Catalina Foothills Watercourse Studies:
Technical Data Notebook for Hydrologic and Hydraulic Mapping of the Geronimo Wash and its Tributary, Pima County Arizona.

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Exhibit 2 Annotated Flood Insurance Rate Map

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Geronimo TDN with supporting models and GIS data.
Section 1: Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this study is to provide flood and erosion hazard information for the Geronimo Wash for use by the Pima County Regional Flood Control District (District) in floodplain use permitting and floodplain management. More specifically, it provides:

- discharge values for sub-basins and important concentration points;
- hydrographs for use with floodplain mapping;
- floodplain mapping for channels with contributing areas greater than 1 square mile, and channels with 100-yr discharges greater than 2000 cfs, which are treated differently under the Pima County Ordinance.

1.2 Project Authority

The State of Arizona has delegated the responsibility to each county flood control district to adopt floodplain regulations designed to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of its citizenry as provided under the Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 48, Chapter 21, Article 1, Sections 48-3601 through 3627. More specifically, A.R.S. 3609 directs county flood control districts to adopt floodplain regulations that:

A. Regulate all development of land, construction of residential, commercial or industrial structures or uses of any kind which may divert, retard or obstruct flood water and threaten public health or safety or the general welfare; and
B. Establish minimum flood protection elevations and flood damage prevention requirements for uses, structures and facilities which are vulnerable to flood damage; and
C. Comply with state and local land use plans and ordinances, if any.

In conformance with A.R.S. 3609, this ordinance provides for protection of the public health safety and welfare by regulation of flood and erosion hazard areas to control flood hazards and prevent repetitive loss from flood damage.

D. The flood hazard areas of Pima County are subject to periodic inundation which may result in loss of life and property, create health and safety hazards, disrupt commerce and governmental services, require extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impair the tax base, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety, and general welfare.

E. These flood losses are caused by the cumulative effect of obstructions in areas of special flood hazards which increase flood heights, flow velocities, and cause flood and erosion damage. Uses that are inadequately flood-proofed, elevated, or otherwise protected from flood damage, also contribute to the flood loss. (Ord. 2005 FC-2 § 2 (part), 2005).

Section 16 of the Pima County Ordinance describes the provisions for floodplain regulation in Pima County.
1.3 Project Location

The study was performed to provide drainage information for the Geronimo Wash. The site includes Sections 32 of Township 1 South, Range 14 East, Sections 5, 6 and 7 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East, and Section 13 of Township 13 South, Range 12 East, Pima County, Arizona. The entire watershed of the Geronimo Wash is in FEMA Zone X, as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) number 04019C-1630 and 1635K.

The watershed is 3.37 square mile. The study watershed was divided into six sub-basins (Fig.1.1). The study limits for the Geronimo Wash extends from a junction with the Pima Wash to the north of Calle sin Desengano (Fig.1.2). Major zoning classification of the watershed is CR-1 (Fig.1.3).

1.4 Methodologies Used for Hydrology and Hydraulics

Topographic, hydrologic and hydraulic analyses were performed to determine drainage conditions in the Geronimo Wash. ArcGIS, Version 9.3, HEC-HMS Version 3.4 (HEC-HMS), Hec-RAS Version 4.0 (HEC-RAS), and HEC-GeoRAS, Version 4.1.1 (HEC-GeoRAS) were used for the analyses.

1.5 Acknowledgements

This study relied on assistance of RFCD GIS staff, who were integral to the development of the models and maps.

1.6 Study Results

The modeled discharge for the Geronimo Wash at the confluence with the Pima Wash is 4762 cfs, where the area is 3.37 square miles. The floodplain was mapped in the downstream of Calle sin Desengano. The study found that some homes at risk for flooding during the 100-yr flood. A 500-yr floodplain limit was also mapped. In general, the footprint of the 500-yr floodplain is only slightly larger than the 100-yr floodplain.
Figure 1.1
Watershed Map
Geronimo Wash

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Figure 1.3
Zoning Classification
Geronimo Wash

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Geronimo Subbasins
Pima County Zoning
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Section 2.0 Summary of Key Facts

Section 2.1: General Information
2.1.1 Community: Pima County Regional Flood Control
2.1.2 Community Number: NFIP Community Number 04019C
2.1.3 County: Pima
2.1.4 State: Arizona
2.1.5 Date Study Accepted: Not Accepted
2.1.6 Study Contractor: Pima County Regional Flood Control District – Akitsu Kimoto
2.1.7 State Technical Reviewer: Not Applicable
2.1.8 Local Technical Reviewer: Suzanne Shields
2.1.9 River or Stream Name: Geronimo Wash
2.1.10 Reach Description: Geronimo Wash
2.1.11 Study Type: Hydrology and Hydraulics study of a Riverene System

