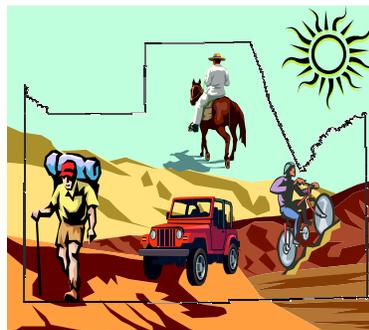


# Pinal County Board of Supervisors

Proudly Presents:



## Pinal County Outdoors



## Today's and Tomorrow's Treasures

### Pinal County's Mission

*Pinal County Government protects and enhances its citizens' quality of life by providing public services in an ethical, efficient, and responsible manner delivered by a motivated, skilled, and courteous workforce.*

### Vision

*Pinal County Government provides progressive and proactive leadership in the areas of economic development, state-of-the-art technologies, growth management, and public services to promote healthy and safe communities.*

### Values

- **Commitment**-We are committed to providing the consistent, high quality service by partnering with individuals and organizations.
- **Diversity**-We recognize and respect the variety of cultures and the diversity of all people.
- **Integrity**-We serve the public and one another with honesty, pride, dedication, and accountability in a responsive and ethical manner.
- **Respect**-We treat the public and each other with consideration and dignity.
- **Responsibility**-We take ownership of our actions and results.
- **Service**-We proudly serve our customers with courtesy and excellence.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES—SPEAKERS & PRESENTERS

### PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:



**Lionel D. Ruiz, District 1** is the first Hispanic to be elected to the Board of Supervisors in Pinal County. He is a lifelong resident of Pinal County and a 35 year resident of Dudleyville. Mr. Ruiz is retired from ASARCO Mining Company where he worked for 38 years as an accountant. He is a Democrat and was a Precinct Committeeman for Precinct 4. Mr. Ruiz is a graduate of Ray High School and Central Arizona College and a 4 –year veteran for the United States Air Force.



**Sandie Smith, District 2** is the first woman in Pinal County to be elected to the Board of Supervisors. She is 36-year resident for Pinal County and owned a local business from 1970 to 1999. Mrs. Smith was elected in 1986 to the Governing Board of the Apache Junction Unified School district and served as President from 1988-1993. She is a member of the Arizona Association of Counties and has served in all office capacities including President. She is also a member of the County Supervisors Association.

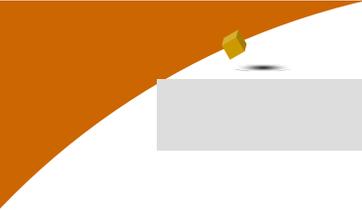


**David Snider, District 3** was elected to the Pinal County Board of Supervisors in November 2004. The Highland Park, Michigan native moved to Arizona in 1973 to take a job with the Mesa Public Library and later accepted the Library Director position with the City of Casa Grande in July 1977. He retired from the City of Casa Grande September 2003. Mr. Snider received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the American University of Beirut (Lebanon) and he earned his Master of Science in Library Science degree from Wayne State University.

### PINAL COUNTY:



**Terry Doolittle** has provided service with Pinal County since 1986. Prior positions include Deputy County Manager, Assistant County Manager for Administrative Services, Finance Director, Principal Internal Auditor, and Internal Auditor. Previously, Mr. Doolittle was employed by the State of Arizona's Office of the Auditor General from 1980-1986. He is a graduate of Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting.



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**Delia Carlyle** is currently the Chairman of the Ak-Chin Indian Community and Chairman of the Arizona Indian Gaming Association. Since being elected to office in 1984, Ms. Carlyle has served in the capacity of Chairman and Secretary of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council. She graduated from Maricopa High School in 1974, attended Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, KS and Central Arizona College.

**Kent Taylor**, is a 16 year resident of Pinal County and is the Senior Planner for Parks, Trails and Open Space for Pinal County. Mr. Taylor also currently serves as a member of the following organizations, Chairman of the City of Casa Grande Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, Board Member and President of the Arizona Trail Association, and is a member of the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT). ASCOT is an advisory committee to the Arizona State Parks Board on issues, funding and planning for non-motorized trails in Arizona. Mr. Taylor earned a BS and MS degree from Northern Arizona University.

**Jeff Bell**, Director Parks and Recreation Apache Junction. ASU Graduate in Recreation Management(1979), Pinal County native, AJ Parks and Recreation Director for 27 years. Currently Chairman of the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (appointed by the governor) and 10 year member of the Pinal County Fairgrounds/Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

**Nicole Zimmerman** is currently the Community Services Director for the City of Coolidge. As Community Services Director she oversees 5 city departments which include: parks, recreation, library, transit and the media department. She has been with the city for 10 years and in her position for 4 years. She has a bachelor's of science degree in Exercise Science from the University of Arizona. She is married with two children Emma (4) and Drew (2).

**Paul Anchondo** City of Eloy Parks & Recreation Director, B.A. in Education, Arizona State University, 10 years teaching experience Eloy Schools.

