



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Draft Meeting Summary - Unapproved

Tuesday, May 17, 2011 4:30PM – 6:30PM
NRPR, 3500 West River Road, Main conference room
Tucson, AZ 85741



A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm

Members present

Sandra Stone
Dan Brocius
Amanda Castillo
Ralph Ellinwood
Nancy Williams
Dino Alfaro
Ellen Kurtz
Jerry Juliani

Members Absent

Nan Walden
Patricia Martin
Robert Bedoya
Thomas Sheridan
Wavalene Romero
At large position
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Non-members present

Mike Langley – USACE
Bob Childs – GVSCoC
Mark Bolli – GVSCoC
Jim DiGizium – GVSCoC
Stan Rivale – GVSCoC
Simon Herbert – PC
Carla Danforth – PC
Thomas Helfrich – PC
Diana Kelts – FMI Sierrita
Corky Poster – Poster Frost
Richard Ducate – Freeport
Mike Caporaso - Westland Resources
Philip Franchine – GV News

B. Approval of previous notes: The 03/15/11 meeting summary was approved unanimously

C. Report on planned Ecosystem Restoration: Mike Langley presented two handouts of potential restoration projects under consideration at the Canoa Ranch. He itemized the Authorities Program under section 206 for Aquatic Restoration projects, work completed to date, ongoing work and the overview schedule. A final draft report is scheduled to be completed by summer 2011, with the complete study process finished by December of 2011. Design, if approved, could commence by first quarter of 2012. He answered general questions from the committee.

D. Report from Jon Mirto (Poster-Frost-Mirto): Corky Poster handed out a summary of Capital Costs involved with the construction and restorations on Canoa Ranch. He summarized those projects as they pertain to current phase 4 and phase 5 construction. The map handout presented a picture of how Canoa looks now and for the next 3 to 6 year period. He answered general questions from the committee.

E. Reports and action on activities concerning Canoa Ranch

1. Update of "Friends of Canoa Ranch" group: The website is still under construction. The web address is: www.friendsofcanoaheritage.org

2. Pima County Bond Advisory Committee Meeting: There is nothing to report at this time

3. Green Valley/Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce proposal: Nothing to report at this time

4. Events at the ranch: Members Williams and Kurtz attended the Cowbells event held last month at the ranch and reported that attendance was good with a full day of activity. Those in attendance expressed interest and excitement in the future of the ranch.

5. Grant application to Freeport-McMoran: Member Kurtz continues work on the grant application. The deadline is June 1, 2011.

F. Program Manager for Canoa Ranch Information Items

1. Canoa Ranch Emergency Repairs: TEP has a significant amount of construction on the new switching station completed. The Main perimeter walls are up. Tentative construction completion is still projected for July, 2011.

2. Next Canoa Ranch Master Plan Project: U.S. Army Corps has resurrected an ecosystem restoration project on Canoa Ranch. They have \$170,00 for a feasibility study to be completed in late December 2011. [The Green Valley/Sahuarita Chamber group is still interested in helping get construction started at Canoa and will form their own 501c3 foundation as a way to channel funds. County staff will continue to provide technical information, initial project reviews and oversight functions as necessary.]
3. Site Security—Site Stewards: There were several breaches of the perimeter fence. A berm and fence were constructed on the north side and east end of the bridge over the Santa Cruz to block an area of routine breaks and access to the river by ATV's. A caretaker will be moving into the renovated house (building 105) next to the compound in August.
4. Anza Trail update: Initial verbal contacts have been made to the county about use of the Anza Trail from Abrego ramada to the Elephant Head trailhead and possibly the equestrian area for the Anza Day events in October, 2011 and 2012. No definitive proposal with scope and detail have been provided. Chairperson Stone reminded all members that the Anza Day Celebration starts on October 1st of this year. The committee may be asked to participate in the celebration process.
5. NRPR programs, budget and activities at the ranch: No requests for organized events at the Canoa ranch have been received. NRPR is finalizing a small grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife for construction of a large bat house to help provide habitat for returning bats this spring and summer. Smaller houses have already been put up around the complex. Members of the Committee who were interested in having an alternate were reminded to use forms made available or request forms from the Chair.

- F. Call to the public: There were no comments from the public
- G. Agenda items for 2011 meetings. Dates: September 20th, November 15th
- H. Adjournment: The committee adjourned at 5:25 pm