Section 2.2: Mapping Information
2.2.1 FIRM Panels: 04019C-1630 and 1635K
2.2.2 Mapping for Hydrologic Study: Lidar based on 2008 flight used to derive 10’ contour interval maps using ARC-GIS 9.3
2.2.3 Mapping for Hydraulic Study: Lidar based on 2008 flight used to derive a DEM (5-ft cell size) for use with GeoRAS

Section 2.3: Hydrology
2.3.1 Model or Method Used: HEC-HMS (v. 3.4) model parameterized using methods of RFCD Draft Tech Policy 018 (October 10, 2008)
2.3.2 Storm Duration: 3-hr
2.3.3 Hydrograph Type: SCS Unit Hydrograph
2.3.4 Frequencies Determined: 100 yr
2.3.5 List of Gages used in Frequency Analysis or Calibration: None
2.3.6 Rainfall Amounts and Reference: SCS Type II, NOAA 14 Upper 90% Confidence Interval
2.3.7 Unique Conditions and Problems: None
2.3.8 Coordination of Q’s: Comparison with previous studies on file with RFCD and discharge estimates

Section 2.4: Hydraulics
2.4.1 Model or Method Used: HEC-RAS 4.0, GeoRAS to parameterize
2.4.2 Regime: Modeled as subcritical
2.4.3 Frequencies for which Profiles were computed: 100 yr
2.4.4 Method of Floodway Calculation: No Floodway
2.4.5 Unique Conditions and Problems: Boundary set at normal depth.

Section 2.5: Additional Study Information:
None
Section 3: Survey and Mapping Information

3.1 Field Survey Information
No field survey was used.

3.2 Mapping
The 2008 Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data was used for the analysis. Coordinates were in Pima County projection:

- Projection = State Plane, Arizona Central Zone
- Datum = NAD83 HARN
- Units = International Feet

The LiDAR was used to derive a Digital Elevation Model (DEM) and a contour map. DEM derived on 5’ centers provided the basis for delineating the watershed and sub-basins. DEM was also used to characterize the topography along channels used for the floodplain mapping process. Contour map derived from the DEM allowed modelers to visualize topographic differences in making decisions on how to model different areas.

Section 4: Hydrology

4.1 Method description.
For the floodplain mapping, a 100-yr discharge is required. The 100-year peak discharges for the sub-basins of the Geronimo Wash (GER B, C, D, E, and F; Fig.1.1) were calculated using U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Computer Hydrologic Modeling System, (HEC-HMS) version 3.4. The HEC-HMS model requires the parameters regarding rainfall, topography, soil, vegetation, and channel characteristics to determine runoff volume and peak discharge. Those parameters were determined according to the Pima County Regional Flood Control District Technical Policy 018 (Tech-018). Tech-018 is included in Appendix A.

4.2 Parameter estimation.
Methods are summarized in Table 4.1. The data processing methods are summarized in Fig. 4.1.
Table 4.1 - Methods used for a HEC-HMS analysis

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<th>Selected Method</th>
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<td>Rainfall Depth</td>
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<td>Rainfall Loss</td>
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<td>Time of Concentration</td>
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<td>Transform</td>
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<td>Routing</td>
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4.2.1 Drainage area boundaries.

The limits of this study are shown in Fig.1.2. The site includes Sections 32 of Township 1 South, Range 14 East, Sections 5, 6 and 7 of Township 13 South, Range 14 East, and Section 13 of Township 13 South, Range 12 East, Pima County, Arizona. The entire watershed of the Geronimo Wash is in FEMA Zone X, as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) number 04019C-1630 and 1635K.

The watershed is 3.37 square mile. The study watershed was divided into five sub-basins (Fig.1.1). The upstream study limits is the north of Calle sin Desengano, while the downstream limit is the confluence with the Pima Wash (Fig.1.2).

4.2.2 Watershed work maps

The boundary of the watershed and internal sub-basins were determined using Hydrology function in ArcGIS with DEM derived from the 2008 Lidar. The sub-basins reflected predominant topographic, soils, cover and development conditions, so that the sub-basins would represent hydrologic response from the sub-basin. The locations of the stream centerline, cross-sections, culverts, and other physical attributes of the wash were determined by using the 2-ft interval contour map and 2008 aerial photo.
Figure 4.1 – Flow Chart of Mapping Process

Topographic Data Preparation using ArcGIS with TIN or DEM

Hydrologic Analysis using PC-Hydro

Geometric Data Preparation using ArcMap and Hec-GeoRAS
(stream network, stream centerlines, cross sections, river banks, culverts, and/or block obstruction)

Hydraulic Analysis using HEC-RAS
(Manually input the following data; Manning’s n-values, culvert data, expansion and contraction coefficients, normal depth boundary condition, ineffective flow areas, adjustment of reach length if necessary)

Floodplain Delineation using Hec-GeoRAS
4.2.3 Gage Data.

