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1 D'ABELLA: Good evening. I call to order the Open
2 Space and Trails Advisory Commission Meeting, and I will
3 conduct roll call. Commissioner Vogler. Commissioner Carnes.
4 Commissioner Bristow. Commissioner Kavathas. Can you hear
5 me? Commissioner Kavathas.

6 KAVATHAS: I hear you, there you are. I'm here.

7 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Johnson.

8 JOHNSON: Here.

9 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Standage.

10 STANDAGE: (Inaudible).

11 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Brown.

12 BROWN: Here.

13 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Butler.

14 BUTLER: Here.

15 Commissioner Ruehl?

16 RUEHL: Here.

17 D'ABELLA: And I'm Commissioner D'Abella, and I'm
18 here, so we do have a quorum. So we'll move onto item number
19 three on the agenda, meeting action report. So last July 14th
20 we had an Advisory Commission Meeting and the minutes were
21 taken and there's a new way of handling that, based on
22 comments made by different Commission Members, and so Director
23 Taylor, could you please update us on the change?

24 TAYLOR: Thank you Chairman D'Abella. First of all
25 I'd like to apologize to the Commission and the implementation

1 portion of this change, I didn't handle - staff and myself -
2 didn't handle this real well, didn't do our homework as well
3 as we should have. So we - what staff was looking at was kind
4 of a three-prong approach, similar to what our Community
5 Development Department has undertaken, and what it involves is
6 three things: We want to meet our statutory requirements,
7 that's pretty important. We want, from a staff perspective,
8 we want to be as efficient as possible on the administrative
9 side, as far as meeting minutes and transcriptions. And then
10 the last piece is, we want to provide a solid historical
11 foundation of what happens in these meetings, so that ten
12 years from now and I'm not around and some of you may not be
13 around, that someone can come back and look at those
14 transcriptions and actually decipher what the heck was
15 discussed. So that was the kind of the three prong approach
16 that staff took. What we found is we went back and visited
17 with our attorney is that the statutory requirement for
18 meeting minutes is actually the audio that is occurring back
19 in the corner there, and as long as we have that audio file
20 available to the public within 72 hours of our meeting, we are
21 in compliance statutorily. It doesn't have to be voted on,
22 because it's an actual -it's the actual word for word
23 recording of what happened. So, so what we've got for you
24 tonight is again, is exactly what Community Development
25 Department has, and we just have an action report. And that

1 basically is from the transcription that just gives you what
2 happened in a very brief summary at our last meeting. It
3 tells who was here, what our agenda items were, and what the
4 motion was, who made it, who seconded it, and what the vote
5 was. So from a staff perspective, that's what we would like
6 to move forward with. The transcription that you went through
7 last time, that will still be posted on the website and we
8 will make that - as soon as it's available - we will let you
9 know that that is available, and if you want to read all of it
10 or parts of it, it's there for your perusing.

11 D'ABELLA: Thank you, does anybody have any
12 questions?

13 RUEHL: I have a question. So then what happens to
14 this summary? Does it get logged into archives somewhere?

15 TAYLOR: Yeah, it's part of our agenda packet, so
16 it's on, it's on the website with our packet.

17 RUEHL: Okay. But it doesn't - the reason I'm
18 asking is there's like a minor - if it was minutes that needed
19 to be approval, I would change this minor thing. But if it
20 doesn't -

21 TAYLOR: And it is not, it's just a report, but I'll
22 certainly take whatever you have.

23 RUEHL: I was just correcting the name of the Pinal
24 Partnership Open Space and Trails Committee.

25 TAYLOR: Okay.

1 RUEHL: Not subcommittee. That's all. Just minor.

2 TAYLOR: Okay, we can -

3 RUEHL: What is - it is the name.

4 TAYLOR: We can correct that.

5 D'ABELLA: Any other questions or need for
6 clarification? Okay. So we no longer have to have an agenda
7 item to approve the minutes. Item number 4, call to the
8 public. This is the time for public comment. Do we have any
9 members of the public that would like to comment at this time?
10 Seeing none, we'll move onto the Director's Report, which you
11 should all have a copy of. Director Taylor, would you like to
12 go over anything on that report?

13 TAYLOR: I'll entertain questions first, if there's
14 any questions or follow-up from the Commission. And then I've
15 got a couple additional items, I just want to go over our part
16 of that.

17 D'ABELLA: No questions? Okay.

18 TAYLOR: Okay, great. So I just wanted to kind of
19 go over really quick - because I know you guys love paper,
20 there is a stack of stuff in front of you, and I just wanted
21 to quickly kind of run through what I've given you so you have
22 an idea. The first item in your packet is just a memo that I
23 sent to the Community Development Department regarding a
24 rezone and planned area development case that is scheduled to
25 be before the Planning and Zoning Commission this Thursday.

1 It's in the - it's northeast of the San Tan Valley area, along
2 the railroad there, where Resolution Copper is developing or
3 proposing the development of a copper production facility. It
4 is identified in our Open Space and Trails Master Plan as an
5 open space corridor and a trail corridor, and one of the
6 stipulations that is proposed in that plan is for the
7 applicant to dedicate a trail corridor across a corner of
8 their property so that we maintain that linkage along that
9 planned corridor. So that's the first item that I had on
10 there. The sec - yes, Commissioner Brown?

11 BROWN: Just a comment. It'll probably be addressed
12 better later. But I noticed on here, but it says including
13 Superior, San Tan Valley and the Town of Florence. And the
14 San Tan Valley boundary as San Tan Valley defines it, it's
15 kind of like school districts. They don't necessarily fit
16 within a municipality's boundary. That doesn't - San Tan
17 Valley boundary doesn't necessarily fit with District 2 of
18 Pinal County. And what, I guess what the point is here it
19 says San Tan Valley, but in the plan itself there's a link
20 there that is the Queen Creek link, and it mentions that it
21 goes by Queen Creek. It goes through San Tan Valley, and I
22 was wondering did Queen Creek give you a box of money or
23 something, or what - why is it the Queen Creek link?

24 TAYLOR: I'm not - Commissioner Brown, I'm not
25 following you at all on that. I apologize, but this

1 particular, this particular trail corridor, it's not the Queen
2 Creek corridor? Along the Queen Creek wash, this is along the
3 railroad.

4 BROWN: But this is the CAP along the CAP project.

5 TAYLOR: No, no, no, this, this particular - what
6 this comment is on this case, is this particular link in our
7 Open Space and Trails Master Plan crosses both - okay - the
8 CAP Trail link, so that's the link to the CAP recreational
9 trail, and also provides connectivity on the north end to the
10 Arizona National Scenic Trail. So what we're, what we're
11 saying, what I said in this memo is basically this is an
12 important linkage, because of that fact, and we want to make
13 sure that we, that we assure that that connectivity remains
14 with this zoning project.

15 BROWN: Okay. Okay, this is to the copper company
16 and -

17 TAYLOR: No, this is to, this is to the Planning
18 Development staff

19 BROWN: Okay, addressing -

20 TAYLOR: Addressing Resolution's application.

21 BROWN: Okay, and how it affects the trails.

22 TAYLOR: Correct.

23 BROWN: And the trails are a trail corridor
24 connecting communities, including Superior, San Tan Valley and
25 the Town of Florence.

