Mohave County
Cooperating Technical Partners

collaboration at the local level

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Cooperating Technical Partners also known as....

- **The Barney Agreement**: or how we can successfully combine our resources to become stronger and better mapped and planned NFIP communities

- So how do we do that?
discovery

dis·cov·er·y
dəˈskəv(ə)rē/
noun
noun: discovery; plural noun: discoveries

1.1. 
Discovery is the act of detecting something new, or something "old" that had been unknown or not acted upon.

2. discovery is the observation of new phenomena, new actions, or new events and providing new reasoning to explain the knowledge gathered through such observations with previously acquired knowledge from abstract thought and everyday experiences.
Mohave - 3 HUC-8 watersheds

- The idea was to initiate “Discovery” in the most populated areas of the county

Discovery Goals:
- Initiate watershed wide discussions about increasing resilience to flooding
- Gather and validate available flood data
- Share data and ideas

“We clearly benefitted from the exchange and began exploring partnering and sharing resources with neighboring jurisdictions”
community

com·mu·ni·ty
kəˈmyōnədē/
noun
noun: community; plural noun: communities

1.1. a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
noun: the community

2.2. a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.
collaboration

col·lab·o·ra·tion
kəˌlabəˈrāSH(ə)n/
noun
noun: collaboration; plural noun: collaborations

1. **Collaboration** is working with others to do a task and to achieve shared goals. It is a recursive process where two or more people or organizations work together to realize shared goals, (this is more than the intersection of common goals seen in co-operative ventures, but a deep, collective determination to reach an identical objective
inertia

in·er·tia
iˈnərSHə/
noun

noun: inertia

• 1. a tendency to do nothing or to remain unchanged.

Inertia is the resistance of any physical object to any change in its state of motion, including changes to its speed and direction.
knowledge hoarding
common goals

“If you’ve ever been part of an energized team, whether around a conference room table or on a playing field, you know the feeling of pulling together to reach a common goal: suddenly everyone’s work becomes essential and meaningful”

From: The Work of Leaders; Julie Straw, Barry Davis, Mark Scullard and Barry Davis
when we don’t communicate
did we pick up the phone?

Wait....What??!!
vertical datum despair..
finding solutions...

• The 2012 Mohave County Discovery project not only initiated discussion with neighboring jurisdictions....

• The process launched quarterly meetings between the Cities of Bullhead City, Kingman and Lake Havasu City and Mohave County to discuss how we could benefit one another floodplain management and planning
CTP partners...

• With help from Bob Bezek, Mohave County developed a plan to assist the local communities with CTP funding opportunities.

• Mohave County manages the grant process and the cities have access to our list of on-call consultants to complete their mapping/planning projects.
successful projects...

• Mohave County partnered with Bullhead City last year

• Will be working with Lake Havasu City and the City of Kingman this year
This will be addressed in the Lake Havasu City project...
along with this......
Kingman will have new topo.....in NAVD 88

What the.....%@##??!!
“no one of us is as smart as all of us”

Ken Blanchard teaches three aspects of successful collaboration:

• 1. if you meet someone who wants to accomplish something, and you want to accomplish something, the experience is meant to be dynamic;
• 2. rely on the different skills and experience people bring to the table;
• 3. "essence" and "form" are the two characteristics of a solid collaboration
in summary...

• this has been a very rewarding experience for all involved
• our combined community stands to benefit in numerous ways
• our collaborative relationship with the cities has improved immensely
CTP has made a significant positive impact on our communities....

Thanks Barney!!

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