



MEMORANDUM

Date: August 5, 2014

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CHH", is written over the printed name "C.H. Huckelberry".

Re: **Update Regarding Activities at Canoa Ranch, January 2014 through June 30, 2014**

Attached is a July 31, 2014 memorandum from the Canoa Ranch Manager regarding various activities that have been undertaken at Canoa Ranch in the last six months. This report includes restoration work, public utilization of the facility and a number of upcoming Fiscal Year 2014/15 tours and event planning activities.

If you have any questions regarding these activities, please contact me.

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Attachment

c: John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Chis Cawein, Director, Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation
Robert Vaughn, Canoa Ranch Manager, Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 31, 2014

To: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator
John Bernal
Deputy County Administrator

From: Robert Vaughn, Canoa Ranch Manager
Special Projects and Trades Division Manager

Subject: Historic Hacienda de la Canoa construction
and program update

January 2014 – June 30, 2014

During the past year restoration, repair and maintenance, visitor programming, and future program development have continued at the Historic Hacienda de la Canoa (HHdIC).

The main entrance road leading to the historic site has been paved using funding from the ASARCO settlement. The main entrance ramada has been completed as well as many other safety improvements such as installing hand rails on inclines and stairs along trails used by visitors to the park.

The adobe walls routine maintenance continues on a monthly schedule.

- NRPR staff has developed a comprehensive maintenance plan based on similar documents used in the National Park System.
- NRPR staff continues the basic repair and maintenance of the adobe walls and building structures.
- Staff, together with community volunteers, have made adobe repairs to several areas on the courtyard walls and compound buildings. Winter rains and summer monsoon storms do affect the stability of the plastered walls and ongoing maintenance and repair work is critical to the long term care of the adobe buildings and courtyard walls.

The rehabilitation of the large capacity irrigation well located just north of the entrance of Block 32, 5555 N. I19 Frontage Road (the equestrian center) that will eventually provide the water for the Canoa Lake and canal has begun. Weber Water Resources has provided a quote of \$59,000.00 and has been contracted to rehabilitate the in ground well structure in preparation for future use. Current work on the well is funded with the remaining ASARCO Settlement fund and Canoa Ranch budgeted funds includes video, clean-out, swab and bail, installation of a new 10 inch casing, install new cement seal and well pad, and test pump at 200-300gpm. The above ground infrastructure will be installed at a later date as funding is available.

Restoration work on the retaque corrals and gates

- To date, three of the large gates have been restored.
- The ride-through latching mechanism on each gate has been restored to working condition using existing parts whenever possible.
- The horse corrals on the north end of the retaque corrals have been cleaned out, debris removed, and the small gates are in the initial process of being re-painted, repaired or restored as needed.
- Rusted, damaged, and missing metal corral pipes around the horse corrals have been restored and reinstalled.
- Materials for the restoration of the retaque corrals have been salvaged from flood district and Natural Resource cleanup sites.
- Other restoration work and structure repairs and re-painting in the horse corral areas took place during January through June. Much of the work on the retaque corals has been completed with the assistance of community volunteers.

Expanded programs and activities

Tour and event planning that began in the fall of 2013 continued through June of 2014. Tour schedules and other special event schedules were adjusted to meet public demand.

- Guided and self-guided tours were scheduled on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- Special tours were scheduled for special interest groups.
- Restoration tours were scheduled every other Wednesday.
- New subject matter tours and activities are under development by NRPR staff, the Green Valley Garden Club, the Anza Trail Riders, and other organizations.
- Installation of additional interpretive displays describing the Anza Expedition along the east berm trail and inside the covered porch of the Howell Manning Junior House now enhance the visitor experience. The Anza Coalition of Arizona loaned a period Anza Expedition soldier's uniform to Canoa Ranch which was displayed in a case donated by Supervisor Ray Carroll. Copies of paintings of the Anza expedition by Bill Singleton are also on display.

The number of visitors to the Historic Hacienda de la Canoa during the 2013-2014 fiscal year along with the numbers of donated hours by Tour Volunteers and Special Project Volunteers are listed below:

- Public Tour Attendance – 1,937 (fiscal year 2013-2014)
- Guided Tour Participants – 1,617 (fiscal year 2013-2014)
- Walk-in Self-Guided Visitation – 320 (fiscal year 2013-2014)
- Volunteer Tour Guide Hours – 567 (Fiscal year 2013-2014)
- Special Project Volunteer Hours – 624 (Estimated hours; average 12 per week, fiscal year 2013-2014)

NRPR staff continued to expand the volunteer programs at the HHdIC during 2013-2014. Community involvement continues to increase. The improved volunteer programs have generated additional interest and good community feedback.

