



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 23, 2019

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

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Re: **Questions Regarding the Open Space Natural Resource Park at the April 16, 2019 Board of Supervisors Meeting**

At the April 16, 2019 Board of Supervisors Meeting, Supervisor Miller inquired whether the sale of a portion of the above mentioned property to Tucson Electric Power (TEP) was in conflict with the original open space acquisition purchase of the property.

The original 20-acre parcel at Kino and 36th Street was acquired using 2004 open space bond funds in 2011 in the amount of \$750,000. In 2017, TEP proposed to purchase five acres of this property for a much needed substation that would ensure reliable power to the surrounding area, including the County's Kino Campus located at Ajo Way and Country Club Road.

Prior to the end of negotiations with TEP, the County reviewed whether the proposal for their private business use would create a conflict due to acquisition of the property with open space bond funds. After reviewing the bond funding by issuance and evaluating the private business use calculations, staff found it met the private business use threshold, which is less than five percent of the specific issuance.

In 2018, TEP purchased the five acres from the County at auction for \$1.43 million. These funds are being used to pay for capital improvements associated with the open space and the newly named Desert Haven Natural Resources Park as well as its ongoing maintenance.

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c: Diana Durazo, Special Projects Manager, Pima County Administrator's Office