

Rose Hill Wash Committee Report to the BOD – April 15, 2026

Reid Park Zoo: In mid-March, Joe Wilkinson, co-chair of the Landscape committee, saw a Reid Park Zoo worker harvesting African sumac near the maintenance shed to feed zoo elephants and giraffes. Joe gave me the worker's name and I contacted his supervisor. I gave the worker a tour of the wash April 1, and he identified a number of plants the zoo needs for its animals. He actually brought a crew with him to harvest more African sumac near the culvert.

I contacted Tony Noonan who is responsible for the wash at the golf course and put him in touch with the zoo worker to coordinate access to the wash and the golf course. The zoo worker and crew have come several times, helping us by cutting back overgrown vegetation and helping them get food for the animals.

Culvert South of Speedway: I recently checked the culvert south of Speedway and noted a considerable amount of debris, which creates a flooding risk for DCCE. I contacted the City of Tucson supervisor responsible for the RHW culverts to ask when the debris will be removed. To date there has been no response. This department does not interact with Elizabeth Leibold.

Rose Hill Wash Remediation Plan: In past years, seasonal rains have resulted in damage to individual DCCE properties as well as Master Association Common Areas. Recognizing the potential for significant flooding from future rain events, the Rose Hill Wash Committee has worked to identify actions that can reduce risk for DCCE homeowners.

Based on the committee's recommendation, the Master Association hired Bogardus Engineering in 2025 to prepare a remediation plan. A copy of the draft plan was shared with the committee chair in October 2025, but it has not yet been approved by the City of Tucson. There has been no contact from Bogardus Engineering or the City of Tucson (Elizabeth Leibold) since October 2025.

The Bogardus plan does not address upstream (South) issues that may be contributing to the sediment and debris that flow into the DCCE portion of the Rose Hill Wash. The University of Arizona proposal from Professor Duan offers an opportunity to identify factors upstream that increase flood risk in the DCCE community. Her findings will provide additional information needed to develop the best long-term plan for minimizing flood dangers.

On March 28, Sue Teaney emailed Professor Duan's proposal to Directors so they would have time to review and ask questions prior to this board meeting. The committee recommends moving forward with Phase 1 of the Rose Hill Wash Sediment Mitigation Plan Proposal. The expected cost is \$5,685.

If we decide to fund Phase 1 of the professor's proposal, the University of Arizona will develop a simple single page contract. We will be expected to pay half at the start of the contract and the remainder when we receive their report. The contract administrator has confirmed that funding Phase 1 of the Rose Hill Wash Mitigation Plan does not commit us to additional phases, and also confirmed there are no issues related to including the City of Tucson or others for follow-on phases.

Respectfully submitted,

George Hill, Chair