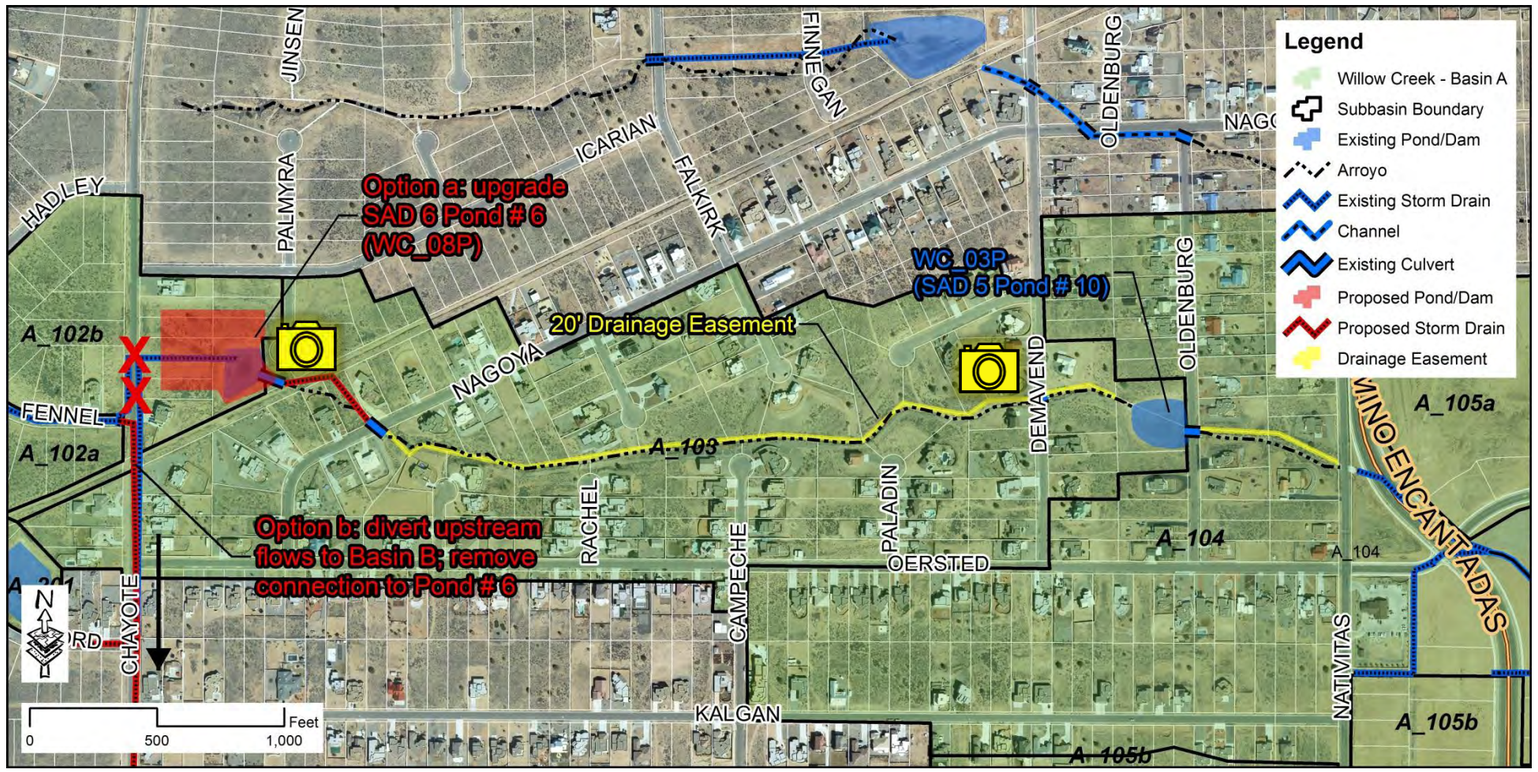
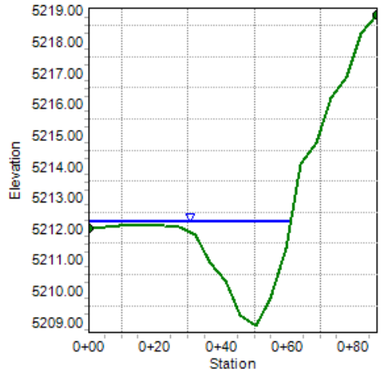


