

UPDATING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

MARANA, AZ

MARANA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATE FOCUS GROUP MEETING

Farming

Wednesday, November 16, 2016
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Questions and Recommendations

- With rapid conversion of farmlands to development – or to platted parcels awaiting development – the cultural history of Marana as a farming community seems to be vanishing. Should the LDC recognize the need to respect and protect that culture? How might that happen?
- How to protect the flow of the river from constriction by “artificial wetlands”? Effluent discharge has fed rapid development of invasive species that could become dams under flooding conditions.
- Rules requiring adjacent land owners to maintain weed-free landscapes should be clarified and enforced in timely ways. Entitled properties lying dormant awaiting better market conditions for development too often allow proliferation of weed growth and tumbleweeds, affecting adjacent farmland yields.
- Is there a need for more clarification of regulatory intent when it comes to assuring farmers' access to their land? For instance: It's unclear who's responsible and on in what time frame when it comes to maintaining buffer zones where sewer and storm water infrastructure crosses farmers' field. Can buffer zone boundaries be better delineated?
- Conflicts are increasing on Town roads in farming areas between tractors and other farm gear and private vehicles. Should rules and enforcement priorities be revisited?