None Available

4.2.4 Statistical parameters

None Available

4.2.5 Precipitation.

Rainfall depth was selected from the NOAA 14 Upper 90% rainfall data used in PC Hydro. The point rainfall depth for the 3-hour storm was obtained, based on the coordinates of the centroid of the watershed (Latitude: 32.342, Longitude: 110.938). Areal reduction factor was applied to watersheds larger than 1 square mile as noted in Tech-018. The 3-hr, SCS Type II rainfall distribution described in Haan et al (1994) was used.

4.2.6 Physical parameters.

A hydrologic soils group map for the study watershed is presented in Fig.4.2. The study watershed is mostly covered with Desert brush. Hydrologic Soil Groups B and D are the dominant soil types in the Geronimo Wash watershed. The SCS Curve Number was determined using maps obtained from NRCS (http://soildatamart.nrcs.usda.gov/) as a basis for preparing a Hydrologic Soil Group Map for Pima County. The CN charts in the PC Hydro Manual (Arroyo Engineering, 2007) were the basis for CN selection. A vegetation cover density of 30% was used to select the SCS Curve Number for the hydrologic calculation of the mountainous watersheds. Impervious cover percentage from 5-15%, were selected based on lot size, the fraction of the sub-basin that is developed and the tables in the PC Hydro manual. Sub-basin characteristics are summarized in Table 4.2 The detail of the CN calculation is included in Appendix D.
Figure 4.2
Soil Classification Map
Geronimo Wash

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Soil Group: A (100%), ARIZO-RIVERWASH COMPLEX, 0 TO 3 PERCENT SLOPES
Soil Group: B (100%), PINALENO VERY COBBLY SANDY LOAM, 1 TO 8 PERCENT SLOPES
Soil Group: B (100%), PINALENO-STAGECOACH COMPLEX, 5 TO 16 PERCENT SLOPES
Soil Group: B (82%) C (18%), PINALENO-STAGECOACH-PALOS VERDES COMPLEX, 10 TO 35 PERCENT SLOPES
Soil Group: C (47%) D (53%), PANTANO-GRANOLITE COMPLEX, 5 TO 25 PERCENT SLOPES
Soil Group: C (50%), D (50%)
Soil Group: D (100%), CELLAR-LAMPSHIRE-ROCK OUTCROP COMPLEX, 15 TO 60 PERCENT SLOPES
Soil Group: D (100%), CELLAR-LEHMANS COMPLEX, 5 TO 25 PERCENT SLOPES
Table 4.2 - Sub-basin Characteristics

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<th>Sub-Basin</th>
<th>Area (sq mi)</th>
<th>CN</th>
<th>Impervious Area (%)</th>
<th>Vegetation Cover (%)</th>
<th>Lag Time (min)</th>
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<td>30</td>
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<td>0.43</td>
<td>84.3</td>
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<td>30</td>
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<tr>
<td>GER D</td>
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<td>83.5</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>15.5</td>
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<td>GER E</td>
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<td>88.5</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>10.9</td>
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<td>90.4</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>GER G</td>
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<td>84.6</td>
<td>15.0</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>26.6</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

The SCS TR-55 segmental Time of Concentration (Tc) method with a combination of kinematic wave method was used. The hydraulically most distant point on the sub-basin was identified. The length of sheetflow was estimated at 100 feet, the distance from the end of the sheetflow to a well-defined channel was selected as the shallow concentrated portion of the flow path, and the channel portion was the path from the well-defined channel to the sub-basin outlet was the ‘channel flow’ portion of the flow path.

Tc is the sum of the travel time for sheetflow, shallow concentrated flow and channel flow. The travel time for sheetflow was calculated using kinematic wave method. The travel time for shallow concentrated flow was calculated using the methods described in the TR-55 manual (USDA-1986). The travel time for channels used estimates from a HEC-RAS model. The lag time was calculated as 0.6 Tc. The detail of the Tc calculation is included in Appendix D.