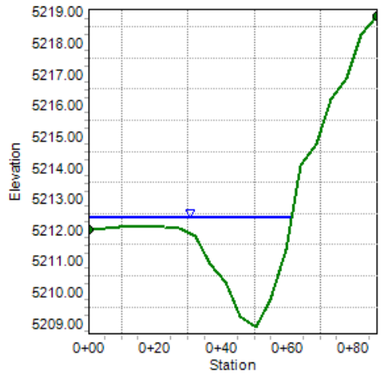
Exhibit 5: Map showing drainage improvement options between Pond # 6 and Camino Encantadas.

Photo 9: Home located in former flow path of Arroyo, looking east from SAD 6 Pond # 6; the outlet structure of the pond (two reinforced concrete pipes) can be seen at the bottom of the photo.

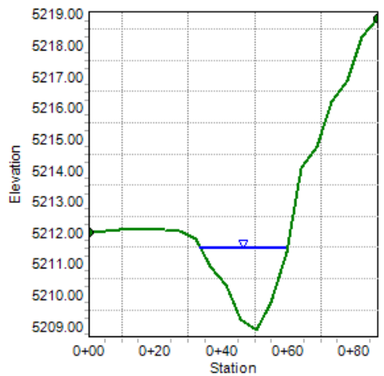
Photo 10: House in close proximity to the Arroyo, looking upstream from Demavend Road.



EXISTING conditions peak flow (≈ 260 cfs) exceeds channel capacity



DEVEX conditions peak flow (≈345 cfs) exceeds channel capacity



ULTIMATE conditions peak flow (≈200 cfs)

Exhibit 6: Estimated water surface elevation for EXISTING conditions (top), DEVEX conditions (center), and ULTIMATE conditions (bottom) for the channel shown in Photo 10; the ULTIMATE conditions flow rate of approximately 200 cfs at this location is identical regardless of whether improvement option a or b is implemented; EXISTING and DEVEX flow rates exceed channel capacity.

4. Basin A – SAD 5 Pond # 10 (WC_03P)

Issues:

SAD 5 Pond # 10 (WC_03P, Photo 11) doesn't have a deficiency, but provides an opportunity for drainage improvements that would alleviate problems further downstream in the watershed. Peak storage in the pond is 2.7 AF under EXISTING and 3.7 AF under DEVEX conditions. Both values are below the estimated capacity of 4 AF. Under EXISTING conditions, the pond reduces 100-year peak flows from 256 cfs to 231 cfs. Under DEVEX conditions, flows are reduced from 344 to 290 cfs. Increasing the storage volume in the pond and restricting outflow would help mitigate capacity constraints at NM528 (see Section IV.A.5below)

Proposed Improvements:

Upgrade SAD 5 Pond # 10 (WC_09P)

Increase volume of existing pond to approximately 8 AF; two additional lots (total of 1 acre) will be required for this improvement. Modify outlet structure to decrease peak outflow and optimize attenuating effect of the pond. With improvements in place, ULTIMATE conditions peak flows could be reduced to approximately 136 cfs. This assumes a fully developed watershed with all upstream improvements in place (WC_07P, WC_08P and WC_02M, see above).