1 TAYLOR: That particular linkages connects those
2 communities.

3 BROWN: Right. That's - okay. San Tan Valley is
4 noted here as an entity, that is affected by this.

5 TAYLOR: It's just a geographical reference to the
6 area of the San Tan Valley.

7 BROWN: The area of San Tan Valley, right. Other
8 areas that go through San Tan Valley, other trail linkages are
9 called Queen Creek link, you know. And it doesn't go through
10 Queen Creek, it goes through San Tan Valley.

11 TAYLOR: Yeah, again you're - Gordon, this is - this
12 has nothing to do with the CAP plan that follows later.
13 Nothing to do with that.

14 BROWN: No, what I'm saying is that it's designated
15 here, recognizes that San Tan Valley is an entity that'd be
16 affected. On the other plan it doesn't recognize San Tan
17 Valley, and I was wondering what's the difference.

18 TAYLOR: So that, maybe that's something we can
19 bring up during the CAP, okay? Because I'm - it has, quite
20 frankly Commissioner Brown, it has no bearing on these
21 comments. This comment was specifically for a zoning case.
22 Okay?

23 BROWN: Yeah, okay. It only matters to me because
24 San Tan Valley was recognized as an entity here.

25 TAYLOR: Okay. That's a good thing, isn't it?

1 BROWN: That's a good thing, and I would like it
2 better if it was consistent.

3 TAYLOR: Okay, point taken. All right. So the next
4 item in your stack is just a copy of the - as a follow-up to
5 our last meeting on impact fees, I kind of related what the
6 Homebuilders Association, what their issues were, this is just
7 a copy of that memo for your reference. And there's a few
8 things related to the Arizona National Scenic Trail. The
9 Arizona National Scenic Trail was recognized recently with a
10 Arizona Forward Award. I also put just a sample of one of
11 these gateway community maps on your - in your stack. Arizona
12 Trail Association has been producing these community maps for
13 gateway communities along the Arizona National Scenic Trail
14 for the last couple of years. Give some information about the
15 trail, and then there's different community linkages
16 identified, and then on the internal is a very nice map that
17 shows where the trail actually is. What they do is they give
18 these away to visitor centers, chambers of commerce,
19 supporting businesses within the community, and then those
20 folks can actually sell these for a buck. They get them for
21 free and sell them for a buck, so that's pretty nice. But it
22 just basically is good partnership with the Arizona Trail
23 Association and helps us identify where Arizona National
24 Scenic Trail within Pinal County. Both the Open Space and
25 Trails Department and the Economic Development program donated

1 funding for this version of the reprint of the map. Then the
2 last item I just want to call out is this volunteer piece. We
3 partnered again with the Arizona Trail Association and a
4 company called Natural Restorations, to do a cleanup on State
5 Land adjacent to the trailhead on the Florence-Kelvin Highway
6 on the Arizona National Scenic Trail, and just for your
7 reference, the picture you see here is a actual picture from
8 that site. Okay. So it's an - as best we can tell, it's an
9 old, probably illegal dumping site from a long time ago, it
10 has a lot of glass. This company is a nonprofit company, they
11 do these kind of cleanups across the State, and when it was
12 suggested to us, I mean it was just a great idea that - for
13 this area to clean up. They pretty much run the program, we
14 just volunteer and say yes, and same with the Trail
15 Association. But just for your reference, and you can take
16 back to your folks in your areas, is Nicole at Natural
17 Restorations, and her contact information is at the bottom of
18 this flyer, they are looking, actively seeking out cleanup
19 projects for the 2016 calendar year, so if you - you or your
20 group have something in mind, that's the person to contact.
21 And I can certainly help facilitate that also.

22 D'ABELLA: Thank you.

23 STANDAGE: Chair, may I (inaudible) question.

24 D'ABELLA: Sure.

25 STANDAGE: Kent, I'm looking at the map that you

1 gave us, and Lost Trail seems to parallel the, the railroad
2 tracks, is that part of the Rails with Trails concept right
3 there?

4 TAYLOR: So first Commissioner Standage, I - there's
5 about four different versions of the map. So which community
6 are you looking at?

7 STANDAGE: Superior. I'm sorry, you had a different
8 -

9 TAYLOR: I don't have a Superior one in my hand, so
10 I can't - I really can't comment. That's probably a
11 discussion we could have after the meeting, offline and I'd be
12 happy to go over that map with you. To the best of my
13 ability, anyhow.

14 D'ABELLA: Any other comments or questions?

15 RUEHL: I have a - in your Director's Report, your -
16 the annual report on the performance management.

17 TAYLOR: Yes ma'am.

18 RUEHL: I'm so sorry that I missed your presentation
19 to the Board of Supervisors last week. Is this what you
20 presented?

21 TAYLOR: No. I might have included some information
22 from that report in the presentation I did to the Board of
23 Supervisors, but it wasn't entirely that report.

24 RUEHL: Okay, I'll have to go back and catch your
25 performance.

1 TAYLOR: Okay. Yeah,, it's there, it is online as
2 of a day after, I think. So yes, I'm there in all my glory.
3 And just a reminder, again, for our transcriber and also for
4 Stephanie, because she kind of helps the transcriber, so when
5 you speak, if you'd please identify yourself. Our
6 transcription service, she's going to get better. After about
7 another two times, she'll be able to identify each of you,
8 pretty much, but it helps her when you say your name first.

9 D'ABELLA: Okay, this is Chair D'Abella. And just
10 checking to make sure there are no other questions or comments
11 before we move on. Okay, item number six is old business.
12 Seeing none, we move onto item number 7, new business.
13 Discussion, recommendations on the Peralta Regional Park Draft
14 Master Plan. Director Taylor, would you like to -

15 TAYLOR: Yes, some of the - I'm going to give a
16 brief introduction, then I'm going to have Cate Bradley come
17 up and give the big presentation. So just to give you the
18 historical view from where we started on this; so last - as
19 you know the Peralta Regional Park was one of the two to five
20 year department priorities that we identified with the Board
21 of Supervisors a couple years ago. Last summer we (inaudible)
22 an application for a technical assistance grant from the
23 National Park Service, Rivers, Trails and Conservation
24 Assistance Program. We were succ - and that grant was to help
25 us in the process of developing a Master Plan for Peralta

1 Regional Park. We were successful in that application and we
2 started working with Cate, I think in late November of last
3 year. I know she's got a slide in her presentation, but we've
4 - I think we've had seven working groups, stakeholder group
5 meetings. We've done a couple of field trips, one group field
6 trip, and I've done a field trip with the County Manager and a
7 Board of Supervisor Member out in that area. We've held three
8 public open houses, including - and then including a
9 presentation at the July Open Space and Trails Commission
10 meeting. We've had a great time doing it, and we think we've
11 done a lot of work in the last 11 months, and we're excited to
12 show you what the plan has. So I'd just like to introduce
13 Cate Bradley, again with the National Park Service.

14 BRADLEY: Madam Chair and Commissioners, hi. Can
15 you hear me? So Kent started with the historical and public -

16 TAYLOR: I'm getting there.

17 BRADLEY: Okay, Kent started with the historical
18 overview, and I have a hard copy of the PowerPoint
19 presentation tonight. Would anybody care for it, or would you
20 like to - yes? Okay.

21 ??: As long as you brought copies, I'll take one.

