MEMORANDUM

Date: September 3, 2015

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

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
      County Administrator

Re: Pima Prospers – Glossary for the Comprehensive Plan

In the adoption of Pima Prospers, staff inadvertently omitted from Appendix E the Glossary for the Comprehensive Plan. As you may recall, we divided the Maeveen Marie Behan Conservation Lands System (CLS) from the prior Comprehensive Plan into three parts: 1) policy in the main body of the plan, 2) background material in Appendix A (the Background material), and 3) definitions, which were to be included in the Glossary. Unfortunately, the final definitions for the Glossary were omitted from last spring’s public hearing draft, and this omission was just recently discovered. We are, therefore, requesting a revision.

There are definitions in the Glossary for all of the CLS categories with the exception of the omitted Agriculture Inholdings and Scientific Research Areas (although they are, in part, in the background document). However, the definitions were early placeholders and are either incomplete or incorrect. The correct definitions, translated from the 2001 Comprehensive Plan, should have been inserted into the study session and public hearing drafts. Staff has verified that the rest of the CLS is intact and accurately represented.

The process to correct the definitions requires a public hearing. Staff will initiate the action, and the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Supervisors must each hold a public hearing, with the Board rendering the final decision. Therefore, I am moving forward immediately with double noticing the Commission and Board hearings for September 30 and October 20 respectively to resolve this issue. The only item that will be advertised is the addition of the two missing items from the Glossary and the replacement of the correct definitions from the 2001 Plan for the incorrect or incomplete definitions currently in the Glossary. No policy changes will be made. The public hearing legal notice will be transmitted this week for newspaper publication.

In addition, an informational email will be immediately transmitted to both the Planning and Zoning Commission members and the major interested parties (Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection, Southern Arizona Home Builders Association, Metropolitan Pima Alliance and others) to advise them of the omission and the proposed process for correcting it.

Should you have any questions, regarding this matter, please contact me.

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