**Gary Eide**, Town Manager, Town of Kearny.

**Mary Johnson**, Community Services Director with the City of Casa Grande, Mary has worked for the City of Casa Grande for nearly 25 years. She began as a Recreation Coordinator in 1983, was promoted to Recreation Superintendent in 1984, where she served in that position for nearly 20 years. In 2003, she was hired to serve as the city's Community Services Director. The Community Services Department consists of four divisions; Parks, Recreation, Library and Golf Course. The Community Services Department encompasses nearly 50 full time employees and 100+ part time and seasonal employees, and manages a budget of nearly \$7.5 million.

**Gabriel Beechum**, Director Parks and Recreation Department with the City of Florence, Graduated from Arizona State University with a B.S. in Recreation Management and Tourism in 1993. 10 years of service with City of Casa Grande Parks and Recreation Department from 1994 - 2004 as a Recreation Coordinator. Town of Florence Parks and Recreation, Director since May 2004 - current. Currently obtaining Master's Degree in Human Relations/Counseling at NAU. Arizona State Parks Board member Recreation Professional; January 2003-2005, Hobbies - ASU, ASU, AND ASU!

**Debbie Gomez-Sanchez**, CPM, has over 20 years of diverse management and finance experience, five years development and project management experience. She has been in the Parks and Recreation field for more than 10 years and has been part of the recreational community for more than 20 years. A native from New Mexico Mrs. Gomez-Sanchez organized large softball tournaments, was a certified USSSA, and ASA softball official, served on the Little League Board and coached several youth sports in her home town. Mrs. Gomez-Sanchez currently serves as Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Queen Creek and is responsible for the strategic planning, development and operations of parks, trails, and recreational services. Her assignments include working with citizens, consultants and staff collaboratively, on several initiatives, projects, and programs. Some of the many collaboration-style efforts have been recognized as award winning. Outstanding Facility Award for populations under 25,000 for Desert Mountain Park (2005) - Arizona Parks and Recreation Association Excellence in Rural Development Award for Community Development Service in Arts and Humanities for cooperation with the Queen Creek Unified School District to fund the Queen Creek Performing Arts Center (2005) - Arizona Department of Commerce Best Master Plan Award for the Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan (2006) Arizona Planning Association Arizona Community Tree Council, Inc. Award for promoting, planning, planting and maintaining trees in the community (1997)

**Martin McDonald**, became the City of Maricopa's first Director of Parks, Recreation and Libraries in June, 2004. He brings a progressively successful portfolio of customer service, marketing, special events and recreation and sports marketing accomplishments to his work with the City. As the director of the City's parks and recreation programs, Mr. McDonald is responsible for the strategic planning and implementation of open spaces and parks to serve the burgeoning population of Maricopa. He also is responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating community based educational and recreational programs and events. Among his initial marquis projects are the City's annual Founder's Day Celebration (October), Maricopa Salsa Festival (April), the Great American BBQ (July), Kids Fishing Derby and Holiday Homes on Parade (Winter). Among his responsibilities is the programming for special interest programs and activities for Maricopa residents such as youth journalism, dance, youth sports and adult programs.

**R.J. Cardin**, Director Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department, 23 years of diverse parks and recreation experience with 18 years of progressive management and leadership responsibility. Education: ASU—Master of Science Degree, Morningside College— Bachelor of Science Degree (double major:-Business Administration, Recreation Management, Minor: Theater. Responsible for park operations and development, programming, performance management, park master planning, long range strategic planning, capital improvement planning and policy development for the largest regional park system in the United States.

**Rafael Payan**, Director Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department, Rafael has served as director of the Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department (NRPR) since 1999. NRPR's team of 300 plus employees are currently operating over 100 parks; working on the planning of several sports tournaments sites that will rival the nation's best; developing a science and research team to monitor and adaptively manage approximately 200,000 acres of conservation lands that have recently been acquired under the award-winning Sonoran Desert Conser-

vation Plan; and establishing a comprehensive trails network that will link eastern Pima County's growing urban communities to each other and to the surrounding riparian corridors, Sonoran Desert, and forested sky-islands. Productive partnerships have been critical to the agency's success, including working relationships with Pima County's Arizona-Sonora Desert and Air and Space museums; joining in the training of the Tohono O'odham Nation's personnel who operate tribal community centers; and working with the incorporated cities and towns of the Tucson basin in preparation for county-sponsored general bond elections so that every community's recreational, environmental education and amateur sports needs are considered. Prior to his current job, Rafael held several positions at Arizona State Parks including that of Assistant Director and Chief of Acquisitions, Planning and Development, wherein he served as the project leader in the design and construction of Kartchner Caverns, among other state parks. Rafael earned his Bachelor Degree at Texas Tech, a Masters Degree from ASU and is near completion of his Doctoral Degree at UofA.