22 D'ABELLA: Oh sure, since you printed them out.

23 BRADLEY: And I'll pass it out to the audience as
24 well. So Kent, will you click through for me, please?

25 TAYLOR: Happy to.

1 BRADLEY: Great. Pardon my back. So - yes, thanks.
2 So just to reorient what Peralta Regional Park is, it's 480
3 acres, it's owned by BLM, or managed by BLM, the Bureau of
4 Land Management. It's a little L-shape square tucked in the
5 middle of a sea of State Trust Land. It's off of Highway 60
6 on - off of Peralta Road. It's east of Gold Canyon. It's
7 south of the Forest Service properties and the Superstition
8 Wilderness. So if you will - let me see here, I'm going to
9 bring this up closer. So this is a location map where the
10 land that we're talking about is right here. It's BLM land.
11 It's just a little island. Thank you very much, Stephanie.
12 The rest of this is State Trust Land, except for private
13 property here. The (Inaudible) Ranch. Yeah. Oh, sorry.
14 Okay. The yellow on this map represents the land density
15 status that is identified in the County's Comprehensive Plan.
16 The top dark green area is the Forest Service land. The red
17 line along the top is the Lost Dutchman - the Lost Goldmine
18 Trail. And the black line up through is Peralta Road. So
19 this is, you know, puts things into perspective, but the real
20 story behind this is all that yellow land, all that State
21 Trust Land has the potential to be developed. Right now there
22 are ranching leases on most of that State Trust Land, and
23 actually in fact there's a grazing lease on the BLM land as
24 well. We've been in touch with that rancher who is supportive
25 of the effort, and we've been working with him about that

1 multiple use, or removing that portion from his ranching
2 interests. Also, there's one other small, small area of
3 private land right off Peralta Road that is on another ranch,
4 another privately-held ranch. Other than that, it's State
5 Trust Land. Yes?

6 ??: (Inaudible) five acres.

7 BRADLEY: Back in here, do you want to show us
8 where?

9 ??: Somewhere in that yellow.

10 BRADLEY: Okay, somewhere in that yellow.

11 ??: (Inaudible) Peralta Road.

12 BRADLEY: Okay, off of Peralta Road. Okay. Let's
13 see. Thank you, Stephanie. Yes, thanks. So as Kent said -

14 ??: Northeast side of that yellow.

15 BRADLEY: Okay.

16 ??: It's on your map somewhere.

17 BRADLEY: Okay. So as Kent said, this is one of
18 seven regional parks in the Open Space and Trails Master Plan,
19 and actually it's the first park that's been Master Planned,
20 and so while we have done our due diligence as planners to
21 unfold the planning process, get public input, we've also used
22 this process as sort of an educational opportunity to help the
23 working group and to help residents understand what the
24 planning process is, what a master planning process is for a
25 regional park, and that's been pretty fun and exciting, and

1 I'm not sure we hit it out of the ballpark with everybody, but
2 I think we got a lot of information transferred to a lot of
3 people that care about this. Our first public open house
4 there were 75 people that came, and they came - I must tell
5 you, they came with a lot of misinformation, and they allow
6 themselves to understand really what this is, and what it's
7 not. So let me see here. Priority targets for it. One of
8 the priority targets for implementation in the Open Space and
9 Trails Master Plan like Kent said, and this park is aligned
10 with the County's strategic plan objective 2.4. So once
11 again, as we talked with people who came, we're not just
12 making this up. This came out of an adopted Master Plan, the
13 Open Space and Trails Master Plan, it's embedded in the
14 Comprehensive Plan, it go - it follows what the County wants
15 to be as the future unfolds. The next one please, Kent. So,
16 as I mentioned this 480 acres is administered by the Bureau of
17 Land Management, and the Bureau of Land Management has
18 congressional permission under the Recreation and Public
19 Purposes Act to identify lands that are on their disposal
20 list. So BLM is administering millions of acres of land. A
21 480 acre island in the middle of nowhere that's relevant to
22 them is not surprisingly on their disposal list, on their land
23 for disposal list. And so the Recreation and Public Purposes
24 Act allows for a jurisdiction or a nonprofit to go into
25 partnership with the Bureau of Land Management to manage that

1 land for recreation purposes. They - if the application is
2 agreed to and perfected, the jurisdiction takes management for
3 25 years. If at the end of the 25 years the purpose of
4 recreation has been fulfilled, and it looks like there's
5 capacity to continue with that, the jurisdiction can take
6 patent on that land. Kent doesn't like me saying this - for
7 no money - because we all know that there's no such thing as a
8 free lunch; but it is real estate transaction that has hidden,
9 hidden costs. Let's just put it that way. Another one of the
10 partnerships as Kent said, is the National Park Service, the
11 Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. Next
12 please. Thank you. So the first thing we did when Kent and I
13 began our partnership, the Park Service and the Pinal County
14 Partnership was to identify who - what's the - what is a broad
15 net of stakeholders, potentially impacted people, or parties
16 for this action. So we, we opened up our network to find out
17 who were the user groups. The Superstition Area Land Trust is
18 part of the working group. Arizona State Land Department, of
19 course. Arizona Game and Fish had an awful lot to educate us
20 about, inform us about, in terms of the connectivity from
21 large landscaped blocks that are protected, especially up in
22 the Forest Service Land, that come through, wash down those
23 alluvial plains that is what we know to be the Superstition
24 Vistas area, and to - and they wanted their voice to be heard
25 about how important, not only those large landscaped lots are,

1 but the wildlife connectivity from those to the next place.
2 It's a very mountainous area. Arizona State Parks was part of
3 this working group, the BLM, as I said. Forest Service was
4 also - they all, all these had - excuse me - a lot of
5 technical input into the planning process. Then we had the
6 ranchers and the Peralta Trail Homeowners Association, the
7 Open Space and Trails Advisory Commission - thank you very
8 much - and the City of Apache Junction. So that's where the
9 input for what should this be came from. The purpose of the
10 Master Plan was to really understand clearly and agree upon
11 what's being proposed here, and where are the park amenities,
12 where should they occur, what those amenities should be,
13 who'll be the collaborating parties, what's the phasing and
14 the funding, and what are the future expansion opportunities.
15 We didn't go into the planning process with that last - with
16 that last purpose, but it emerged as a result of input. All
17 right, so as Kent said, we had seven working group meetings,
18 we had a field trip. If you all have not been there, I've
19 only been there once on that field trip, it is just a
20 remarkable place. I live in Tucson, and that is the home of
21 Saguaro National Park, and Saguaro National Park has nothing
22 on the stands of saguaros that are in this area. It's
23 beautiful. There were press releases, there were newspaper
24 articles. The website for this project that Kent kept
25 populated with meeting notes, plans, anything that had to do

1 with referring to how we were going about learning and then
2 unfolding information about this project, is on that website.
3 We had three public open house meetings, we've been in front
4 of you as a Commission one time before, and the last stop will
5 be - with your recommendation - the last stop will be to the
6 Board of Supervisors for their approval. So, this group, it
7 was - you know, we, we do things much better when people -
8 when more people have voice to it. So the visions that we
9 heard from this group were to maintain the natural resource,
10 the beautiful natural resource in this area, be very
11 thoughtful about access in connectivity, include interpretive
12 and educational signage at this place about what it is, and
13 how to be a steward in a place like this. Users should
14 support the nature of the site, and the distinct recreation
15 opportunities, so I'll get to that in a minute, but we wanted
16 to make this a pretty - as special - we wanted this to be
17 known publicly as a special place, as much as it is a special
18 place, and I'll explain that in a minute. Identify possible
19 park expansion opportunities, protect wildlife corridors, and
20 work with partners and supporters to - for the park
21 implementation. That's sort of code for this has to be done
22 with partnerships, because that's the way recreation is going.
23 The next one thanks. So the park features, and this is where
24 some of the distinctive features for this park come - will be
25 revealed. It's a great place to do camping. Car camping and

