



# Riparian Issues & Flood Control: Past, Present, & Future Challenges & Opportunities

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# "Riparianism" according to Tim...

**And the Government said**  
*"Let there be projects to  
protect the public!"*

**And the Public said** *"But we  
want your projects to...!"*

**And then you were asked**  
*"Where is Riparian Nirvana?"*

**And then all were asked**  
*"Now what?"*



And the Government said,  
**“Let there be projects to protect  
the public!”**

Its all about function...

- Grazing and mining
- Floodwater conveyance
- Obstructions to river navigability
- Water supply storage/ irrigation delivery
- Electric power



And the Public said

**“But we want your project to...!”**

## **Era of Environmental Activism**

**1962:** “Silent Spring” by Rachel Carson

**1964:** Wilderness Act

**1968:** Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

**1969:** National Environmental Policy Act

**1970:** First EARTH DAY

**1970:** EPA Established

**1973:** Endangered Species Act

**1977:** Clean Water Act

But actually Teddy Roosevelt in 1902 Reclamation Act and 1918 Migratory Bird Act were early efforts.







US Army Corps of Engineers



**RELEVANT  
READY  
RESPONSIVE  
RELIABLE**

*Proudly serving the Armed Forces and the Nation now and in the future.*



# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*



U. S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management



## Arizona Game & Fish

MANAGING TODAY FOR WILDLIFE TOMORROW

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*Securing Arizona's Water Future*

**Celebrating**

**25**

**Years**

**Arizona Department of Water Resources**

Pima County Regional  
**FLOOD CONTROL  
DISTRICT**



# Pima County Flood Control District

1904 Courthouse



*Santa Cruz County*  
**ARIZONA**



1988 County Complex



*Preserving Our Past. Building Our Future.*

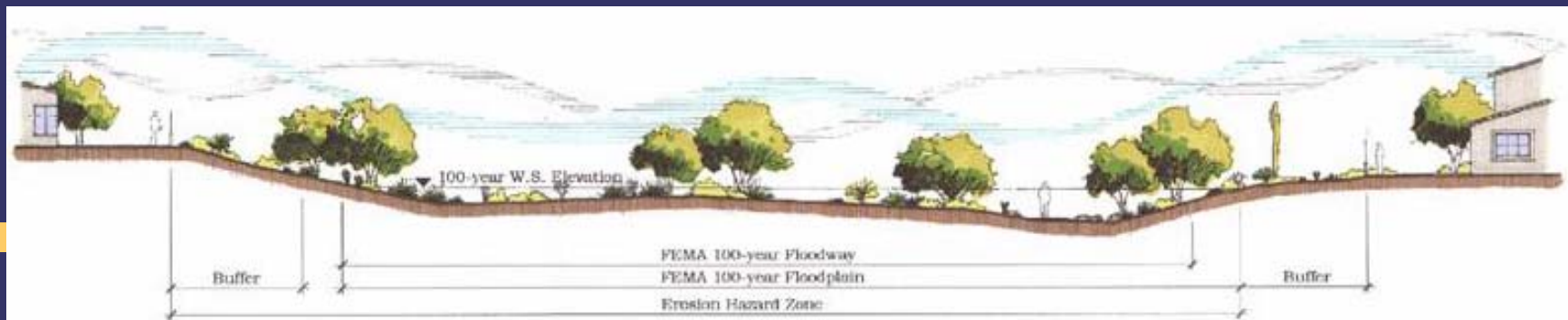


And then you asked  
**“Where is Riparian Nirvana?”**



# Drivers of Change

- Growth/Development
- Politics
- Funding Availability
- Public Expectation
- Changing Perception



# Challenges

- Land, Capital & Maintenance Costs
- Organizational Culture & History
- Development & Preservation
- Habitat & Conveyance
- Regulatory Acceptance
- Piecemealed Solutions
- Multi-Jurisdictional Control
- Operation and Maintenance
- Interagency Rivalry

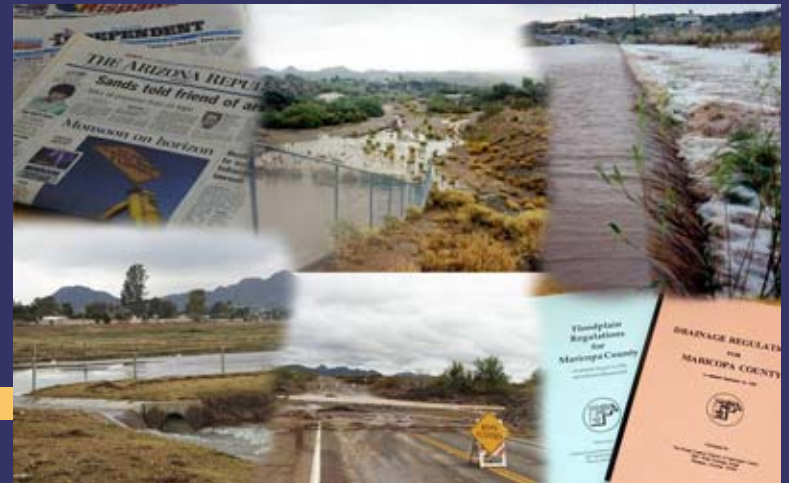






“If you continue to do what you always have done, you will continue to get what you always have gotten!”

—Unknown



# Public/Private Partnership



**Federal/State/Local**  
Regulation needs to be  
consistent/ achievable

**Consensus in**  
**Federal, State, Local,**  
**NGO Agenda**

Time/ Dollars/Patience



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