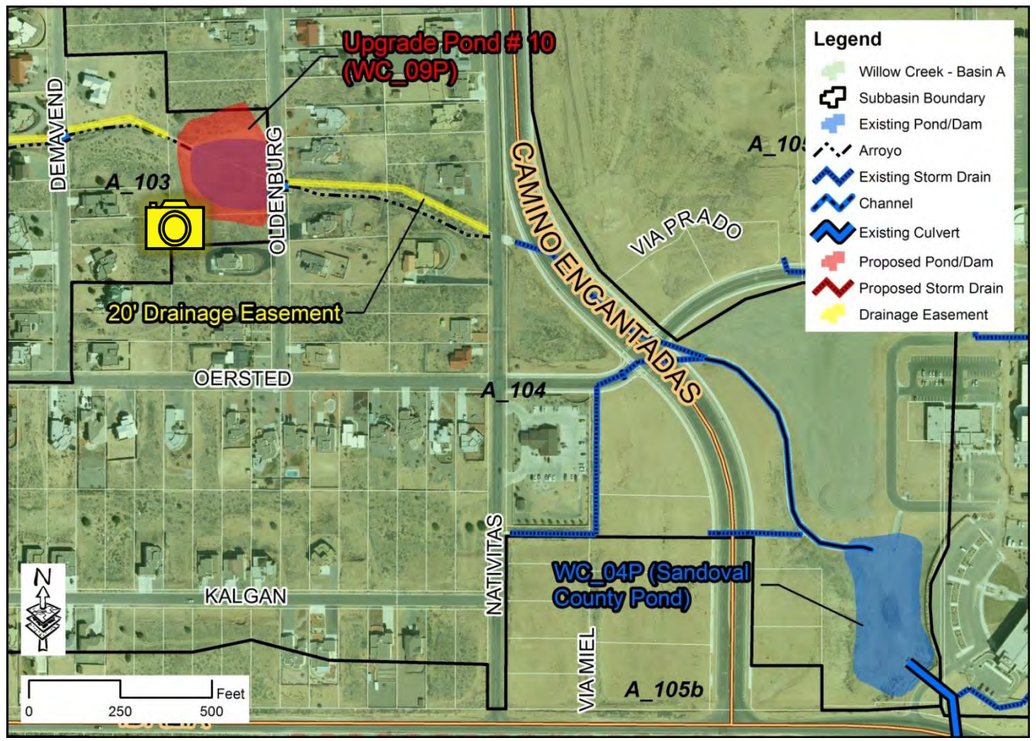


Exhibit 7: Map showing proposed improvements to SAD 5 Pond # 10 (WC_09P)

Photo 11: SAD 5 Pond # 10 (WC_03P)

5. Basin A – NM 528 to Willow Creek Road

Issues:

Flows from Basin A cross NM 528 through a set of culverts (estimated capacity: 335 cfs) just south of Idalia Road (Photo 13). Those culverts are undersized for the 100-year storm under DEVEX conditions (peak flow: 402 cfs); further downstream, the Willow Creek crossing structure with a capacity of 290 cfs is undersized both for EXISTING conditions (382 cfs) and DEVEX conditions(489 cfs, see Photo 14). In the earthen channel downstream of Willow Creek Road, several tire bale drop structures are failing (Photo 12).

Photo 12: Failing tire bale drop structure downstream of Willow Creek Road.

Proposed Improvements:

According to stakeholder input, a large stormwater detention pond at the intersection of Idalia Road and NM528 should be avoided if possible due to the high value of commercial real estate in this area; please see the City of Rio Rancho's La Barranca Specific Areas Plan (WCRD 17) for more information. The drainage improvement option presented here is an alternative to a regional pond; it consists of three separate improvements shown below.

In addition to the proposed improvements below, the failing tire bale drop structures in the channel downstream of Willow Creek Road need to be replaced or rehabilitated.

- **Upgrade SAD 5 Pond # 10 (WC_09P)**

See Section IV.A.4above.

- **Discharge Restriction from Basin A_105b**

Restrict discharge from subbasin A_105b to 75 cfs via administrative process so as to not exceed culvert capacity at NM 528; (however, restricting discharge in basin A_105b will not solve the capacity issue further downstream at Willow Creek Road);

- **Resolve Flow Restriction at Willow Creek Road**

Either increase capacity of crossing structure at Willow Creek Road or utilize existing CoRR drainage right-of-way upstream of crossing for a small stormwater detention pond.