1 tent camping, not an RV park. It doesn't - the site doesn't
2 lend itself to RVs, the access doesn't lend itself to RVs, and
3 the visitor experience doesn't lend itself to RVs, but it
4 really lends itself to being there for a weekend or a week.
5 The duration hasn't been determined, but camping is definitely
6 a great opportunity. We had a lot of feedback about how -
7 what a great opportunity this would be to develop it for dark
8 skies, sky gaze - stargazing opportunity there, growing need
9 in our - with these big open western skies. The trails would
10 be multiuse and non-motorized, so that is hiking, equestrian,
11 mountain biking as the key focus use for those - uses for
12 those trails. Picnicking. Because it's so close to the
13 metropolitan area, picnicking and ramadas for small groups and
14 for large groups was identified as a desired service there.
15 And during the field trip, it - that's when it was identified
16 that this wonderful rock face would be a great rock climbing
17 opportunity. Kent checked it out with some rock climbers, and
18 it became - the feedback was this would be a really good skill
19 development rock climbing opportunity; one that takes you out
20 of the gym, the next step beyond the rock climbing gym, and
21 really feeling what it's like to be climbing. It's not, it's
22 not an extreme destina - rock climbing destination area, but
23 it will be very good for that kind of skill building and that
24 recreation opportunity. One of the things I just want to
25 mention is that outdoor recreation is changing a lot, and so

1 this is an opportunity to sort of keep pace with some of the
2 trends that are coming down the, down the pike. The next one,
3 then. So the next steps here are there's still quite a bit of
4 work to be done, not the least of which is to continue the
5 process with the Bureau of Land Management on the application
6 process, which ultimately will also require the environmental
7 compliance and surveys work that needs to be done. The Board
8 of Supervisors will need to approve this proposal, this Master
9 Plan proposal, and then there'll be site design as the next
10 phase, which will also include its own public input process,
11 and then management and operations planning, which would
12 include also budgeting and cost estimating. So what we are
13 continuing to say, especially to the public, is that their
14 involvement is still very, very important. I think that's -

15 TAYLOR: Cate, I'm assuming you want the map up now?

16 BRADLEY: Okay. (Inaudible) maps. I'm just going
17 to bring all these up. I don't know why we (inaudible)
18 hardware. Thank you Stephanie. So, Kent has the - have the
19 Commissioners been presented with a map?

20 TAYLOR: It's - the map is in the Master Plan.

21 BRADLEY: Okay, great.

22 TAYLOR: I can't seem to get it to work on the -

23 BRADLEY: I think it all fits on here, Stephanie.

24 All right. So yeah, this is the fun part, but I can't be in
25 two places at once, but I do have a big voice. All right, so

1 the access point. We'll start first things first. The
2 existing access point is on the northern boundary, but it's
3 very steep, it's very rocky, it's very mountainous. It would
4 not lend itself well to being the entry - entrance point for
5 this park. So the access - there would need to be a new
6 access road or a leg off the Peralta - off of Peralta Road
7 which would come down to a little further south and halfway
8 point of the western boundary. This black cross hashed area
9 represents the parking area. We don't have - we don't have
10 numbers for how many cars it would accommodate, but what we
11 know is that it needs to accommodate cars, trucks and horse
12 trailers, and that's it. Not that RV stuff. There would be -
13 the discussion is that there would be during the high season,
14 campsite hosts. Possibly from a youth conservation corps,
15 AmeriCorps kind of opportunity. So there would be a presence
16 here. There was a lot of concern from the homeowners
17 association that, you know, people will just come and do the
18 crazy things that people do, but we're feeling that with a
19 campsite host, there's someone there to help enforce and guide
20 good behavior. This red ring just south of the parking area
21 would be an accessible interpretive trail, and that's where
22 also the parking - the picnic ramadas would be, so it's very
23 close for families to just get there, get set up, do their
24 picnicking and drive themselves, and do a little interpretive
25 walk along the way. These two bladder-like pink areas are

1 where the car camping would be. They are bisected by existing
2 two-track roads that are on there. This has been used for
3 cattle ranching for several decades, and so there are existing
4 two-track roads, some of which would be used, some of which
5 would be closed and restored back - that habitat would be
6 restored back. So a road bisecting those two areas would
7 allow for, you know, maximizing the number of campsites. The
8 gold oval to the east of those would be where you could do
9 tent camping, really get away - go - get away from it, so
10 taking your gear from the parking lot and hiking in about a
11 mile or so into that tent camping, where there would be no
12 motorized - no vehicular access. The tan and the blue and the
13 purple dotted lines represent a trail network system, varying
14 degrees from beginner to somewhat advanced. This yellow, the
15 yellow oval is where the proposed hiking, rock climbing area
16 would be. This site has an active well on it, so there will
17 be a water supply, there will be restrooms. So basically the
18 services being provided would be water and restrooms, parking,
19 picnic areas and shade, camping, rock climbing and non-
20 motorized trails. Turn this around so you all can see it now.
21 Okay cool. So in the discussions, in the meeting, various
22 meetings, you know you can't help but dream. Make no little
23 plans - that's our motto as planners. Here, again, is the
24 Lost Goldmine Trail. Here is the Forest Service property -
25 Forest Service boundary and the Superstition Wilderness. Here

1 is the proposed park. So this white crossed hash area
2 represents the concept that was proposed to possibly expand
3 the park one fine day, so that there would be a connection
4 from this park to the Forest Service land capturing the Gold
5 Mine -the Lost Goldmine Trail and, you know, really being base
6 camp, with the camping experience here being base camp for a
7 pretty world class outdoor recreation experience. There's two
8 cross hashed sections here that might be a little bit hard for
9 you to see. One is white and one's black, so this just
10 represents the phasing of implementation, taking the first -
11 the western-most leg of the park as the first phase, and
12 expansion on that western - lower western leg later. So this
13 gives the County an opportunity to see how things are going,
14 make whatever modifications before they just go wholesale into
15 it.

16 STANDAGE: Madam Chair, may I ask her question?
17 Cate, may I ask you a question.

18 BRADLEY: Please.

19 STANDAGE: This is Wayne. On the expansion map, I
20 like that, but I also have a concern because you've got
21 Peralta Wash going down along that west side, and I'd love to
22 see that riparian area kept intact, which would be an
23 expansion to the west, just slightly.

24 BRADLEY: Right. So because, and again -

25 STANDAGE: Or is that something you can mention to

1 the Board - you know, it's a future deal.

2 BRADLEY: It's a future deal, right, and so this was
3 part of the whole teachable moment, is we were given direction
4 from the County Board of Supervisors to pay attention to this
5 proposed park, which is from the Open Space.