**Ken Travous**, originally from Belleville, Illinois, came to Arizona State Parks as the Deputy Director in 1986 after working as the Chief of Research, Planning & Development for the Tennessee State Parks System for approximately two years. Previously, he had been employed as the Chief of Comprehensive Planning or the Utah State Parks Department for five years. Mr. Travous' educational background includes a B.S. in biology from the Illinois State University and an M.S. in Recreation/Planning from the University of Utah. For the past 20 years, Mr. Travous has served as the Executive Director, Arizona State Parks. He has served at the cabinet level for six governors—Babbitt (D), Mecham (R), Mofford (D), Symington (R), Hull (R), and Napolitano (D). He currently serves on the Governor's Growth Cabinet. He serves at the pleasure of a seven-member board appointed by the governor.

**Bonnie Winslow**, Acting District Manager, Gila District, Bureau of Land Management, that includes BLM lands within Pinal county such as Aravapai Canyon and White Canyon Wilderness areas; Ironwood National Monument; the middle Gila – Winkelman, Kearney, and Hayden areas near the Gila River; and other scattered parcels. Worked for BLM for 5.5 years in Arizona, beginning as the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area Manager. Have also worked as Assistant Field Manager in Safford, and Associate District Manager in Sierra Vista. Completing 5 years as Citizen-at-Large member of Arizona State Committee on Trails. Worked 24 years as a Law Enforcement/Interpretive Ranger for National Park Service in various locations throughout Arizona, New Mexico, and in Wyoming. Have a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Northern Arizona University. Becoming a bicycling enthusiast, aspiring to tour much of U.S. and overseas via a recumbent bike.

**Luther Propst**, co-founded and directs the Sonoran Institute, with offices in Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona; Bozeman and Helena, Montana; Grand Junction, Colorado; Cheyenne, Wyoming; and Mexicali, Mexico. The Sonoran Institute mission is to inspire and enable community decisions and public policies that respect the land and people of the West. Under his guidance the Institute has grown to an annual budget of \$5.2 million and is now recognized as a leading practitioner of community-based, collaborative, and innovative conservation efforts to integrate conservation and economic values throughout the West. The Sonoran Institute works in a wide variety of settings from the Delta of the Colorado River to the Canadian Rockies, and from Coastal California to the Rocky Mountain Front of central Montana. The Sonoran Institute also works through out the West on policies to improve the management of state trust lands, to better integrate conservation into land development, and to assist cities and counties better manage growth.

Previously, Propst practiced law, where he represented landowners, local governments, and organizations nationwide in land-use matters, and with World Wildlife Fund in Washington D.C. Propst received his law degree and master's in regional planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Propst has co-authored three books, including *Balancing Nature and Commerce in Gateway Communities*, published by Island Press, and frequently speaks and writes on Western conservation, growth management, economic development, and state trust lands. In addition, he serves on the boards of the National Conservation System Foundation, High Country News, the Murie Center, the Rincon Institute, and the Arizona League of Conservation Voters Education Fund.

**Jim Holway**, is the Director of the Sustainability Partnership (SP) in the Global Institute of Sustainability (GIOS) at ASU. His primary responsibility is to strengthen the role of applied work within GIOS by building partnerships between policymakers, practitioners, researchers and educators. Jim is also a Professor of Practice in Civil and Environmental Engineering and the ASU Coordinator for the Arizona Water Institute. Jim is currently teaching a workshop course at ASU examining State Trust Land and growth in Pinal County. Jim serves on a number of committees and advisory boards including the Governor's Growing Smarter Oversight Council and the Arizona Town Hall. Jim also serves on the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board which he chaired in 2003 and 2004. Prior to joining ASU in 2005, Jim served as Assistant Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources. Jim earned his bachelors degree in Political Science from Cornell University and both a Ph.D. and Masters in Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina.

**Tom Collazo**, is the Associate State Director for Conservation Programs for The Nature Conservancy in Arizona. Mr. Collazo began his career with the Conservancy in 1981 managing preserves at Ramsey Canyon and Aravaipa Canyon. He oversees the Conservancy's science, land and water protection and field-based programs. Mr. Collazo holds a Bachelor of Science in Journalism degree from Northwestern University.

**Dee Frankfourth**, Associate Director of Conservation Finance, The Trust for Public Land. Ms. Frankfourth joined TPL in June 2007 as the Associate National Director of Conservation Finance. A veteran political strategist and campaign manager, Ms. Frankfourth has been involved in the development and implementation of public policy for more than 25 years at the local, state, and federal levels through the executive and legislative and political arenas. For the last nine years, Dee worked as an independent consultant to assist a variety of organizations and campaigns working to effect social change, and has been the general consultant for numerous statewide ballot measures. She has also served as communications director for the Mayor of Anchorage and for a 1998 U.S. Senate re-election campaign. For five years she was the Political Director for Congresswomen Jolene Unsoeld from rural/suburban Southwest Washington State, and then the Campaign Director leading the successful fight in 1995 to defeat Referendum 48, the "takings" referendum in Washington State.