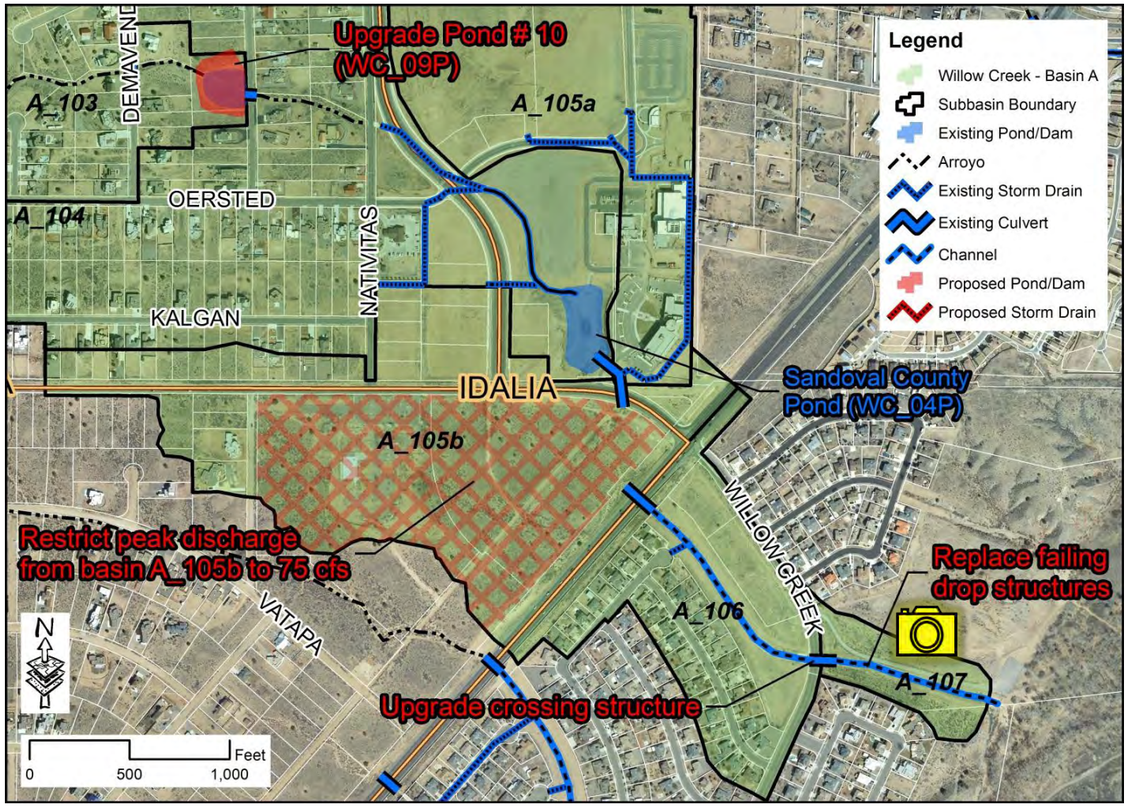


Exhibit 8: Map showing proposed drainage improvements in the lower portion of Basin A

Photo 13: Culverts at NM 528 and Basin A (2 –60" CMP, capacity ≈ 335 cfs)

Photo 14: Culvert at Willow Creek Road and Basin A (1 –66" CMP, capacity ≈ 290 cfs)

6. Basin B – Drainage Deficiencies

Issues:

No drainage improvements currently exist between Chayote Road and NM 528 (south of Idalia). In the upper reach, a small arroyo crosses a number of residential lots with no dedicated drainage right-of-way; runoff from a residential area crosses Idalia through a culvert west of Campeche Road and has led to a deeply incised arroyo between Idalia and Vatapa Roads (Exhibit 9); in the lower reach of Basin B, runoff follows Vapata Road (unpaved) for about 1000 feet and causes erosion damage to the road after any large rain event. Steep slopes in this basin cause stormwater to travel at high velocities, increasing the potential for erosion.

Flows from Basin B cross NM 528 through three separate banks of culverts adjacent to River's Edge III (see Photo 15 & Photo 16). Crossing WC_04X (capacity: 422 cfs) is undersized for the 100-year storm under DEVEX conditions (peak flow: 596 cfs). The central culvert (WC_05X, capacity: 46 cfs) is undersized under EXISTING conditions (peak flow: 118 cfs) and DEVEX conditions (peak flow: 144 cfs). Runoff in excess of the culvert capacities flows northward along the west side of NM 528 within DOT right-of-way. Further downstream, the Willow Creek crossing structure (capacity: 355 cfs) is undersized both under EXISTING conditions (peak flow: 578 cfs) and DEVEX conditions (peak flow: 774 cfs, see Photo 17).

Proposed Improvements:

- **Campeche Pond (WC_10P)**

Purchase required right-of-way and construct Campeche Pond, with a storage capacity of about 17 AF; approximately 3.5 acres (6 lots) are required for this regional stormwater detention facility (see Exhibit 10); construct outfall storm drain from pond to NM528 to reduce erosion problems in Vatapa Road. Construct storm drain to convey runoff from Idalia Road and subbasin B_201 into pond to resolve erosion problems between Idalia and Vatapa Road.

