



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 5, 2014

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator *CHH*

Re: **Senate Bill 1357 – Northward Extension of Santa Cruz County Boundary**

State Senator Gail Griffin has introduced Senate Bill (SB) 1357 to alter the boundary between Pima and Santa Cruz Counties (Attachment 1). Our best estimate of the boundary division is shown in the attached map (Attachment 2), which would expand Santa Cruz County into most of Pima County below the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation.

This division would create a number of issues we have not fully explored at this point in time. These issues relate to authorized and/or bond projects that would be on a future bond issue – perhaps as early as November 2015. These bond projects are listed on the map attachment. In summary, nearly \$90 million in bond projects and programs are within the area proposed for the expansion of Santa Cruz County. If such an expansion were to be successful, these projects would be deleted from consideration by Pima County voters. In addition, a portion of \$84.5 million in region-wide programmatic funding would be reallocated elsewhere.

In addition, any of our ongoing activities with regard to highway maintenance or construction would be deferred or cancelled.

Again, we have not been able to fully review the impacts of Senate Bill 1357. However, in previous similar proposed legislation, there were cost reimbursement requirements associated with County funds that were used to pay for public facilities, and one county would be required to reimburse the other, as well as divide public assets and possibly debts. In this particular case, the reimbursements would come from Santa Cruz County taxpayers.

SB 1357 calls for an election of the qualified electors at the next general election in Santa Cruz County, as well as those qualified electors in the area that would join Santa Cruz County. The bill is silent on who pays the cost of the election, which could be significant.

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We will continue to review this legislation but believe the Board should be advised of the potential issues we have preliminarily identified.

CHH/mjk

Attachments

- c: The Honorable Manuel Ruiz, Chairman, Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable James Palmer, President, County Supervisors Association of Arizona
Carlos Rivera, Santa Cruz County Manager

ATTACHMENT 1

REFERENCE TITLE: county boundary change; vote

State of Arizona
Senate
Fifty-first Legislature
Second Regular Session
2014

SB 1357

Introduced by
Senator Griffin

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 11-112 AND 11-114, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
COUNTY BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONAL ENACTMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 11-112, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 11-112. Pima county

5 Pima county, the county seat of which is Tucson, is bounded as follows:

6 Commencing at the point where the meridian line one hundred thirteen
7 degrees twenty minutes west longitude, as defined by the Atwood survey of
8 1918, intersects the second standard parallel south, being the southwest
9 corner of Maricopa county; thence east on such parallel and along the
10 southern boundaries of Maricopa and Pinal counties to the point where such
11 parallel intersects the eastern line of range eighteen east, being the
12 southeast corner of Pinal county; thence south on such range line and along
13 the western boundaries of Graham and Cochise counties to a point ~~six~~
14 TWENTY-FIVE miles north of the point at which the fourth standard parallel
15 south intersects such boundary line; thence due west forty-two miles to the
16 intersection of the line between ranges eleven and twelve east, ~~such point~~
17 ~~being near the Bustamante ranch as it existed in the year 1899 on Sopori~~
18 ~~creek~~; thence due south ~~fourteen~~ THIRTY-THREE miles; thence due west twelve
19 miles to a point; thence due south to the southern boundary line of Arizona;
20 thence westerly and northerly on such boundary line to the point where such
21 boundary line intersects the meridian line one hundred thirteen degrees
22 twenty minutes west longitude, as defined by the Atwood survey of 1918, being
23 the southeast corner of Yuma county; thence north along such meridian line to
24 the point where such meridian line intersects the second standard parallel
25 south, the place of beginning.

