

# PIMA COUNTY CONSERVATION ACQUISITION COMMISSION

## REVISED MEETING AGENDA

### Manning House

THURSDAY May 8, 2008

2:00 P.M. – 4:30 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 May 8, 2008 at 2:00 pm 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 February 14, 2008 Study Session Meeting Summary
4. Update on 1997/2004 Conservation Bond Program Expenditures
5. Update on Conservation of State Trust Land on Tumamoc Hill
  - Status of applications to the State Land Department for auction of 320 acres and Arizona State Parks for Growing Smarter matching funds.
  - Discussion on 200 acres north of the 320-acres
  - Update on the Federal legislation to conserve the 320 acres
6. Buenos Aires Wildlife Refuge State Trust Land Inholding

After numerous communications with the State Land Department, the County was informed that ASLD would not consider a purchase of development rights on the Buenos Aires Wildlife Refuge State land inholding, and that the only avenue for acquisition would be through public auction. The Commission requested at the February 14, 2008 Study Session that this property be brought back for discussion and action on whether or not the County should pursue acquisition of this State land via public auction.
7. Presentation on the 2008 State Trust Land Reform Initiative – Protecting Our Land and Water

8. Laos Property – Altar Valley Subarea

Pima County received an application for the sale of 108 acres located south of the County's Madera Highlands property and north of the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge's northern boundary. It is identified as a highest priority private Habitat Protection Priority. The applicant is asking for \$3,000/acre or \$324,000. The due diligence has begun on this property.

9. Cochie Canyon Property – Tortolita Mountains Subarea

Pima County has a signed acquisition agreement to purchase 290 acres in the Cochie Canyon area, located north of Dove Mountain Road and west of Tortolita Mountain Park for \$2.9 million (or \$10,000 an acre). The property is a highest priority private Habitat Protection Priority and contains major drainage way. Staff recommends approval of this acquisition.

10. Joshua and Caleb LLC Property – Tortolita Mountains Subarea

Pima County has received an application for the sale of 116 acres located on the southwest corner of Lambert Lane and Thornydale Road. The property is a highest priority private Habitat Protection Priority. The applicant is asking for \$69,900/acre or \$8.1 million. The appraisal has been ordered.

11. Habitat at 36<sup>th</sup> and Kino Blvd. – Jurisdictional Open Space, City of Tucson

Pima County has received an application for the sale of 20 acres, located at the southeast corner of 36<sup>th</sup> Street and Kino. The property is identified under the City of Tucson's Jurisdictional Open Space request. The applicant is asking for \$1 million or \$50,000/acre.

12. Bellota Preservation Corporation Properties – Not eligible for acquisition under the 2004 Bond Program

Pima County received an application for the sale of 2,061 acres in the San Pedro Valley in the Buehman Canyon area. The parcels abut the County-owned A-7 Ranch on its western boundary and the Nature Conservancy's Buehman Canyon Nature Preserve. The applicant is asking for \$1.5 million. These properties are not eligible for acquisition under the 2004 Bond program.

12. Updates

- Proposed Development Activities on Bond Parcels
- Arroyo Grande Conceptual Land Use Plan
- Cortaro Farms Land Property (NW area)
- Habitat for Humanity Property (36<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor)
- Boa Sorte (Brawley Wash area)
- Tumamoc Hill
- Bloom Property
- Los Morteros
- Avra/I-10 Wildlife Connection
- Las Cienegas Enhancement and Saguaro National Park Boundary Adjustment Act S. 1341, H.R. 3617

- Catalina/Tortolita connection
- Rosemont Mine
- Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge inholding
- First United/Sopori Ranch Property

13. Next Commission Meeting

The next Conservation Acquisition Commission meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2008 at 2:00 pm at the **Manning House**.

14. Call to the Public

15. Adjournment

**Reminder:**

The scheduled Conservation Acquisition Commission meeting dates for early next year will be:

June 12, 2008

The Manning House

July 10, 2008

The Manning House

August 14, 2008

The Manning House

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