

PIMA COUNTY CONSERVATION ACQUISITION COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

MANNING HOUSE

450 WEST PASEO REDONDO

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2005

3:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Unfinished Business

2. Applications for the Sale of Open Space – Properties NOT included in Question 1 of the 2004 Bond Ordinance – Final Action (5 minutes)

Per Commission policy, after initial discussion the Commission must wait 30 days or until the next meeting, whichever occurs first, to make a final decision on non-bond properties. The following three properties were discussed initially at the January 11 meeting, with a staff recommendation not to acquire the properties:

- Winterhaven Ranch (May reconsider in 12 months or more)
- Arivaca Twin Peaks
- Donnelly Trust

At the January 11 meeting, the Commission voted to place these three applications on the do not acquire list for final action at the February 10 meeting. The Commission can now make a final decision on these properties. If the Commission concurs with the staff recommendation for these six properties, a motion could read: The Commission recommends that no further action be taken with regard to these properties.

3. State Trust Land Reform (30 minutes)

Discussion on possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors concerning State Trust Land reform.

4. Whitaker Parcel and Connection to Tucson Mountain Park – Camino de Oeste Project Area (10 Minutes)

At the January 11 meeting, staff recommended that the owners of four additional parcels in the Camino de Oeste project area be contacted to determine their willingness to sell, before recommending the County begin due diligence for the nine other Camino de Oeste parcels (including the Whitaker application). Staff will report on these parcels. Staff needs direction from the Commission on whether to begin due diligence for the Camino de Oeste parcels.

5. Conservation Opportunities in Connection Analysis Areas (15 minutes)

Report from staff requested by Commission at the January 11 meeting.

New Business

6. Approval of January 11 Meeting Summary

7. Update on 1997/2004 Conservation Bond Program Expenditures to Date (5 minutes)

8. Rancho Seco Acquisition (20 minutes)

2004 Conservation Bond Category: Habitat Protection Priorities – High and Secondary Priority Private, Altar Valley project area. Arizona Open Land Trust has an Option to purchase this property for \$18.5 million. The Commission is asked to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on whether to acquire this property.

Background materials will be provided to the Commission at least 5 calendar days before the meeting. Staff recommends acquisition of this property.

9. Rosemont Ranch (20 minutes)

Discussion/possibly send to Science Technical Advisory Team for review.

10. Applications for the Sale of Open Space (10 minutes)

A) Petrowski – 3 parcels identified as Habitat Protection Priorities, adjacent to the Curtis Trust parcel – Empire Mountains. Commissioners will receive materials and a staff recommendation.

B) Carpenter Ranch – Community Open Space property. Commissioners will receive materials and a staff recommendation

11. Chairman's report on discussion with Executive Director of the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection regarding A-7 Management proposals (10 minutes)

12. Updates: (25 minutes)

- Bee/Mordka (Commission & Board of Supervisors recommended to acquire)

- Bar V Ranch (Commission recommended acquisition)

- King98 (Commission recommended acquisition)

- Poteet and surrounding properties (Commission recommended due diligence for Poteet and contacting surrounding property owners)

- Curtis and surrounding properties (Commission recommended due diligence for Curtis and contacting surrounding property owners)

- South Corridor project area – (Commission recommended securing contingent options on western parcels and Hiatt and Heater properties)

- Belvedere (Commission recommended due diligence)

- Green Valley Hills

- Proposed Development Activities on Bond Parcels

13. Next Commission meeting: March 8, 2005

Suggested agenda items for the March 8 meeting will be distributed to Commissioners before the meeting.

14. Call to the Public

15. Adjournment