- **Tampico Pond (WC_11P)**

Construct Tampico Pond (detention volume: 3.5 AF); approximately 1 acre of right-of-way is required for this stormwater detention facility; construct storm drain improvements associated with this pond (see Exhibit 10).

- **Upgrade crossing structure at Willow Creek Road.**

Increase capacity of crossing structure at Willow Creek Road or allow flows in excess of the culvert capacity to cross roadway (curb cuts) and re-enter the existing channel downstream of Willow Creek Road.

Exhibit 9: Aerial image (Google Earth) of two small arroyos intersecting Vatapa Road.

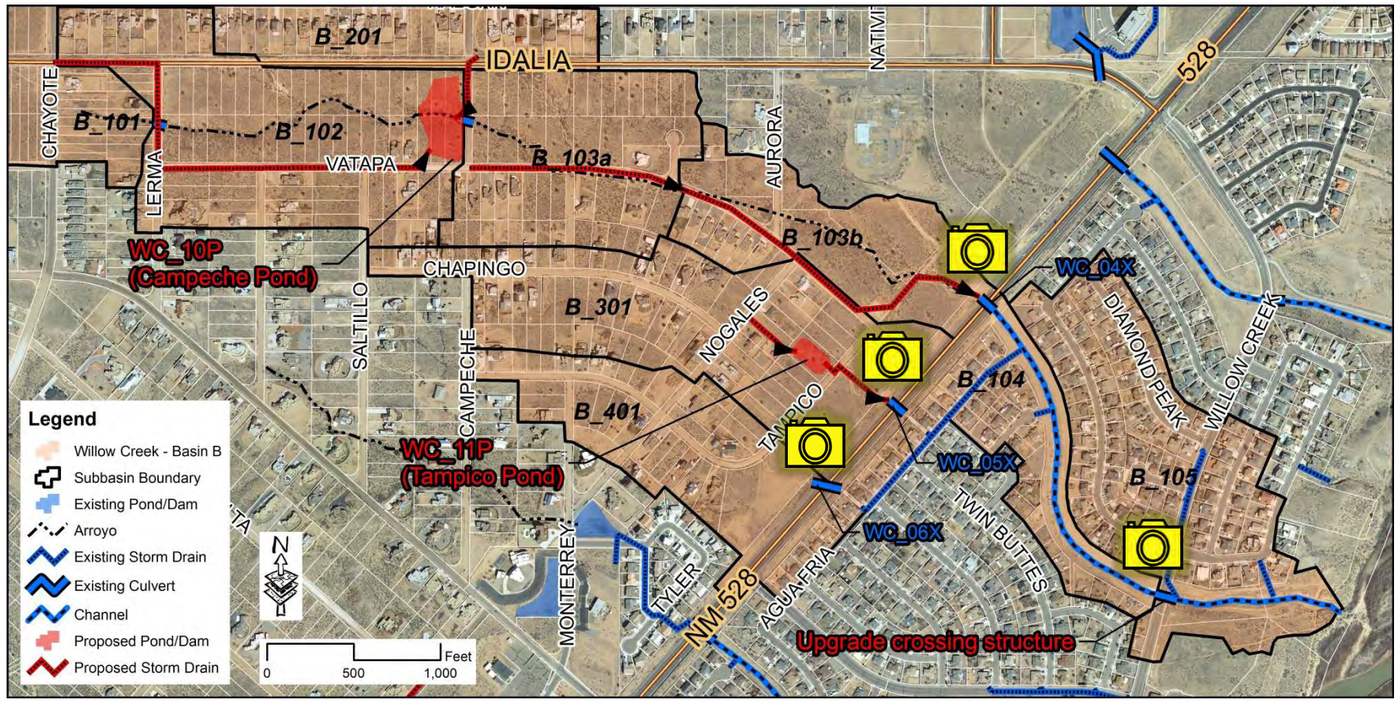


Exhibit 10: Map showing drainage improvement options in Basin B.

