

Pinal County Press Release

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Maricopa Residents Impacted by Floodplain Map Change to Get Elevation Certificates

FLORENCE – The Pinal County Flood Control District has contracted with Olsson Associates, a local consulting firm, to complete new elevation certificates of residential structures that were included in the new 2014 Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Insurance Rate Maps within the City of Maricopa.

Olsson Associates will be obtaining surveyed elevation data for approximately 800 homes over the next two to three months. The company has already initiated contact with some residents via US mail and plans to eventually reach out to residents living within the communities of Palo Brea, Maricopa Meadows, Alterra North, and Desert Cedars.

These elevation certificates require elevation data near the front and rear corners of the house, the floor elevation (including garage) as well as the air conditioning units. The surveyors will spend 15-30 minutes at each property and will enter the back yard for less than 15 minutes to obtain the necessary elevation information. It is expected that all 800 of the elevation certificates will be completed by early February 2015.

When completed, a copy of the elevation certificate will be mailed to the property owner and the original will be kept on file at the Pinal County Flood Control District office in Florence. The elevation certificates can be used by the properties owners to obtain flood insurance which is available through the National Flood Insurance Program. A flood insurance policy can be purchased by contacting your insurance agent or company.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact the Pinal County Flood Control District Project Manager, Christopher Wanamaker at 520-866-6010 or David Jensen with Olsson Associates at 602-748-1000.