26 Sec. 2. Section 11-114, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

27 11-114. Santa Cruz county

28 Santa Cruz county, the county seat of which is Nogales, is bounded as
29 follows:

30 Commencing on the international boundary line between the United States
31 and ~~the Republic of~~ Mexico, at the point where the eastern line of range
32 eighteen east of the Gila and Salt River Guide meridian touches the
33 international boundary line; thence north along the eastern line of range
34 eighteen east to a point where said line intersects the south boundary line
35 of the San Ignacio del Babacomari land grant; thence east along the south
36 line of said land grant approximately one-half mile, to a point due south of
37 the intersection of the east line of range eighteen east with the north
38 boundary line of the San Ignacio del Babacomari land grant; thence north
39 through the aforesaid intersection point on the north line of said land grant
40 along the eastern line of range eighteen east to a point ~~six~~ TWENTY-FIVE
41 miles north of the fourth standard parallel south; thence due west forty-two
42 miles to the intersection of the line between ranges eleven and twelve
43 east, ~~such point being near the Bustamante ranch as it existed in the year~~
44 ~~1899 on Sopori creek~~; thence due south ~~fourteen~~ THIRTY-THREE miles; thence
45 due west twelve miles to a point; thence due south to said international

1 boundary line; thence easterly along said international boundary line to the
2 place of beginning.

3 Sec. 3. County boundary modification election

4 A. At the next general election the qualified electors of Santa Cruz
5 county and the qualified electors residing in the area that is proposed to
6 join Santa Cruz county shall vote to approve or disapprove the proposed
7 boundary modification of Santa Cruz county, as described by this act.

8 B. A description of the proposed boundary change must be included in
9 the publicity pamphlet mailed to each registered voter household in Santa
10 Cruz county and to each registered voter household in the area that is
11 proposed to join Santa Cruz county.

12 C. The ballot must state "Shall the boundaries of Santa Cruz county be
13 modified to include the proposed area, as prescribed by Laws 2014,
14 chapter ___" followed by spaces designated "yes" and "no" in which the voter
15 may indicate their vote for or against the proposition.

16 Sec. 4. Conditional enactment; notice

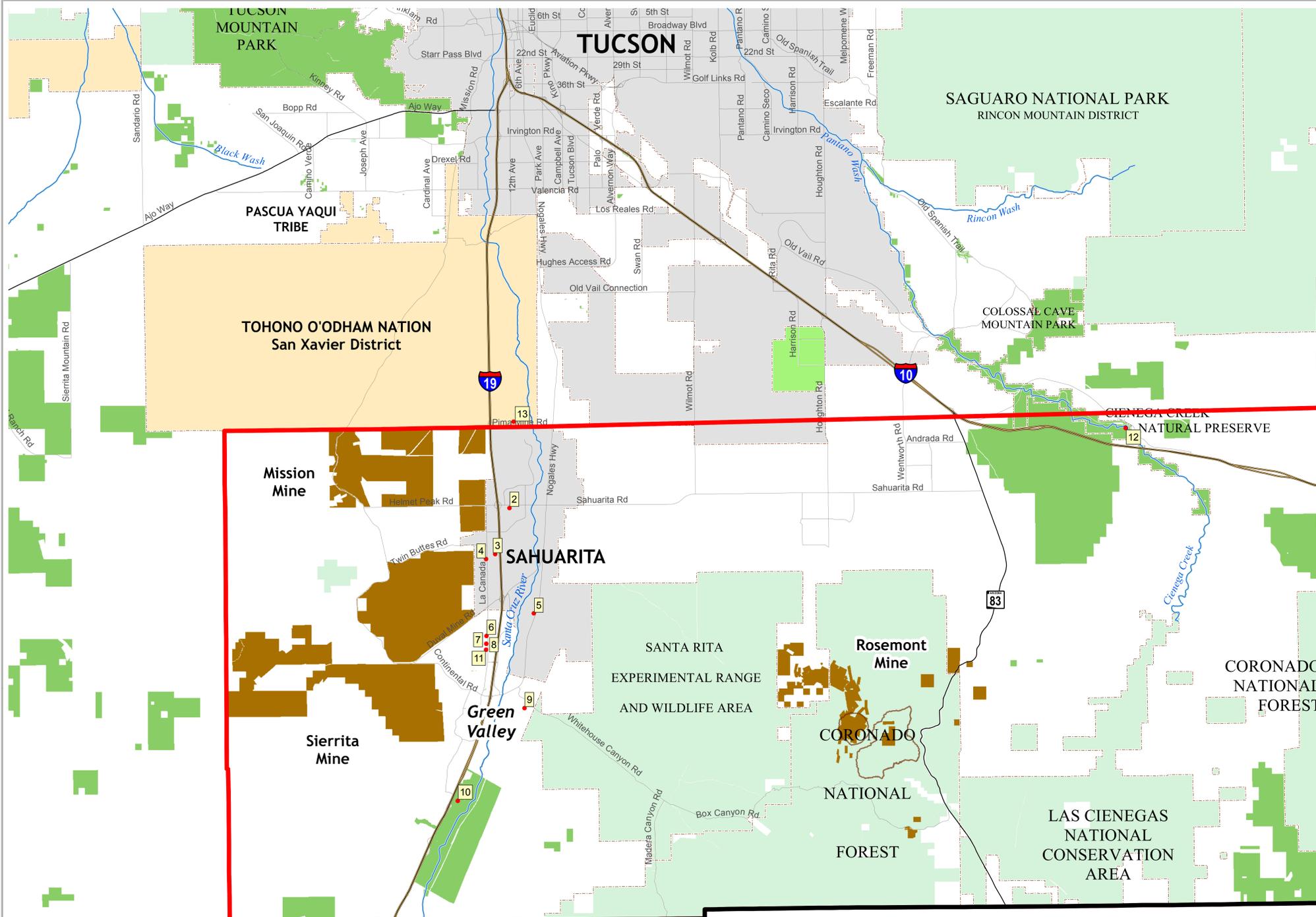
17 A. This act does not become effective unless approved by both a
18 majority of the qualified electors of Santa Cruz county and by a majority of
19 the qualified electors residing in the proposed area to join Santa Cruz
20 county at the next general election.