Tour and event planning for the 2014-2015 fiscal year

Guided Tour of Hacienda de la Canoa

- A walking tour of the Canoa Ranch headquarters to gain insights into the fascinating stories of the people that lived and worked on the ranch. Visit the historic ranch buildings and corrals and enjoy scenic views of the Santa Cruz River Valley. Reservations required.
- Tuesdays and Saturdays throughout the winter visitor season. The schedule was adjusted during the summer season to accommodate lower demand for tours and self-guided visitors.
- Typical Time: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- Where: Historic Hacienda de la Canoa, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Rd., Green Valley
- Cost/Ages: free, all ages welcome
- For more information contact: 520-877-6004 or CanoaRanch@pima.gov
- Reservations required.

Outdoor Family: Bats & Bugs

- Bring the family out for a fantastic show-and-tell under the open skies at Florida Canyon. UA biologists Carl Olson and Ronnie Sidner will give us a glimpse into the amazing world of arthropods and bats and the important roles they play in the environment. Children ages 5-12 and their families. Reservations required.
- Scheduled at Canoa Ranch several times during the year
- Typical Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Where: UA Florida Canyon Research Center. Directions to meeting location provided with reservation.
- Cost/Age: free, children ages 5-12 and their families
- For more information contact: 520-615-7855 or eeducation@pima.gov
- Reservations required.

Heritage Area Structures Rehabilitation Tour

- Architectural preservationist Simon Herbert will discuss the processes and materials used for the rehabilitation of the structures at Historic Hacienda de la Canoa as he leads this behind-the-scenes tour. Participants will also learn about the work that has transformed the structures from deteriorating ruins to functional buildings. Reservations required.
- Every other Wednesday through the visitor season. Once per month during the summer months.
- Typical Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Where: Historic Hacienda de la Canoa, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Rd., Green Valley
- Cost/Ages: free, all ages welcome
- For more information contact: 520-877-6004 or CanoaRanch@pima.gov
- Reservations required.

Pima County Community Centers-Summer Programs 2014

- Canoa Ranch Field Trips
- July 7- July 11, 9am-Noon,
- 20-35 kids/day
- Participating Community Center included; Littletown, Catalina, Picture Rocks, Robles Ranch, and Drexel Heights.

Special Event planning for the 2014-2015 fiscal year

Scheduled activities with Santa Cruz Valley Alliance partners including two events highlighting the history of the 1776 Anza Expedition and the segment of Anza Trail through the Raul M. Grijalva Canoa Ranch Conservation Park will be held in September and October 2014.

On Saturday September 13, 2014 the Kick In for Anza at Canoa Ranch event will take place at the HHdIC. This fundraiser luncheon is hosted by BAJA Sporting Club in partnership with Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation. Activities at the event include; a self-guided tour, visiting information booths, talks with members of the Anza Trail Color Guard and lunch with entertainment. Donations will help fund the Anza Trail Color Guard's participation in the White Elephant Parade in Green Valley on October 25, 2014 and the 2nd Annual Anza Day at Canoa Ranch on October 26, 2014. A Donation of \$25 provides for admission, lunch and entertainment. The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Historic Hacienda de la Canoa, 5375 S. I-19 Frontage Rd., Green Valley, all ages are welcome. For more information contact: 520-289-3940 or purchase tickets online www.anzadays.com.

- On October 26, 2014 the second **Anza Day** event will be held at Canoa Ranch. The event is expected to bring 200 - 300 visitors to the HHdIC during the Sunday event. The Anza Riders have been contracted to ride into the central court yard in full costume and speak to the gathered spectators about the Anza Expedition and life in Spanish Colonial Mexico. Additional tours will be available during the day. Informational and educational tables are expected again this year inside the Howell Manning Junior House with representatives including the Friends of Canoa, Tubac Presidio, Tumacacori National Monument, the Anza Coalition of Arizona, Rio Rico Chamber of Commerce, BAJA Sports Group, Have Some Fun, FICO, Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation, and others. For more information contact: 520-877-6004 or CanoaRanch@pima.gov

Donations of artifacts to the Historic Hacienda de la Canoa

George and Fran Proctor are working with NRPR staff regarding a donation and transportation of their ranching memorabilia collection to be displayed as a permanent exhibit at the HHdIC. At last report they are working with an attorney to produce a document detailing the family's' requested conditions for making the donation to Pima County and Canoa Ranch.