6 STANDAGE: Right.

7 BRADLEY: We took some liberties and we kept those
8 maps separate so that it was very clear this is not a land
9 grab, we're not going beyond our - what was requested. But we
10 did want to note in this park, in this Master Plan, there are
11 other ideas here. There are bigger ideas. And so if that
12 expansion were to happen, Wayne, all that discussion would
13 need to -

14 STANDAGE: That would reopen it.

15 BRADLEY: It would, yeah, it would be another public
16 involvement process.

17 STANDAGE: All right.

18 BROWN: Madam Chair, could I follow up on?

19 D'ABELLA: Yes.

20 BROWN: That - what I - I like what you've done a
21 lot. But there are, there are some things that tie into
22 Wayne's question that having had experience with these kind of
23 things and being stakeholders on plans that didn't really -
24 there was like go slow and steady and so nothing happened, and
25 then 15 years later you do a new one, because you're spot-on.

1 The uses desired can change, and the demographics can change.
2 Everything, everything can - everything can change. So what -
3 a - these kind of things can change too. Okay. So these -
4 all these kind of things can change. And when you said that's
5 maybe for in the future, is there a timeframe for
6 accomplishing the things that are listed now, and the phasing
7 to where there's reason to believe that won't be coming back
8 in the future with the revised plan, because nothing happened?

9 BRADLEY: Well, you know, that all this is dependent
10 on budgets and things of that nature.

11 BROWN: That's my point, exactly, is that if there
12 i's not the wherewithal, I have, I mean firsthand knowledge,
13 to where 15 years after a plan was done with a lot of
14 stakeholders investing their heart in it, and they said well
15 you got to be patient. 15 years later they say we need a new
16 one because nothing was ever done and the demographics have
17 changed. Well some of these people were still there and they
18 still believed in it, so they went back to come in again. And
19 then you had different municipalities and people that weighed
20 in, and each one of them had constituents, which wanted
21 different - you had different stakeholders with different
22 splinter groups, and it was like well ours is the largest
23 splinter group, so this is what we should do. No, it's - the
24 majority of people don't want that. You just - you're just
25 the largest of several. So it's - the only thing that seems

1 to matter in the long-run with these plans is if you get it
2 built on the ground. Otherwise it's just something drawn on a
3 piece of paper. So is there - have you got a reason to
4 believe that there is going to be wherewithal to make this
5 real?

6 BRADLEY: Well, what I know is that these kind of
7 decision are driven by the recommendations from the likes of
8 you all, and from the rest of the voting populous in Pinal
9 County. If the Board of Supervisors doesn't hear that
10 regional parks - designing and building and implementing
11 regional parks is part of the portfolio of the County, they
12 have no reason to make those difficult decisions. I think you
13 know, Gordon, I have no - I don't have a crystal ball about
14 whether there's going to be money to implement this, and I
15 don't need a crystal ball to know that unless they hear that
16 this - that you all want this, and that the people that - in
17 your networks want this, it won't happen.

18 BROWN: I know that you know that, and you know that
19 I know that.

20 BRADLEY: Right.

21 BROWN: And I want the County to know that, that
22 there comes a point in time when people will lose faith. That
23 wait a minute, we've heard this before, we get our hopes up,
24 and then it's well, we're onto other things right now. So
25 it's - what we need is the public, we need public support

1 demanding it, otherwise that's, that's the political
2 wherewithal that makes the money come. You know.

3 BRADLEY: Can I do one more?

4 TAYLOR: Go ahead.

5 BRADLEY: So I totally agree with you, Gordon. If
6 people begin to feel like they have participated in good faith
7 effort, they won't - and nothing happens, that they won't show
8 up again. This is low hanging fruit. You know? Pinal Part -
9 Pinal County is a blank slate, and if people begin to feel
10 like their voices are not heard, who knows what this slate
11 could look like in the next 30 to 50 years, and so I would ask
12 you to stay in the game and get other people in the game. And
13 I know that you carry the banner of getting youth involved
14 It's the only way - it really is the only way that you build
15 in quality of life in a place as beautiful as Pinal County.
16 Sorry.

17 D'ABELLA: This is Chair D'Abella, and yes, that's
18 why we all are here.

19 TAYLOR: Madam Chair, I'd just like to add we - from
20 a staff perspective in order for us to move forward for asking
21 for funding, we have to have this in place. So I can't, I
22 can't go with a blank sheet of paper, I won't get very far, so
23 this is, this is the first step in that process. And then I
24 will revert you back to the last slide of Cate's presentation
25 to stay involved. That's what really makes this happen. And

1 when I say stay involved from a Commission standpoint, I don't
2 mean yourselves personally, but in your constituencies.

3 BROWN: I wasn't speaking to anybody on this room,
4 I'm speaking to somebody that might be listening to those
5 tapes.

6 BRADLEY: There's one more component of this
7 property that I want to explain to you. Okay, thanks. That
8 darker golden rectangle in the middle of the property, is a
9 mining claim. It's about 20 acres, it's filed with the Bureau
10 of Land Management. It's a low level mining claim, so there
11 will not be hard earth moving equipment on here. That's not
12 the - that's not the permit that the claim holders have. We
13 have been in touch with them, we haven't heard back from them,
14 and mining claims are all about subsurface mining rights. So
15 on the surface we continue to plan as if this is, you know,
16 it's one plane. We'll see what happens in the future. It's,
17 you know, we could have only wished that this would go smooth
18 sailing, but it's just something that we have to figure out
19 okay, how does this work, and we're prepared to do that.

20 RUEHL: Madam Chairman, may I ask a question about
21 that?

22 D'ABELLA: Yes you may.

23 RUEHL: So with a mining claim such as this, are
24 they guaranteed access to their claim? Do you know?

25 BRADLEY: They will have access to the claim by

1 coming through the park, uh huh. They don't have their own
2 private access.

3 RUEHL: Okay, thanks. Does that mean they have to
4 pay the entrance fee every time they come in to mine?

5 BRADLEY: We're not there yet. I did forget to
6 mention that this whole park will be fenced, because that's -
7 we're under the impression that's part of the stipulations
8 with the Bureau of Land Management, and like Chuck Backas, the
9 rancher said, if you don't fence that thing, my cows are going
10 in.

11 BROWN: So when you said a low level and it wouldn't
12 be a problem, is it a real mining claim? Because people have
13 mining claims for a lot of different reasons. Some, it's a
14 low cost way to have a lot for a cabin. You know, it's a \$100
15 assessment that could go on your cabin each year, it's pretty
16 economical. But - and then some of them just for drop dead
17 money, to pay them to go away, but this, this is a low level
18 functioning, but it is for mineral use, somebody could -

19 BRADLEY: It's for mineral use, yes Gordon. We
20 don't know what the intention is of the claim, because we have
21 not been able to have a conversation about it. But it's
22 basically hand tools. And there's some indication on the land
23 that there is a little bit of mining going on. There's at
24 least one other mining scar, mining pit, that will have to be
25 remediated.

1 D'ABELLA: Okay, is there any other comments or
2 questions?

3 JOHNSON: This is Mary Johnson, Cate. I had - just
4 stay on that same line of questioning. The mining and grazing
5 operations, for lack of a better word, are they dated? Is
6 there an expiration date associated with that, and with that
7 being said, if so, obviously would the County be interested in
8 pursuing those?