Photo 16: Crossing WC_05X (left, 1 – 36” CMP, capacity ≈ 46 cfs) and WC_06X (right, 1 – 36” CMP, capacity ≈ 71 cfs)

Photo 15: Crossing WC_04X (3 – 60” CMP, capacity ≈ 422 cfs)

17: Culvert at Willow Creek Road and Basin B (1 – 72” CMP, capacity ≈ 355 cfs)

7. Basin C – Drainage Deficiencies

Issues:

A small arroyo crosses a number of residential lots between Matamoros Road and Monterrey Road with no designated drainage right-of-way; in several locations, homes have been constructed in close proximity to the arroyo or even within the former flow path, making them susceptible to erosion damage and flooding. Christopher Pointe Pond (Photo 21) does not have sufficient capacity for the 100-year storm, both under EXISTING and DEVEX conditions; the outlet structure (grate) is also prone to clogging. Flows in excess of the pond capacity will travel down Tyler Loop towards NM 528, potentially causing flooding in the Christopher Pointe subdivision.

The culvert at NM 528 just west of the Christopher Point subdivision, as well as the storm drain downstream of Willow Creek Road have insufficient capacity under EXISTING and DEVEX conditions (see Photo 19 and Photo 20).

Proposed Improvements:

- **Upper Christopher Pointe Pond (WC_12P)**

Construct Upper Christopher Pointe Pond with a storage volume of 5 AF; approximately 2 acres (2 lots) are required for this facility (see Exhibit 11); construct associated storm drain.

- **Retrofit Christopher Pointe Pond (WC_07M)**

Replace existing outlet with ported riser pipe to improve efficiency, minimize maintenance and improve water quality.

- **Crossing at Willow Creek Road**

Even with all upstream improvements in place, there is insufficient detention volume to reduce peak flow rates at Willow Creek Road below the capacity of the existing culvert and storm drain. One potential solution would be to allow flows in excess of the culvert capacity to cross the roadway and utilize the public right-of-way downstream to convey the excess runoff the Rio Grande.