21 B. The board of supervisors of Santa Cruz county shall notify in
22 writing the director of the Arizona legislative council by April 1, 2015 of
23 the date on which the condition is met or if the condition is not met.

ATTACHMENT 2

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY EXPANSION and FUTURE BOND PROJECTS

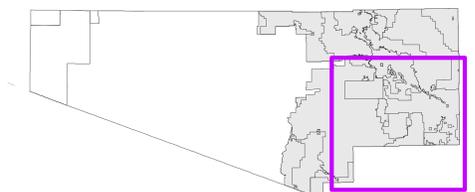
- Future Bond Project Locations
- New County Line
- Administrative Boundaries
- Towns and Cities
- Indian Nations
- Southeast Regional Park
- Mine Properties
- County Preserves (fee & lease)
- Other Preserves



Map No.	Project Name	\$ Requested
1	Sonoran Corridor Highway Improvements between I-10 and I-19	\$ 20,000,000
2	Sahuarita Branch Library	\$ 8,000,000
3	Sahuarita Pool and Recreation Complex /YMCA	\$ 15,880,500
4	Sahuarita Food Bank and Multi-Agency Community Service Facility	\$ 300,000
5	Quail Creek - Veterans Municipal Park Phase II	\$ 3,900,000
6	Green Valley Government Center Parking & Access Improvements	\$ 2,000,000
7	Joyner-Green Valley Library Expansion	\$ 1,737,000
8	Green Valley Courthouse Expansion	\$ 500,000
9	BAJA Seniors Sports Complex	\$ 3,500,000
10	Canoa Ranch New Museum/Orientation Center and Other Improvements	\$ 18,000,000
11	Green Valley Performing Arts Center	\$ 16,000,000
Total		\$ 89,817,500

Program Projects with Funding in this Area		
Affordable Housing Program	\$ 10,000,000	
Neighborhood Reinvestment Program	\$ 20,000,000	
Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Improvements	\$ 50,000,000	
Repair and Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings on County-Owned Ranches	\$ 500,000	
Public Natural Park Trail Access	\$ 2,000,000	
Site Interpretation/Preservation of County-owned Cultural Resource Sites	\$ 2,000,000	
Total		\$ 84,500,000

Pima County Index Map

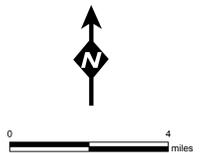


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