

PIMA COUNTY CONSERVATION ACQUISITION COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

PIMA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
3500 West River Road
Tucson, Arizona

THURSDAY February 28, 2013

2:00 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 February 28, 2013 at 2:00 pm. 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 - Public discussion and action may occur on the executive session items listed below during the regularly scheduled meeting.
3. Approval of the September 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes
4. Update on Audit of Pima County's General Obligation Bond Programs
The Auditor General's office completed the audit of the Pima County's 1997, 2004 and 2006 general obligation bond programs and found that: Pima County's bond programs represent a uniquely collaborative effort between the County and its cities, towns and tribes; the bond funds were used for the purposes the voters authorized and followed the approval process for any necessary changes; and the programs benefited residents all over Pima County in similar proportion to the taxes paid. The full report is included in the Commission's meeting materials.
5. Update on 1997/2004 Conservation Bond Program Expenditures
To be provided at meeting.
6. Accept 1997/2004 Semi-Annual Bond Program Report
Per the County's Truth in Bonding Code, the Conservation Acquisition Commission is tasked with reviewing and accepting semi-annual and end of year reports on the conservation portion of the 1997 and 2004 bond programs. Staff recommends the Commission accept the Semi-Annual report for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.
7. Proposed Amendment to 1997 Bond Ordinance to Project SD-10 Tumamoc Hill
Per the County's Truth in Bonding Code, the Conservation Acquisition Commission is tasked with reviewing and approving amendments to the conservation acquisition sections of the 1997 and 2004 bond ordinances. The County acquired a portion of Tumamoc Hill from the State Land Department in 2009, completing this project. Approximately \$18,000 remained in the project and is proposed to be allocated to acquiring approximately 1,000 acres of State

Trust land to expand Tortolita Mountain Park. This ordinance amendment would expand the scope of this project to include a statement on how the remaining funding was spent and extend the implementation period through period 8 (Fiscal Years 2011/12 and 2012/13) to account for when the funding was spent. Staff recommends the Commission approve this bond ordinance amendment.

8. Future County Bond Election – Review of County Administrator Recommendation to Decrease Bond Advisory Committee’s Recommended Funding for Project OS2 Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands
To date the Bond Advisory Committee (BAC) has tentatively approved 93 projects totaling \$649.8 million. Since many of the projects date back to 2006 when planning for a future bond election began, the Bond Advisory Committee recently requested reviews of all 93 projects for updates to project scopes, funding and need. On February 12, 2013, the County Administrator forwarded recommended changes to the BAC, including decreasing funding for project OS2 Habitat Protection Priorities and Associated Lands from \$110 million to \$90 million due to amendments to the Marley Ranch options agreements that decrease the future purchase prices. Meeting materials for this item include the February 12 memorandum with full explanation in No. 2 of the Endnotes to the tables, and the draft meeting summary from the BAC meeting with discussion of this item on pages 3 and 4. This item is on the Commission’s agenda for discussion and possible action.
9. Clean Water Act Section 404 In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program for Santa Cruz River Basin
Presentation by Suzanne Shields, Pima Co. Regional Flood Control Director
10. Recent Regional Flood Control District Land Acquisitions Related to Conservation
Suzanne Shields, Pima Co. Regional Flood Control Director
11. Update on Pima County’s proposed Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement
Presentation by Julia Fonseca, Environmental Planning Manager, Pima County Office of Sustainability and Conservation
12. General Updates
 - A. Proposed Development Activities on Bond Parcels
 - B. Painted Hills
 - C. Catalina/Tortolita Wildlife Corridor:
 - State Trust land application to acquire land to expand Tortolita Mountain Park and conserve wildlife corridor
 - ADOT/RTA wildlife crossing project
 - Kelly Ranch - Desert Springs Oro Valley General Plan Amendment
 - D. Avra Valley-Interstate 10 Tucson-Tortolita Mountain Wildlife Corridor
 - E. State Trust land conservation efforts within the Town of Sahuarita
 - F. Marley Ranch
 - G. Recent offers to sell to the County
 - H. Rosemont Mine
 - I. Saguaro National Park Boundary Adjustment Act
 - J. Sunzia Electrical Transmission proposals

- K. Sasabe Lateral Project
- L. BLM Solar EIS
- M. Future Bond Election Update
- N. Next Bond Advisory Committee meeting to be held on March 29, 2013

13. Next Commission Meeting

To be determined. The next required meeting for oversight of the conservation portion of the current bond programs will need to be held in August or September 2013.

14. Call to the Public

15. Adjournment