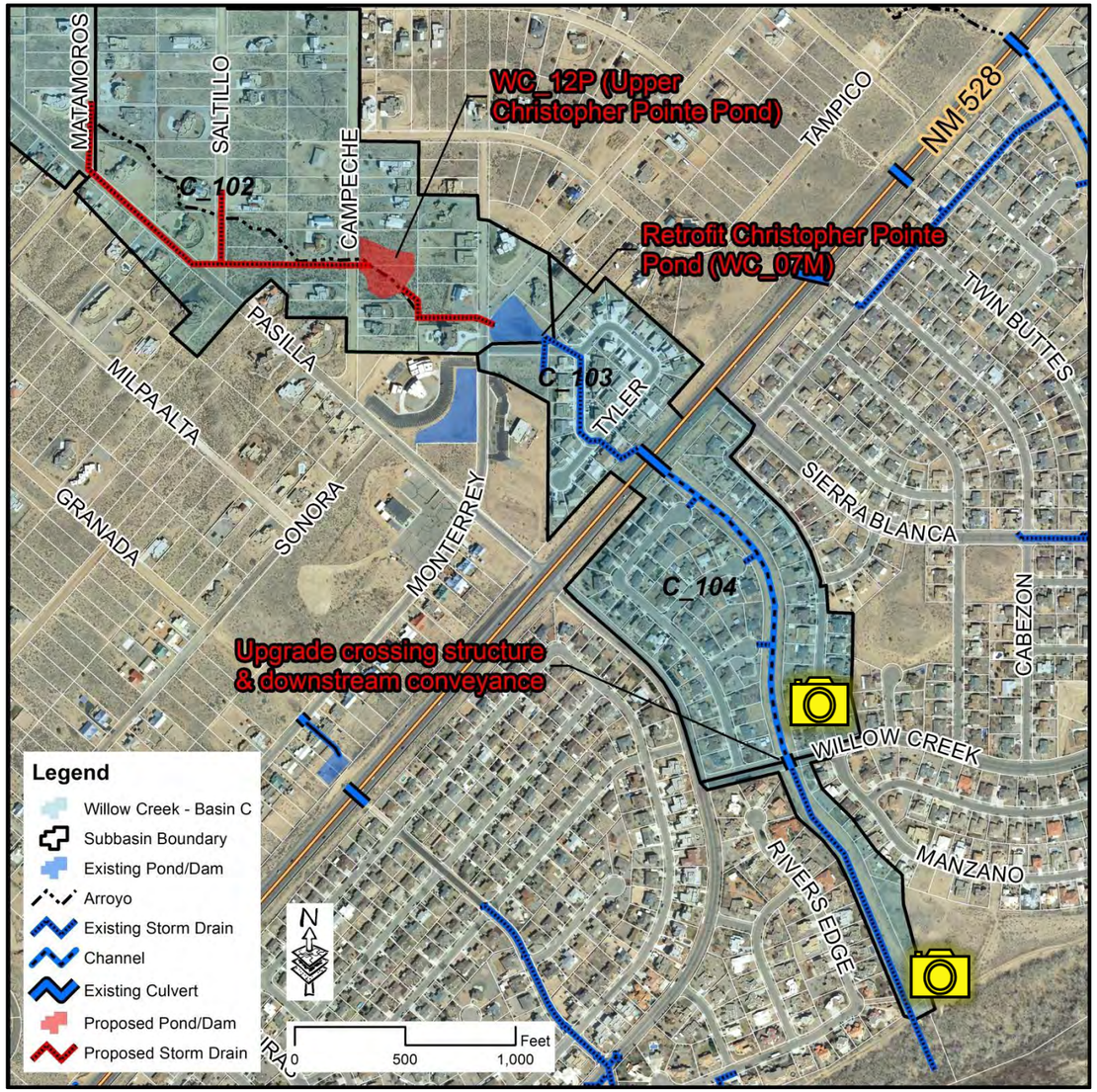


Exhibit 11: Map showing drainage improvement options in Basin C.

Photo 19: Storm drain inlet at Willow Creek Road in Basin C (36” RCP, capacity ≈ 90 cfs).

Photo 20: Outlet of storm drain shown above to the Rio Grande Bosque.

Photo 21: Christopher Pointe Pond (WC_06P), with the outlet structure visible in the foreground.

B. STORMWATER QUALITY

1. Background

It is widely recognized that as land use changes because of urbanization, stormwater runoff quality is adversely impacted. Nearly all of the associated water quality issues result from one underlying cause: loss of the water-retaining and evapotranspiration functions of the soil and vegetation in the urban landscape. Increases in impervious cover result in increased runoff volume and frequency, transporting ever greater quantities of pollutants and sediment to the arroyos and the Rio Grande in short, concentrated bursts of high discharge. When combined with the introduction of pollutant sources from urbanization (such as lawns, motor vehicles, domesticated animals, and industries), these changes in hydrology have led to water quality and habitat degradation in many urban streams.

The Federal Clean Water Act contains provisions to address control of pollution in stormwater through promulgation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Under this program, entities responsible for the discharge of municipal stormwater runoff to waters of the United States are regulated through an NPDES permit issued by the Environmental Protection Agency. Under the conditions of the NPDES permit, each entity must conduct stormwater quality management activities that seek to reduce pollutant levels in stormwater runoff to the maximum extent practicable. The pollutants of concern are established by the New Mexico Environment Department and are indicated as impairments to the Rio Grande when the state-established water quality standard is exceeded.

Stormwater quality management has not historically been a formal part of the mission of the Authority. The importance of the Authority's facilities in the management and conveyance of water resources in the region and the Authority's dedication to watershed stewardship along with the increasing regulatory attention to water quality management, have expanded the role of the Authority to include water quality. This reinforces elements of the Authority's overall mission to preserve the natural character of the arroyos, provide multi-use and quality-of-life opportunities for lands controlled by the Authority, and to control sediment transport and erosion. The Rio Grande is also viewed as a valuable resource for residents of the jurisdiction including the flora and fauna of these riparian and arroyo corridors.

SSCAFCA, along with the City of Rio Rancho and Sandoval County, were identified as regulated entities under the NPDES in 2006. SSCAFCA submitted a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) on May 24, 2007. Under the permit, SSCAFCA is requested to:

- Reduce the discharge of pollutants to the "maximum extent practicable" (MEP);
- Protect water quality; and
- Satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act.