9 TAYLOR: Cate I can - Cate, if you want me to take
10 that I can - yeah, get you off the hook there. So,
11 Commissioner Johnson, the grazing lease, I believe, is
12 something that will be addressed during the R&PP process.
13 That was how we kind of went through it with BLM. The mining
14 claim is different, is handled differently, so there's not an
15 end date to that as long as they're meeting the requirements
16 of the mining claim, which I can say - tell you the threshold
17 is really low on that. Really, really low. So that's my
18 understanding. But, the nice thing that we've learned about
19 that type of mining claim is that it is nontransferable, they
20 cannot sell it, so, you know, those kind of things - so again,
21 part of our effort is once we've got our process in and we've
22 started the - officially started the R&PP process, which would
23 be kicked off once this plan - we give this plan to BLM, we
24 can start that official process. There also will be no other
25 mining claims allowed on that property. So some good things

1 along with - it's just, it's just one of those uses that's
2 been historically on that property and something we'll have to
3 deal with in the operations, management and the planning
4 stages.

5 JOHNSON: Thank you.

6 BUTLER: Chairman D'Abella? This is Commissioner
7 Butler. I'd like to speak to the group about the network of
8 trails that are referred to as the quote the Gold Canyon Trail
9 System. It's on page 17 of the Peralta Regional Park draft
10 plan. As mentioned on that page, this is a set of user-
11 created trails. User-created trails are a problem that land
12 managers struggle with daily. Sometimes users make small
13 shortcuts and sometimes, as is the case in this instance,
14 users create miles and miles of illegal trails. When land
15 managers create trails, they usually follow extensive processes
16 to avoid or mitigate damage to natural and cultural resources.
17 Land managers usually attempt to create sustainable trails,
18 trails that do little damage to the landscape and can be
19 maintained with a minimum of effort. When users take it upon
20 themselves to create trails, they do not usually undertake
21 biological or cultural surveys, and they do not necessarily
22 follow principles of sustainable trail design. Portions of
23 the State Trust Land are available for recreation by permit.
24 The recreational permit states the permittee shall not blaze
25 trails across State Trust Land. Obviously there's a huge

1 demand for more trails. I'm sure that there are some members
2 of all user groups that engage in creating trails. But the
3 users who created this network of trails not only illegally
4 created the trails, they put up signs to mark the trails, and
5 then they or others - I'm not sure - mapped the trails and
6 promoted the trails on the internet. And of course this
7 results in many people using these trails. But I do not
8 believe that this makes those actions an appropriate way to
9 get more trails. As Cate mentioned, the members of the
10 working group develop values and a vision for creating the
11 park plan. On page seven and page ten, goal number three
12 include - says include opportunities for interpretation,
13 signage and education about the site, the natural desert, uses
14 at the site, and other information that promotes responsible
15 public stewardship by all users of the site. An objective, on
16 page ten, objective 3.2 says promote the value of shared
17 public responsibility for stewardship of the park, including
18 stay on trails. There's simply no way that I can see to
19 equate illegally creating trails with responsible public
20 stewardship and staying on trails. By mentioning this network
21 of trails in a draft plan, and by referring to it as a trail
22 system which makes it sound like something official, and by
23 saying that it could be part of a - and this is a quote -
24 remarkable and world class outdoor trail opportunity - I feel
25 the County would be doing several inappropriate things.

1 First, the County would seem to be drawing a distinction
2 between acceptable behavior on County-managed land and
3 acceptable behavior on State Trust Land. I do not understand
4 how the County could recognize illegally-created trails on
5 State Trust Land, but expect users to behave completely
6 differently and show responsible public stewardship and stay
7 on trails when on land that the County manages. I feel that
8 by incorporating the trail system into the park plan, the
9 County would be rewarding the user's illegal behavior. The
10 community who could - community who created these trails, has
11 a history of creating illegal user-built trails, and then
12 bringing public pressure to make them legal. As referenced in
13 the 8/25/2015 version of the park plan, they followed the same
14 tactics in Pima County and they've used these tactics in other
15 locations. The fact that they have been successful does not,
16 in my opinion, make this behavior acceptable. But the fact
17 that it has been a successful strategy certainly encourages
18 more and more of it. As I'm sure some of you may be
19 wondering, so I want to let you know that I take exactly the
20 same stance with equestrian users. Last fall I was elected
21 leader of the East Valley Backcountry Horseman. During the
22 previous spring after an incident with illegal equestrian
23 created and sign trails, the Forest Service approached our
24 club and asked our members to spread correct information among
25 the equestrian community. One of the things that they

1 explained to us was that on the forest, which is different, it
2 is not only illegal to create trails, but it's also illegal to
3 maintain unofficial trails. One of my first actions as the
4 group's leader was to sit down with members of the Forest
5 Service and clarify which trails they consider official, and
6 which are not. While my action was not popular with all our
7 members, especially those who had maintained those user-
8 created trails for years, I felt it was important to make that
9 change and to operate within the law. I'm sure that you can
10 tell I feel very passionate about working within the system
11 and the law to get the recreational improvements that one
12 desires. I feel that one way of the ways to discourage
13 illegal behavior is to refrain from doing anything that might
14 appear to condone and therefore encourage it. I think that it
15 is important that the County's regional park plan accomplish
16 several things. The plans should present visionary ways to
17 use and preserve our precious open space. The plans are also
18 the County's opportunity to let users know that we expect them
19 to treat all open space with respect and within the law. I
20 believe that the Commission can take a small step towards
21 accomplishing these goals by removing all mention of the Gold
22 Canyon trail system from our park plan. I would like to
23 therefore suggest that we remove the title "adjacent trail
24 system" and the three paragraphs following it which are on
25 page 17 from the Peralta Regional Park Draft Master Plan

1 before it is recommended to the Board of Supervisors. Thank
2 you.

3 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Butler. So the adjacent
4 trails that are in the area that aren't necessarily mapped and
5 aren't necessarily legal that you're referring to is from a
6 private landowner, Arizona State Trust Land, correct? Is that
7 the area that it was referring to?

8 BUTLER: I don't have it in front of me, but I did
9 read it today.

10 D'ABELLA: That sentence that you're talking about,
11 or paragraph?

12 BUTLER: It refers to the trails as the Gold Canyon
13 Trail System. It's a - there's a title called adjacent trail
14 system, and it refers to them as the Gold Canyon Trail System,
15 and they are on State Trust Land.

16 D'ABELLA: Just trying to clarify. Are there any
17 comments to Chair -

18 STANDAGE: Elizabeth, this is Wayne. Thank you
19 ma'am. Elizabeth, are you referring to those -

20 BUTLER: Mountain bike trails.

21 STANDAGE: Web of trails that are just east of Gold
22 Canyon limits on State Land, between the BLM property we're
23 talking about and the actual residents? Do you know where I'm
24 -

25 BUTLER: They're just off Cloud View.

1 STANDAGE: Oh okay. Yeah. No, I like what you've
2 said. They should be treated as an outlaw trail. That's how
3 I look at it.

4 D'ABELLA: This is Chair D'Abella. So in the draft
5 it does refer to them as not legal, correct?

6 TAYLOR: Yes, that is correct.

7 D'ABELLA: So Pinal County is not condoning the use
8 of an illegal trail.

9 BRADLEY: No we - this particular section, we took a
10 look at because Elizabeth pointed this out to us in the first
11 go around of communication, or input, and so we brought it
12 back to the working group, of which Michelle Green sits on.
13 She is from Arizona State Trust, State Land Department, and so
14 we asked them for the feedback and we made those distinctions
15 of it is not a legal trail system. And once again this is one
16 of those maybe teachable moments. I can totally understand
17 what you're saying was within - it was presented in a very
18 eloquent way. So it's up to you all. It is a teachable
19 moment of, you know, this was not done by code, but if it is,
20 if it is to contin - if it is to exist, it has to go through
21 this process. So it's up to you all. That's the thinking
22 behind it. We were not ignoring your input about -

23 BUTLER: I know that, and I wish I could have come
24 to the meeting to say that to everybody, but I already had
25 something else that day, so I wasn't able to go to that.