The SCS unit hydrograph method was used to produce hydrographs at the outlet of the sub-basin in HEC-HMS. Runoff from sub-basins was routed using the Modified-Puls method. A storage discharge table for the channel routing was developed using the cross sections and slopes derived from HEC-HMS. Modified puls routing employed the methods described in the HMS manual. The detail of the calculation of the number of subreach is included in Appendix D. Sub-basin discharges are summarized on Table 4.3.

Table 4.3 - Sub-basin discharges

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Sub-Basin</th>
<th>Area (sq mi)</th>
<th>Rainfall Depth (in)</th>
<th>Runoff Volume (in)</th>
<th>Peak Discharge (cfs)</th>
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<td>GER B</td>
<td>0.21</td>
<td>3.44</td>
<td>1.89</td>
<td>318</td>
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<td>GER C</td>
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<td>3.44</td>
<td>1.92</td>
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<td>1.85</td>
<td>412</td>
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<td>1.93</td>
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4.3 Problems encountered during the study.

None
4.3.1 Special problems and solutions

4.3.2 Modeling warning and error messages

The time interval of the rainfall data used in this study is 5 minutes, while the simulation time interval is 1 minute. The HEC-HMS model interpolated the 5-minute time interval of the rainfall data to 1-minute time interval.

4.4 Calibration

No Calibration

4.5 Final results

4.5.1 Hydrologic analysis results

The 100-year peak discharges at the concentration points along the Geronimo Wash were determined using the HEC-HMS. Six hours were simulated on a 1-minute time step with rainfall occurring the first three hours. The following discharges were obtained from the hydrologic analysis:
Table 4.4 – Summary of 100-yr Peak Discharge Values

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Concentration Point</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Area (sq mile)</th>
<th>Rainfall Depth (in)</th>
<th>Runoff Volume (in)</th>
<th>Q100 HMS (cfs)</th>
<th>Time to Peak</th>
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<td>Confluence with Pima Wash</td>
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<td>South of Orange Grove</td>
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Table 4.5 – Summary of 25-yr Peak Discharge Values

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<th>Location</th>
<th>Area (sq mile)</th>
<th>Rainfall Depth (in)</th>
<th>Runoff Volume (in)</th>
<th>Q25 HMS (cfs)</th>
<th>Q25 RRE (cfs)</th>
<th>Time to Peak</th>
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<td>2.48</td>
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<td>2342</td>
<td>1218</td>
<td>1:53</td>
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<tr>
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<td>2.53</td>
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Table 4.6 – Summary of 500-yr Peak Discharge Values

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4.5.2 Verification of results.

Results are reasonable when compared with USGS Regression Equation 13 (Thomas et al, 1997, Table 4.7). The equation 13 results were generally lower than the HMS results, which would be expected, because these steep watersheds could be expected to produce higher than average discharge on average. No regulatory discharge point data is available along the Geronimo Wash.

Table 4.7 – Comparison of 100-yr Peak Discharge Values

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Concentration Point</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Area (sq mile)</th>
<th>Q100 HMS (cfs)</th>
<th>Q100 RRE (cfs)</th>
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<tr>
<td>CP A</td>
<td>Confluence with Pima Wash</td>
<td>3.37</td>
<td>4894</td>
<td>2681</td>
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<td>CP B</td>
<td>Upstream of the confluence with Pima Wash</td>
<td>2.54</td>
<td>4002</td>
<td>2270</td>
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<td>CP C</td>
<td>South of Orange Grove</td>
<td>2.33</td>
<td>4132</td>
<td>2156</td>
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<tr>
<td>CP D</td>
<td>At Skyline Dr.</td>
<td>1.9</td>
<td>4005</td>
<td>1903</td>
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<td>CP E</td>
<td>At Ina Rd.</td>
<td>1.68</td>
<td>3713</td>
<td>1762</td>
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<td>CP F</td>
<td>North of Calle sin Desengano</td>
<td>0.99</td>
<td>2411</td>
<td>1250</td>
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</table>
Section 5: Hydraulics

5.1 Method description.

Steady flow analysis was performed to determine 100-year water surface elevations in the study area by using HEC-RAS with the discharge obtained from HEC-HMS.

5.2 Work study maps

As described above, geometric data for HEC-RAS including stream centerline, cross-sections, and culverts, were obtained from HEC-GeoRAS. The locations of cross sections and channels used for the 100-yr floodplain analysis are show in Exhibit 1. The 100-yr and 500-yr floodplain limits are also shown in Exhibit 1.

5.3 Parameter estimation.

The watershed was modeled using methods consistent with District Tech Policy 019.