These requirements are accomplished through six minimum control measures:

- Public Education and Outreach
- Public Participation/Involvement
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
- Construction Site Runoff Control
- Post-Construction Runoff Control
- Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping

Details of the requirements and activities completed by SSCAFCA under the permite can be found on our website, www.sscafca.org.

2. Application in the Willow Creek Watershed Park

Many permanent regional best management practices are planned in this watershed park management plan to help reduce potential sediment and pollutants in stormwater runoff (see Exhibit 12), including:

- Water quality treatment mechanisms will be incorporated in the design of all regional stormwater detention facilities.
- Naturalistic channel treatments (earthen channels with drop structures) will be utilized wherever feasible to slow down the velocity of stormwater runoff and promote infiltration into the soil.
- SSCAFCA, in cooperation with the CoRR, has implemented a policy that requires residential, commercial and industrial developments to provide operation and maintenance of on-site stormwater quality facilities to treat the runoff from a 0.6", 6-hour storm event prior to discharge to a public facility. See the SSCAFCA/CoRR Development Process Manual.

3. Rio Grande Bosque Open Space

A continuous ribbon of public open space stretches along the Rio Grande Bosque from the Venada Arroyo in the north to the Barranca Arroyo in the south (see Exhibit 12). The Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) is currently planning a "Rio Grande Bosque Open Space Habitat Restoration Project "scheduled to begin in February 2013. The project aims to restore river and wildlife habitat, and improve recreational access to the river.

In addition to wildlife habitat and recreational uses, the open space area has the potential for improving stormwater quality from a number of channels and storm drain outfalls before urban runoff enters the Rio Grande. It is therefore recommended for all affected agencies and stakeholders to work collaboratively on a regional multi-use plan that builds on the ISC project and incorporates storm water quality and educational components.

4. Things Individuals can do

There are many relatively simple practices that individual residents can do on a routine basis that will help improve stormwater quality. Many good examples of these practices can be found at the Stormwater Quality Team website: www.keeptheriogrand.org.

Exhibit 12: Existing and Proposed Water Quality Features in the Willow Creek Watershed Park.

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CHAYOTE
LINCOLN
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PASEO DEL VOLCAN
WESTPHALIA
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528
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Sandoval County Pond - existing pond with stormwater quality feature

Existing Pond (SAD 6 Pond #2) - retrofit with water quality outlet

Campeche Pond - planned regional pond with stormwater quality feature

Existing Pond (Christopher Pointe) - retrofit with water quality outlet

Public open space with potential for future water quality improvements, recreational and educational elemants

Photo 22: Trailhead parking and Bosque Access at the Outlet of Basin A.

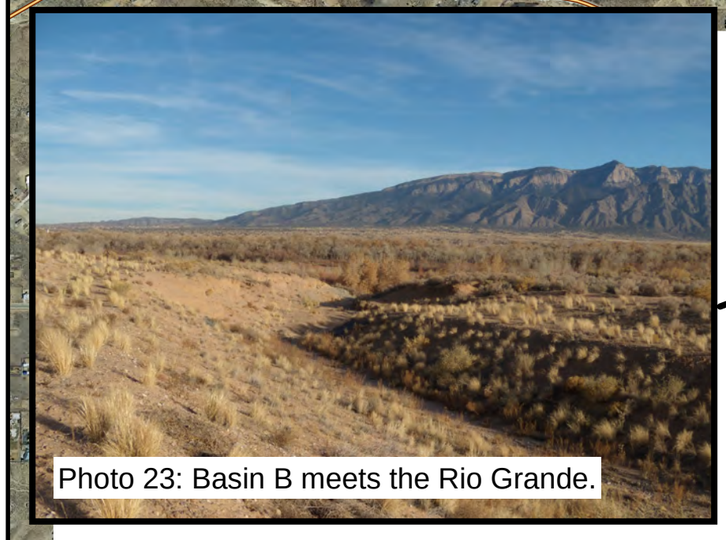

Photo 23: Basin B meets the Rio Grande.

Legend

- Willow Creek - Basin A
- Willow Creek - Basin B
- Willow Creek - Basin C
- Red River Watershed
- Existing Trail
- Existing Trailhead

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1 inch = 1,500 feet
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Willow Creek Watershed Park Management Plan

Water Quality

Date: February 2013

Exhibit 12

2010 AERIAL PHOTO

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