

24 million dollar agreement signed

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The 24 million dollar project is part of a number of projects exceeding 150 million dollars that are to bring improvements to the Albuquerque Southwest Valley area and the Rio

Grand Bosque.

"In 2004, a feasibility study was completed to address the basic network for storm drainage, existing facilities for storing and discharging water, and establish the vision for a future local drainage plan," said Pete Doles, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project Manager. "The County and AMAFCA will be assisting the Corps of Engineers with final design and construction management of the project."

A local drainage master plan is in place for additional storm drains and

infrastructure needed to remove the remainder of flood plain from the South Valley. The County and AMAFCA will be constructing future storm drainage systems to tie into the federal project when future funding is available, Doles said.

The County and AMAFCA will be contributing 35 percent and the Corps of Engineers will be contributing 65 percent of the total project cost. The Corps of Engineers, AMAFCA, and Bernalillo County began the South Valley project in 1999. 