



## **SONOITA CREEK FLOOD and FLOW STUDY COMMITTEE**

MISSION: The watershed is a vital component of this community's wellbeing. The Sonoita Creek Flood and Flow Study Committee will (i) make recommendations to the Patagonia Town Council with respect to best practices within its jurisdiction to manage erosion, to enhance water flow, to create optimal flood mitigation and to promote the long-term health of the riparian corridor, (ii) look at the entire watershed area to influence upstream conditions and to mitigate downstream consequences, and (iii) educate the public.

### **MINUTES for Zoom Meeting** **Meeting I.D. 957-511-4862 Passcode 338501** **10 a.m., Thursday, October 16, 2025**

1. Call to Order 10:04 a.m.
2. Roll Call: Ron, Robert, Kathy, Howard, Kate Tirion, Bob  
Guests: Alan Sanchez, Tomas Goode, Bill O'Brien
3. Pledge of Allegiance Ron
4. Correction and/or Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2025, regular monthly meeting.  
Motion made by Kate, seconded by Robert
5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC A. R. S. §38-431-01(H): AT THIS TIME, ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE TOWN COMMITTEE, SUBJECT TO REASONABLE TIME AND MANNER RESTRICTIONS (**STANDARD 3 MIN**). THE PUBLIC WILL ONLY BE RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS LISTED FOR PUBLIC INPUT PURSUANT TO TOWN CODE SECTION 2-5-6. PURSUANT TO THE ARIZONA OPEN MEETING LAW, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CALL TO THE PUBLIC, INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL MAY RESPOND TO CRITICISM MADE BY THOSE WHO HAVE ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL, MAY ASK STAFF TO REVIEW THE MATTER, OR MAY ASK THE MATTER BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA. HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BODY SHALL NOT DISCUSS OR TAKE LEGAL ACTION ON MATTERS RAISED DURING AN OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THE MATTERS ARE PROPERLY NOTICED FOR DISCUSSION AND LEGAL ACTION

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Bill O'Brien statement about retiring. Thank you, Bill for your service.  
Suggestion: Alan Sanchez be invited to be a board member of Flood & Flow

6. Patagonia Regional Flood Control Project Feasibility Study Update (Allan Sanchez) – Discuss Phase 2 Scope
7. SW Rainfall/Runoff monitoring – Friends of Sonoita Creek  
May be removed from the agenda. It is not an item for the agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

8. Update on Town's static water level at wells and water report & possible water discharge information from South32/Hermosa site. (Town Manager) (Tomas Goode)  
Town report: static water level 38 feet. Daily 45,728 gallons per day or MGD .046  
South32 report: August 1.1656 MGD average. Maximum 1.8377 million gallons per day
9. Watershed Management Planning CMWP Grant (Howard Buchanan)  
No updates
10. Harshaw Creek Watershed Restoration Action Plan USFS (Howard Buchanan)  
No updates: a meeting is tentatively scheduled
11. Vote on a new Chairperson to replace Bill O'Brien.  
Howard Buchanan has volunteered to accept the chairperson position for 1 year.  
Motion by Ron, Seconded by Robert. Unanimous
12. Next Regular Monthly Meeting: Nov. 13, 2025, at 10 a.m. Via Zoom.  
Proposal: moving the meetings to the 2nd Thursday of the month-next meeting November 13, 2025
13. Future Agenda Items –
14. Adjourn motion by Kate, seconded by Kathy  
PARKING LOT (future agenda items)  
Community Database of Water Studies  
USFS Watershed Restoration Plan  
RADAR SCREEN - Hudbay property ownership