Mr. Max Perry donated a collection of historic books listed below. The books will be used by staff and visitors in an onsite reference library to learn more about ranching history and life during the westward expansion and settlement in the southwest.

Americana Collection

National Portrait Gallery of Eminent Americans, Vol 1 and 2. Johnson, Fry and Co. 1864.....\$1250.00 (AbeBooks)

Narrative and Critical History of America, Justin Winsor, Vol 1-8 Complete. Houghton, Mifflin, 1886...\$1200.00 (AbeBooks)

North American Indians, Vol 1 and 2. George Catlin, 3rd Edition, Wiley and Putnam, 1844...\$125.00 (EBay)

Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant, Vol. 1 and 2. Charles L. Webster, 1885....approx. \$200.00 (AbeBooks)

The Pictorial Field-Book of the Revolution, Benson J. Lossing, Vol 1 and 2. Harper Bros. 1850....approx. \$175-\$375 (AbeBooks)

The Pictorial Field-Book of the War of 1812, Benson J. Lossing, Harper and Bros. 1869....\$200 (Amazon.com)

Gazetteer of the United States, Thomas Baldwin and J. Thomas, M.D., Lippincott, Grambo and Co. 1854.....\$375 (AbeBooks)

History of the United States to 1815, Morgan and Sanxay, Cincinnati, 1833 (School adaptation)....????

American Antiquities and Discoveries in the West, Josiah Priest, Hoffman and White, 1838....\$50-\$300..(AbeBooks)

Indian Wars of the United States, William V. Moore. George W. Gorton, Philadelphia, 1843.....\$195 (AbeBooks)

American West Collection

The Saga of Billy the Kid, Walter Noble Burns, 1925.....\$17.50

Wild Bill Hickok, Frank J. Wiltach, 1926.....\$45.00

Doc Holliday, John Myers Myers, First Edition, 1955, with book jacket.....\$95.00

Sam Bass, Wayne Gard, 1936.....\$80.00

Guns of the Frontier, William MacLeod Raine, 1940.....\$10.00

The Outlaw Years, Robert M. Coates, 1930.....\$40.00

Wyatt Earp, Frontier Marshal, Stuart N. Lake, First Edition, 1931.....\$90.00

Famous Sheriffs and Western Outlaws, William MacLeod Raine, 1929.....\$85.00

Mike Fink, Walter Blair, 1933.....\$30.00

The Last Chance, Tombstone's Early Years, John Myers, 1950.....\$25.00

Roughing It, Mark Twain, Illustrated, 1884.....sold on eBay for \$69.00

The Texas Rangers, Walter Prescott Webb, 1935.....\$95.00

Vern Butler a very active special projects volunteer at the HHdIC donated a collection of hand tools used on his family's' ranch in western Colorado. The collection includes many antique tools used by ranch hands in their everyday activities. The collection includes about 100 tools, tool boxes and related items.

As a unit of the **National Park Service**, the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail administers the Anza Trail from the U.S. border at Nogales, Ariz., to the San Francisco Bay Area. The Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail unit has agreed to pay \$2,500.00 by direct invoice for additional Anza Trail interpretative panels and educational displays at the Historic Hacienda de la Canoa. The panels and display materials are currently in development and are scheduled for production during the fall of 2014.

Cash Donations 2013 - 2014

Visitors and other interested individuals and groups have donated \$1813.36 to the Canoa Conservation Fund (2351) during the fiscal year. To date the funds have not been used but may be used in the future to help support exhibit and restoration projects at the ranch.

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of Historic Hacienda de la Canoa at the Raúl M. Grijalva Canoa Ranch Conservation Park. NRPR staff and community volunteers are all looking forward to future developments at this special site.

Robert Vaughn
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NRPR Special Projects and Trades Division Manager

Cc: Chris Cawein, NRPR Director