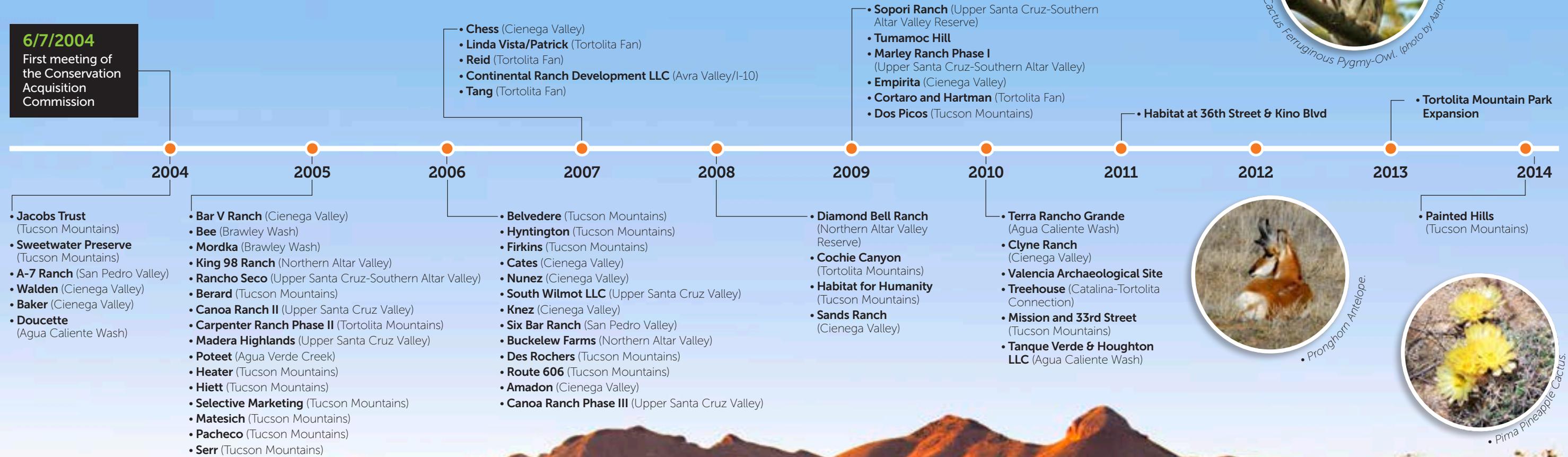


Truth in bonding: You do get what you vote for

Natural areas purchased between 2004 and 2014 with voter-approved bonds

The Pima County Conservation Acquisition Commission recommended the purchase of these 59 properties. This 11-member citizen's commission oversaw the spending of the 2004 voter-approved bonds, as well as remaining funds from the 1997 bond election. A 2013 audit by the State Auditor General's office of the County's bond programs beginning with 1997, found "The County spent the proceeds in accordance with the voter-authorized purposes," "bond programs represent a uniquely collaborative effort between the County and its local jurisdictions [cities, towns and tribes]," and "Bond projects benefited citizens throughout Pima County."



• Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl. (photo by Aaron Flesh)



• Pronghorn Antelope.



• Pima Pineapple Cactus.