

PIMA COUNTY CONSERVATION ACQUISITION COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

MANNING HOUSE

450 WEST PASEO REDONDO

THURSDAY September 14, 2006

3:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Conservation Acquisition Commission and to the general public that the Conservation Acquisition Commission will hold a meeting open to the public on September 14, 2006 at 3pm at the Manning House. As indicated in the agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7), the Conservation Acquisition Commission may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, to discuss certain matters.

1. Roll Call
2. Executive Session – Closed to the Public
Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7), Commission may meet in executive session to discuss negotiations for the purchase of real property.
3. Approval of the August 3 and 10, 2006 Meeting Summaries
4. Update on 1997/2004 Conservation Bond Program Expenditures
5. End of Fiscal Year 2005/06 Pima County Bond Program Update (5 minutes)
Per the County's Truth in Bonding Code, Chapter 3.06, semi-annual reports on the status of implementing the County's various bond programs must be prepared and transmitted to the Board and Bond Advisory Committee. The section pertaining to the Conservation Bond Program must be transmitted to the Conservation Acquisition Commission (CAC). Since the report has been condensed this year, the entire report, including a CD with the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan, individual project sheets, and completed projects report, was transmitted to the CAC. Note that the Fiscal Year ended on June 30th, and therefore the report does not reflect acquisitions such as the Six-Bar Ranch that occurred after the end of the Fiscal Year. Staff recommends the CAC approve a motion accepting the report.
6. Tucson Mountains/Tortolita Mountains Wildlife corridor and Avra Valley Road/I-10 Underpass (30 minutes)
A visual presentation showing the corridor between the northern end of Saguaro National Park West (Tucson Mountains) to the County's Tortolita Mountain Park, and identifying lands already conserved, lands under negotiation for conservation, and lands of value to the corridor but not under negotiation, will be given by staff. Staff will also provide updates on negotiations.

7. Conservation Opportunities in the Tortolita Sub Area (30 minutes)
 - A. Updates: (1) Linda Vista/Patrick and Reid parcels (2) La Cholla/Overton parcels
 - B. New Application: Ramirez parcels
2004 Open Space Bond Category: Habitat Protection Priorities – Tortolita Sub Area, Highest Priority Private. Application is for two parcels totaling 9.12 acres, located less than half a mile northwest of Arthur Pack Park, and northwest of the County-owned Stevenson property. The applicant is asking for \$992,000 (\$108,772/acre).
8. New Application: The Bigelow Trust, San Pedro Sub Area (10 minutes)
2004 Open Space Bond Category: Habitat Protection Priorities – San Pedro Sub Area, Secondary Priority Private. Application is for two parcels totaling 18 acres, located along the western bank of the San Pedro River, less than a mile from Pinal County line. The applicant is asking for \$250,000 (\$13,900/acre).
9. Preliminary Recommendations for Possible 2008 Bond Election (30 minutes)
 - A. Review of Commission Approved Preliminary List
 - B. Categories/properties still under consideration: Wildlife Corridor and Habitat Linkages, and Streams and Springs Analysis
 - C. New Proposals: Colossal Cave Inholding, Hayhook Ranch property
10. Updates (30 minutes)
 - Six Bar Ranch
 - Buckelew Farms
 - Cienega Corridor acquisitions
 - Sabino Creek area
 - Brawley Wash parcels
 - Camino de Oeste Project Area
 - Los Morteros
 - Habitat for Humanity property
 - Green Valley Hills
 - Las Cienegas Enhancement Act (H.R.5016)
 - Resolution Copper Exchange (S.2466)
 - Catalina/Tortolita connection
 - Proposed Development Activities on Bond Parcels
11. Next Commission Meeting
The next Conservation Acquisition Commission meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2006 at 3pm.
12. Call to the Public
13. Adjournment