

Pima County Conservation Acquisition Commission

STUDY SESSION

**Manning House
Thursday, February 14, 2008
2:00 p.m.**

MOTIONS

MOTION: Commissioner Hare moved, seconded by Commissioner Marian to approve the recommended bond ordinance amendments to SD-4 Tucson Mountain Park – Los Morteros, SD-5 Tortolita Mountain Park, and SD-10 Tumamoc Hill to extend the implementation period through Fiscal Year 2008/2009. Motion approved 7-0.

MOTION: Commissioner Pettis moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the Semi-Annual Bond Program Summary for Fiscal Year 2007/2008. Motion approved 7-0.

DIRECTION TO STAFF

Run an analysis of the Arroyo Grande Conceptual Plan against the County's Conservation lands System and Species habitat model.

Send to the Commissioners the letter sent to Senator Tim Bee from Board Chairman Richard Elias on mineral rights on State Trust land.

Send to the Commissioners the aerial views and oblique photos for population densities of 3,000 and 5,000.

SUMMARY OF STUDY SESSION

The following is a summary of the February 14, 2008 study session.

1. Roll Call

The Commission meeting began at 2:12 pm.

Commissioners Present

Trevor Hare
Jan Johnson, Vice-Chair
James Marian
Rob Marshall
Chuck Pettis
Tim Prouty
Bill Roe, Chair

Commissioners Absent

Leslie Corey
Wanda Shattuck
Tom Sheridan
Helen Wilson

2. Proposed Bond Ordinance Amendments

Nicole Fyffe explained that the ordinance amendments to SD-4 Tucson Mountain Park – Los Morteros, SD-5 Tortolita Mountain Park, and SD-10 Tumamoc Hill would expand the implementation period through Fiscal Year 2008/2009.

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3. Semi-Annual Bond Program Summary for Fiscal Year 2007/2008

Nicole Fyffe discussed the 2007/2008 semi-annual bond update for both of the 1997 and 2004 Bond programs. Staff requested that the Commission accept the summary update.

MOTION: Commissioner Pettis moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the Semi-Annual Bond Program Summary for Fiscal Year 2007/2008. Motion approved 7-0.

4. Conservation Strategies for State Trust Land - Discussion

Nicole Fyffe reported on the different communications and actions the County has had with the State Land Department. Ms. Fyffe let the Commission know that State Land will not consider a purchase of development rights on the Buenos Aires inholding, but that the County can pursue acquisition via public auction. This item will be on the Committee's next meeting agenda.

Ms. Fyffe reported on the status of the Tumamoc Hill auction and the timeline for Growing Smarter funds. The submittal date to Arizona State Parks for the 2008 Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Program grant cycle is May 30, 2008. The Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) is scheduled to receive their appraisal on Tumamoc Hill on July 9th. The final due date for appraisal and appraisal review submittal to Arizona State Parks is August 9th (30-day extension). State Parks is scheduled to award grants in September 2008, with the Tumamoc Hill auction scheduled for November 5, 2008. Discussion on the 200 acres north of the Tumamoc Hill piece will be discussed at the March 13, CAC meeting.

There was some discussion on the Arroyo Grande Conceptual Land Use Plan and process. Michelle Muench, with the local State Land office, briefly talked about the status and possible timeline on the plan. Ms. Fyffe said the project proposes 68% open space through the planning process. The Commission requested that staff run an analysis of the plan area against the Conservation Lands System and Species Habitat models.

Ms. Fyffe reported that the County sent a letter to Senator Tim Bee on allowing auction of State Trust land containing mineral rights. Ms. Fyffe also discussed the analysis made on growth and absorption patterns in Pima County, which showed that 5% of State Trust land would accommodate projected growth through 2030 at current growth and development patterns. The Commissioner requested that staff send the letter sent to Senator Tim Bee from Board Chairman Richard Elias on mineral rights on State Trust land to the Commission. It was also requested that staff also send the aerial views and oblique photos for population densities of 3,000 and 5,000.

Carolyn Campbell reported on the latest State Trust Land Reform map and proposed project areas.

(Commissioners Pettis and Prouty left the meeting at 4pm)

5. Next Commission Meeting

The next scheduled Commission meeting will be on March 13, 2008 at 2:00 pm at the Manning House.

6. Call to the Public

Hector Conde spoke on behalf of the Oro Valley Neighborhood Coalition on the Arroyo Grande Conceptual Plan.

Kathie Schroeder spoke of the API designation on the Tortolita connection area and maintaining that designation.

Bob Simpson asked about pre-annexation agreements and Oro Valley's timeline on this plan.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm