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# Board of Supervisors Memorandum

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January 14, 2014

## Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee Clarification

In my previous communication, I recommended the Board of Supervisors approve the organizational structure of the Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee (CRCC) to be comprised of a total of seven members to succeed the Canoa Ranch Community Trust and Oversight Committee (CRCTOC). In consideration of the work completed to date by the CRCTOC in developing the Canoa Ranch Master Plan that was adopted by the Board, I would like to revise my recommendation to include three members from the CRCTOC to ensure there is continuity in how the implementation of the Master Plan proceeds.

I specifically recommend the following three members be invited to continue serving on the CRCC for their expertise in history, commitment to scholarship and a comprehensive understanding of the cultural traditions of the region, as well as their personal connections to the history of Canoa Ranch:

- Amanda Castillo
- Patricia Preciado Martin
- Tom Sheridan

I believe it is important to retain continuity to carry forward the rich historical and cultural diversity expressed by the occupation of Canoa Ranch over time.

While I recommend the mission of the CRCC remain unchanged, I would like to clarify that it is not expected that the CRCC actually form a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization to raise funds. Instead, it is anticipated the CRCC would review proposals from other nonprofits and other potential partner organizations in its fundraising capacity to evaluate whether these proposals might be considered by the Board in the implementation of the Master Plan.

Any proposals would first be reviewed and evaluated by the recommended County management team that would include representatives from Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation; the Regional Flood Control District; Facilities Management; and Sustainability and Conservation to ensure that any proposals submitted for consideration by the CRCC are consistent with the open space, watershed, historic and cultural resource values cited in the Master Plan.

I very much appreciate the significant contributions of the CRCTOC in advancing County goals of preserving and protecting the historic and cultural values of Canoa Ranch.

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With these clarifications, I recommend the Board proceed with the formation of the Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee and County management team.

Recommendation

I revise Item 3 of my recommendation to read as follows:

3. Approval of the Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee organizational structure as follows:

Ten members: five appointed by the Board of Supervisors; one appointed by the County Administrator; one appointed by the Tohono O'odham Nation; and three members, Amanda Castillo, Patricia Preciado Martin, and Tom Sheridan, to serve as invited members representing the historical, cultural and occupational uses of historic Canoa Ranch. Each member shall be appointed for a term of four years and shall not serve more than two consecutive terms.

Respectfully submitted,



C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

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Attachment

c: Chair and Members, Canoa Ranch Community Trust and Oversight Committee  
Linda Mayro, Director, Office of Sustainability and Conservation  
Chris Cawein, Director, Natural, Resources, Parks and Recreation  
Robert Vaughn, Special Projects Manager, Natural, Resources, Parks and Recreation



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### Background

My January 7, 2014 Board of Supervisors Memorandum regarding formation of the Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee included the following recommended mission statement:

*To assist the Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department in reviewing and making recommendations to the County Administrator and the Board of Supervisors regarding all public/private partnership proposals for the conservation, restoration, expansion and development of Canoa Ranch put forward by foundations and other organizations. In addition, the Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee will work collaboratively to acquire funds and promote future bond funding for the implementation of the Canoa Ranch Master Plan.*

Use of the word "promote" with regard to future bond funding could be construed to mean the Committee might engage in activities that are legally prohibited. The purpose of this memorandum is recommend the mission statement be amended to replace "promote" with "plan" to more appropriately articulate the mission of the Committee.

My revised recommendations below include the new proposed mission statement with the single revision discussed above. No other changes were made to the recommendations.

### Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Supervisors approve and direct the following actions with respect to Canoa Ranch:

1. Formation of the Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee that will, upon formation, replace the Canoa Ranch Community Trust and Oversight Committee.
2. Adoption of the following mission statement for the Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee:

*To assist the Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department in reviewing and making recommendations to the County Administrator and the Board of Supervisors regarding all public/private partnership proposals for the conservation, restoration, expansion and development of Canoa Ranch put forward by foundations and other organizations. In addition, the Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee will work collaboratively to acquire funds and plan future bond funding for the implementation of the Canoa Ranch Master Plan.*

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**3. Approval of the Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee organizational structure as follows:**

Seven members: five appointed by the Board of Supervisors, one appointed by the County Administrator, and one appointed by the Tohono O'odham Nation. Each member shall be appointed for a term of four years and shall not serve more than two consecutive terms.

**4. Direction to the County Administrator to formalize a management team of County staff from Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation; Regional Flood Control District; the Office of Sustainability and Conservation; and Facilities Management to provide technical, management and administrative support to the CRCC to ensure the open space, watershed and cultural resource values are protected, interpreted and appropriately managed in the implementation of the Master Plan.**

Respectfully submitted,



C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator

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- c: John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator for Public Works  
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