1 BRADLEY: Yeah, working group meeting, yeah.

2 BUTLER: I think it encourages it.

3 BRADLEY: Point well taken, and it's up to you all.

4 RUEHL: Madam Chair, what was the response of the
5 State Land?

6 BRADLEY: They clarified what the process is to make
7 the - they first of all clarified that those trails need to be
8 made legal by going through their process. And so it was, it
9 was wording like that, that this is how you make it legal. I
10 must say I was a little surprised that they didn't strike it,
11 but -

12 TAYLOR: Excuse me, Chairman D'Abella and
13 Commissioner Ruehl, the third paragraph is that entire
14 paragraph is from State Land Department, so that was, that was
15 their - at their request to add that paragraph.

16 D'ABELLA: Okay, this is Chair D'Abella. Based on
17 the fact that they were a stakeholder and were part of the
18 process, and they - and that's their private land, and they
19 requested that that language be in there - am I following this
20 correctly?

21 BRADLEY: They edited this language that's there. I
22 want to be really clear, they didn't request to put this in,
23 that they conclude that about - that the trail system be
24 included in the Master Plan.

25 BROWN: Chair D'Abella, I just want to say that

1 because I think I understand -

2 TAYLOR: Gordon, can you talk into your microphone
3 please?

4 BROWN: I do (inaudible) all screwy.

5 TAYLOR: No, just - Gordon, when you talk - and I
6 know you're replying to Commissioner Butler - if you would
7 just point towards the microphone, because when you turn your
8 head we can't - it doesn't pick it up, so.

9 BROWN: So I think I understand what your concern is
10 and I just want to make sure that's the case. Is that
11 although it says these are illegal trails, it also makes it
12 sounds like it's an amenity; that these are not legal, but
13 these are an asset to what we're, we're doing here that could
14 be used and might even become a world class trail system. And
15 I think what you're asking is we not advertise illegal things
16 as an amenity to one of our parks, is that true?

17 BUTLER: That's true. And I, I think that by doing
18 that we just encourage this kind of behavior to happen over
19 and over again.

20 BROWN: So it's - if it didn't draw attention to it
21 as an amenity, then State Land - it wouldn't have any comments
22 to put in it at all if we don't, if we don't flag it, you
23 know? Is that true?

24 BUTLER: I believe that's true.

25 BROWN: So that'd be the solution that I would

1 recommend.

2 D'ABELLA: Can you repeat your solution for the
3 benefit of my understanding?

4 BROWN: Don't address those trails. Don't call them
5 out as the wink-wink illegal trails that are accessible and
6 might be used in our - from our park, you know. Don't
7 acknowledge their existence. And don't advertise them, you
8 know?

9 D'ABELLA: So under this topic of adjacent trail
10 system -

11 BROWN: Strike it.

12 D'ABELLA: Not mention wildcat or illegal trail
13 system.

14 BROWN: Gold Canyon Trail System.

15 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Johnson?

16 JOHNSON: This is Mary Johnson. I totally share
17 Elizabeth's concerns about people going out willy-nilly on
18 property that's not theirs and creating trails. So that is
19 not an issue for me. I also agree with Cate from the
20 standpoint of this may - because I've had firsthand experience
21 with wildcat and social trails in Casa Grande Mountain Park.
22 We mention them in our plan, but we also used it as an
23 opportunity for us to look at future potential with other
24 property owners, and it served us well. We had players come
25 to the table who probably otherwise didn't even know we

1 existed, frankly, and I totally agree with your sentiment
2 about that. But at the - from a global planning perspective,
3 like I say, we had two private owners come to the table just
4 because they wanted somebody to manage things, like land
5 managers, like in this case, Pinal County. I don't have
6 strong feelings one way or another. I can see both sides, and
7 from a land management perspective - and I don't know the
8 history of this group in all fairness, so I'm sure everything
9 you say is absolutely true. But from our perspective, we
10 noted that in our trails master plan, and it was a teachable
11 moment. That was a, that was a great perspective, because
12 people realized you know what, I need to be cognizant of what
13 I'm doing out here, and I have to get permission now, and I,
14 you know, some things like that. And I now this isn't on -
15 this is on State land, but I'm, I'm just saying I agree with
16 Elizabeth. I can see both sides, is I guess of my wishy-washy
17 answer to this.

18 BROWN: I didn't see two sides. I saw one side. I
19 didn't see that there was an objection to striking it, the
20 reference to it, because a private owner is not always like
21 the private owner of the State, State Trust Land, and if it's
22 land that you either have control over or you might have
23 influence over the private owner, I don't see State Trust Land
24 saying man, you got a good point, we're going to have to go
25 and - they don't have the personnel, you know, that -

1 JOHNSON: And we also had military, it wasn't just
2 private. There was, there was several groups. So -

3 BROWN: But I don't see that there's a difference of
4 opinion between Elizabeth and Cate, you know?

5 JOHNSON: No, no, I -

6 BUTLER: Okay, this is Commissioner Butler again.
7 It sounds like those trails were on or near the area that
8 you're talking about managing. These trails are so far away
9 they're not even on this map.

10 ??: Yeah, they're over -

11 BUTLER: They're father - what, ten miles away?
12 Nine miles away? How long is Lost Goldmine Trail?

13 TAYLOR: No, actually the - from our - from my
14 assessment, Commissioner Butler, this is the - from our recent
15 assessment on the Lost Goldmine, from the Lost Goldmine
16 Trailhead East, I think is what we're now calling it - there
17 was a connection within a couple of miles of that trailhead.
18 So, you know, you're probably talking a couple miles from the
19 park boundary, maybe three. So again, it's pretty ext - it's
20 pretty extensive.

21 D'ABELLA: This is Chair D'Abella. So we need to
22 move on. I understand the teachable moment. My whole
23 nonprofit corporation that I started 18 years ago was based on
24 challenges with illegal trespass and dumping and trails, and
25 it is frustrating. At the same time, I can understand the

1 global perspective and why it's in this plan, because that is
2 private land that is some day going to be sold to the highest
3 bidder and the vision of this working group says right here to
4 be thoughtful about access and connectivity. So we need to be
5 looking globally. We need to look at the big picture, and we
6 need to utilize our resources as well. So I understand why
7 it's in the plan, I understand how you feel about it, and I
8 guess it's up to the Board, then, to decide, you know, whether
9 - or the Commission - whether or not it's - how important it
10 is globally for this plan that's going to be years in the
11 making, to acknowledge, you know, the illegal trails and
12 potential trail - future trail connectivity. Do we have a way
13 to document anybody that's for keeping it in or taking it out,
14 or how do we move forward on it?

15 BRADLEY: One more statement? Please. I think
16 that, you know, Kent explained that unless we have a finished
17 Master Plan, we can't proceed with the Bureau of Land
18 Management. And so I'd say if this is going to hold things
19 up, my request is that we don't take the global view on this
20 one. I wouldn't like to see three paragraphs stop this plan.

21 D'ABELLA: Okay, so - were you done with your
22 presentation by the way?

23 BRADLEY: I could go on.

24 D'ABELLA: Okay. At some point we're going to have
25 to motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors -

1 TAYLOR: Chair, please don't ask her that. I've
2 been in meetings with Cate before, and that's not a wise thing
3 to state to Cate.

