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