

**PIMA COUNTY CONSERVATION ACQUISITION COMMISSION**

**REVISED MEETING AGENDA**

**MANNING HOUSE**

**450 WEST PASEO REDONDO**

**THURSDAY June 8, 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 June 8, 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 May 11, 2006 Meeting Summary
4. Update on 1997/2004 Conservation Bond Program Expenditures (5 minutes)
5. New application received in the Northwest Area – Lowery Property (15 minutes)  
2004 Open Space Bond Category: Habitat Protection Priorities – Secondary Priority Private, Tortolita Mountains Project Area. Pima County has received an application for the sale of approximately 4 acres, located near Overton Road and La Cholla Boulevard. The applicant is asking for \$500,000 (\$125,000/acre).
6. Des Rochers Properties - Camino de Oeste Project Area acquisitions (15 minutes)  
2004 Open Space Bond Category: Community Open Space – Camino de Oeste. Pima County has negotiated an acquisition agreement to purchase 3 parcels totaling 19 acres for \$292,600 (average of \$15,400/acre). The Commission is asked to make a recommendation on whether to acquire these properties. Background materials will be provided to the Commission before the meeting. Staff recommends approval.
7. Southeast Corridor Project Area Acquisitions (10 minutes)
  - A. Amadon Property  
2004 Open Space Bond Category: Habitat Protection Priorities – Secondary Priority Private, Southeast Corridor Project Area (Cienega Corridor). Pima County has negotiated an acquisition agreement to purchase this 39-acre property for \$121,000 (\$3,102/acre). The Commission is asked to make a recommendation on whether to acquire this property. Background materials will be provided to the Commission before the meeting. Staff recommends approval.

B. Knez Property

2004 Open Space Bond Category: Habitat Protection Priorities – Highest Priority Private, Southeast Corridor Project Area (Cienega Corridor). Pima County has an acquisition agreement to purchase this 80-acre parcel for \$240,000 (\$3,000/acre). The Commission is asked to make a recommendation on whether to acquire this property. Background materials will be provided to the Commission before the meeting. Staff recommends approval.

8. Santa Cruz Basin Project Area – Acquisition of South Wilmot LLC (Elephant Head parcel) (10 minutes)

2004 Open Space Bond Category: Habitat Protection Priorities – Secondary Priority Private, Santa Cruz Basic Project Area. Pima County has negotiated an acquisition agreement to purchase this 36-acre property for \$112,500 (\$3,125/acre). The property is located adjacent to the County's new Pima Pineapple Cactus Mitigation Bank. The Commission is asked to make a recommendation on whether to acquire this property. Background materials will be provided to the Commission before the meeting. Staff recommends approval.

9. Mitigation Banks - What are they and how do they work? (20 minutes)  
Presentation by Mima Falk, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

10. Tucson Water Presentation (30 minutes)  
Presentation by Ralph Marra and Tim Thomure, with Tucson Water.

11. Community Stewardship Organizations (20 minutes)  
Presentation by Michelle Zimmerman, with the Rincon Institute.

12. Updates (30 minutes)

- Six Bar Ranch
- Conservation Opportunities in the Northwest
- 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)
- Avra Valley Road/I-10 over pass
- Catalina/Tortolita connection
- Proposed Development Activities on Bond Parcels

13. Next Commission Meeting

The next Conservation Acquisition Commission meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2006. The next Commission meeting focused on a potential 2008 bond election is scheduled for June 15, 2006.

14. Call to the Public

15. Adjournment

Note: Items for the July 13, 2006 agenda:

- Half-cent sales tax to fund open space acquisitions
- Presentation on Transfer of Development Rights – Arlan Colton, County Development Services