

CAC Agenda Item 4B(ii) – To move Northern Altar Valley properties & Double XX Ranch from Community Open Space to Habitat Protection Priorities

Issue: Commissioner Wilson questioned why these properties were designated as Community Open Space when they were so far from the urban area. Staff agrees that they do not fit the community open space category.

Analysis:

AOLT/TNC Conservation Goals and Selection Criteria for Original Habitat Protection Priorities

- Northern Altar properties - CLS Special Species Management Area for Cactus ferruginous pygmy owl
- Double XX Ranch – CLS Biological Core
- Northern Altar properties would expand existing protected areas.
- Double xx Ranch - Does not expand an already conserved area, but does connect to other HPPs
- Neither contains SDCP special elements.
- Both are over 10 acres in size.

Priority Conservation Areas

Northern Altar Valley Properties:

- Lowland leopard frog
- Cactus ferruginous pygmy owl
- Lesser long nosed bat
- Pima pineapple cactus
- Giant spotted whiptail

Double XX Ranch:

- Lowland leopard frog
- Swainson's hawk
- Lesser long nosed bat
- Mexican long tonged bat
- Western red bat