



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 6, 2022

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

From: Jan Leshner 
County Administrator

Re: **FY 2022/2023 Budget Allocation for Acquisition of Conservation Land – Second Progress Report**

The Board of Supervisors included \$2 million in the adopted Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget for acquisition of conservation land. Attached is the second progress report that provides updates on the previously recommended properties and one additional recommendation from the internal Conservation Land Acquisition Team.

The property owner of Las Lomas recently withdrew his property from further consideration of acquisition, and the Team is now recommending a substitute set of five parcels called the CAP Land Bridge as a critical wildlife corridor and habitat area west of the Tucson Mountains. By doing so, this allows Pima County to leverage up to \$365,974 in Habitat Conservation grant funds, which is available from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service through the Arizona Game & Fish Department once approved by the Board.

I have approved moving forward negotiations for acquisition of the properties recommended in the update. Pending successful negotiations, purchase agreements will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. The Board of Supervisors approved the Buckelew acquisition earlier today.

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Attachment

c: Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
Linda Mayro, Director, Office of Sustainability and Conservation
Nicole Fyffe, Senior Advisor, County Administrator's Office