5.3.1 Roughness coefficients.

Manning’s roughness coefficients for the channel and the over-bank areas were determined by using a 2008 aerial photo. Differentiation of channel and overbank ‘n’ values should be done only when channel flow is at least twice as deep as overbank flow (Phillips and Tadayon, 2006). The roughness used in this study is 0.06 for overbank areas and 0.035 for channel. An average n for the entire cross-section of 0.045-0.05 was assigned when channel is shallow and not twice as deep as overbank flow.

5.3.2 Expansion and contraction coefficients.

Default HEC RAS expansion (0.3) and contraction (0.1) coefficients were used for the most cross sections. The expansion coefficient of 0.5 and contraction coefficient of 0.3 were used for the cross sections immediately upstream or downstream of culverts.
5.4 **Cross section description.**

A 2-foot interval contour map derived from 2008 LiDAR data was used to select the location of cross sections. Cross-section locations were determined primarily based on the channel topography. The cross-section lines were drawn to be perpendicular to flow paths in Geo-RAS and ArcGIS.

5.5 **Modeling considerations.**

5.5.1 **Hydraulic Jump and drop analysis.**

No hydraulic jumps were encountered.

5.5.2 **Bridges and culverts.**

There are four culverts along the study reaches of the Geronimo Wash. The photos of the culverts are included in Appendix E.

5.5.3 **Levees and dikes.**

None.

5.5.4 **Islands and flow splits.**

None.

5.5.5 **Ineffective flow areas.**

Ineffective flow areas were noted on the study reach of the Geronimo Wash. In general these ineffective flow areas were disconnected overbank areas that would not convey flow to the next downstream cross-section.

5.5.6 **Supercritical flow.**

No supercritical reaches.

5.6 **Floodway modeling**

No encroachment calculations were performed.

5.7 **Problems encountered during the study.**
5.7.1 Special problems and solutions.

The modeling results showed that a 100-year flow would not be confined within the “main channel” at cross sections 161427.79, 5118.424 and 5082.873. A lateral weir was added at those cross sections in order to divert a portion of the flow from the “main channel”. The discharges leaving the “main channel” were 4.2 cfs at the cross section 16147.79 and 183.2 cfs between cross sections 5118.424 and 5082.873.

5.7.2 Modeling warning and error messages.

No errors occurred. The following warning messages occurred:
- Divided flow
- Energy loss greater than 1.0
- Energy equation could not be balanced and defaulted to critical.
- Cross-section extended vertically.
- Multiple critical depths calculated.
- Conveyance ratio is less than 0.7 or greater than 1.4.

Inspection indicated that the modeling is accurate given the steep channel conditions. Most of these errors force a critical solution which is reasonable for these steep watercourses. A summary of errors is available in Appendix E.

5.8 Calibration.

None.

5.9 Final results.

5.9.1 Hydraulic analysis results.

The HEC-RAS modeling results were summarized in Appendix E.

5.9.2 Verification of results.

Existing floodplain maps are not available along the Geronimo Wash. The new map tends to follow the floodplain topography. The results suggest that the mapping is reasonable.

Section 6: Erosion and Sediment Transport

6.1 Method description.
None – not applicable

6.2 Parameter estimation.
None – not applicable

6.4 Modeling considerations.
6.5 Problems encountered during the study.
6.5.1 Special problems and solutions.
None – not applicable
6.5.2 Modeling warning and error messages.
None – not applicable
6.6 Calibration.
None – not applicable
6.7 Final results.
6.7.1 Erosion and sediment transport analysis results.
None – not applicable
6.7.2 Verification of results.
None – not applicable

Section 7: Ratio of the top width of 100-yr and 25-yr floodplain

A map showing the cross sections with the ratio of the topwidth less than 1.15 is included in Addendum 1. An average ratio for the entire reach is 1.17.
Exhibit 1
100-year & 500-year Floodplain with cross sections
Geronimo Wash

- GER_CP
- GER_Xsection
- GER_subbasins
  - Geronimo_contours10ft
- replace_terrain
- 100-yr floodplain
- 500-yr floodplain
2008PAGcrl01ft.ecw

Note: On this scale 100 and 500yr floodplains appear coincident on much of the map, because the floodplains tend to be confined.
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Exhibit 2
Annotated Flood Insurance Rate Map
Geronimo Wash

- GER_CP
  - Geronimo Subbasins
- Proposed 100-yr floodplain
- LOMR Case Studies
- FIRM - Flood Insurance Rate Map
- Township, Range, Section

Existing FEMA Floodplain
- ZONE A
- ZONE X - SHALLOW 100-YEAR

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