4 D'ABELLA: So we can move on and eventually get to a
5 motion. Do we have any other comments about the plan besides
6 this one?

7 RUEHL: Madam Chair, I had a question. When this in
8 - is there any kind of budget or schedule when this is
9 presented to the Board of Supervisors? Is there any -

10 BRADLEY: No. We haven't done the site planning,
11 yet. This I, you know, the master concept plans of what the
12 themes would be, what the range of services would be, so we
13 don't know how many picnic ramadas will be - there will be.
14 We don't know how many campsites there will be.

15 RUEHL: I know, but I also see that prior to site
16 design, which would make sense, is environmental surveys and
17 compliance which cost money. So that's part of the next step
18 even before site design, because - I hope so because I'm
19 still, for the record, not so sure about camping in that area,
20 and I would like to see an impact study done on that. So I am
21 hoping that's where that comes, environmental surveys and
22 compliance could, and so would that be - I'm just asking for
23 the process. This goes, if we approve it, it goes to the
24 Board of Supervisors for approval as a Master Plan and then,
25 then we come back - or Kent comes back to the Board and says

1 okay, our next step is this, and it's going to cost this much
2 money. Is that what happens?

3 TAYLOR: Commissioner Ruehl, close yes. So as we
4 envision this - again, this is, this is - would serve as our
5 what BLM refers to as the plan of development for our R&PP
6 application. Once that's filed, and again we can go down the
7 path with BLM - and again here, we can't do the environmental
8 until we have an improved Master Plan, so we know what the
9 environmental will entail, and where the trails might be and
10 where those campsites might be etc., so that would be the
11 starting point for our environmental process through BLM. We
12 haven't been through this process with them before, so I
13 can't, you know, I can't tell you what that cost will be. But
14 that's part of the development process with BLM, and we will
15 come back to you as we start to develop those costs, and we
16 partnership with BLM in that process. We've had really useful
17 discussions with a working group on, you know, possibly
18 partnering and with some of the working group members, and
19 some of their - because they have some experience in certain
20 aspects of that environmental assessment, so those are things
21 that, you know, again a cost number would be, you know, out of
22 line at this point if we know that we're going to have some of
23 that stuff donated or partnered or whatever, so. But that is
24 correct, that's kind of how that process would work through.

25 RUEHL: All right. Thank you.

1 D'ABELLA: Any other comments or clarifications?

2 JOHNSON: This is Mary Johnson. Just a couple
3 questions, just to get educated. Let me find them, bear with
4 me. Rock climbing. Cate or Kent, are there any - currently
5 any designated rock climbing areas in Pinal County?

6 TAYLOR: You want me to answer that?

7 BRADLEY: Yeah.

8 BRADLEY: Not - Commissioner Johnson, not that I'm
9 aware of, and I think Commissioner Butler did some research.
10 There's lots of climbing out there that goes on. Most of it
11 is on State Trust Lands or other public lands, depending, you
12 know, depending on who the landowner is of the site. You
13 know, we, we did some casual stuff. Maricopa County does not
14 include any rock climbing in any of their parks, so it's
15 mostly free-type, you know, stuff at their known climbing
16 areas, but not managed climbing parks.

17 JOHNSON: Right. And so I guess that was my
18 question from - with the attorney here and everything, from a
19 recreational opportunity perspective, how does Pinal County
20 envision managing this and that was my question, what do other
21 counties do in this area, or I mean you're going to obviously
22 be advertising rock climbing.

23 TAYLOR: Well yeah. The first, the first part will
24 that will be a more in-depth assessment of the site to
25 determine the, you know, whether that's in fact we can get the

1 needed climbing sites in that footprint. So our initial
2 assessment with the folks from the climbing community were,
3 okay, is this a climbable area. Is it useful. Would it be an
4 opportunity. And that answer was yes. So my second question
5 was will people pay six bucks to get into the park to climb
6 here. And so given the context of the climbing area that
7 we're looking at, if we had six to ten different opportunity
8 routes where someone could come out in an afternoon and climb
9 three or four of those and then go home, or have their kids
10 out on the weekend and climb those, then you know, what we've
11 been told initially is yes that's a - that's a yes. My next
12 question to them was what, are they going to walk from the
13 parking area over there up to here? And they said yes, many
14 times they're hiking several miles to get to a climbing area.
15 So given all those, I was - that, and the fact that, you know,
16 again on the fee structure, they said they're paying whatever
17 they're paying a month for a rock gym, they'll pay six bucks
18 to enter the park. So given that, we think we have enough to
19 go forward with that assessment. From a recreational, the
20 question we got several times during the open houses was a
21 liability standpoint. Again, that's not any different than
22 managing the rest of the site for any of the other uses,
23 whether it's camping, trail - yeah, they're - as long as we're
24 performing our due diligence, you know, in the site and the
25 maintenance of the site, and the signage of the sites and the

1 rules and that kind of thing, then we are, you know, typically
2 covered through that recreational immunity statute.

3 JOHNSON: So essentially just use at your own risk.

4 TAYLOR: Correct. With some safety guidelines and
5 yeah, wear a helmet.

6 JOHNSON: How to approach it.

7 TAYLOR: Yeah.

8 JOHNSON: And then I know Cyndi brought up the
9 campsites and do you even have any idea of a projected range
10 of potential -

11 BRADLEY: Well we did, but you asked us to take them
12 off. So I'm thinking, you know -

13 BROWN: We had this discussion -

14 JOHNSON: Sorry, I was -

15 BRADLEY: No, it's okay. You know, just even
16 penciling things out, it's looking about maybe about 25 or so,
17 in that range.

18 JOHNSON: I was just curious about that, more than -

19 BRADLEY: We were too.

20 BROWN: Chair? With that, because we did discuss it
21 and I wanted to see from your expertise if [microphone
22 feedback]. What, what I've run into when I've done this from
23 a map, and this was with a topo map, with the San Tan Mountain
24 Regional Park, and I know it got recorded as that they located
25 a camping area in a trail forest, but what I actually said was

1 a cholla forest. Because they didn't have a map that showed
2 foliage, they were looking at a topo, it looked good to them.
3 The only way that I see is like Cyndi said, you got to go out
4 there, you got to walk the site and you got to see what it
5 looks like. You know, so, so to say we'll have these many
6 campsites or that many campsites, I think it's premature. Do
7 you agree?

8 BRADLEY: I do agree. No, it's okay. But I do want
9 to point out that those campsite - proposed campsite areas are
10 undisturbed area already. It's - they're sort of on flat land
11 that has been used for campfires and some other, you know,
12 wrangling out there.

13 BROWN: So you've got (inaudible) dirt, it's not off
14 a piece of paper.

15 BRADLEY: Right, yes, yes, we have.

16 D'ABELLA: Okay. So, are there any other comments,
17 questions or clarifications before we move on? Okay, seeing
18 none, I'm looking for a motion to recommend to the Board of
19 Supervisors to approve the Peralta Park Regional Park Master
20 Plan as presented or presented with Commission edits,
21 Commission Member edits or changes. Do we have a motion?

22 RUEHL: This is Commissioner Ruehl. I motion that
23 we approve the Peralta Regional Park Master Plan with the
24 striking of the - I'm sorry I don't have the reference.

25 TAYLOR: Page 17, adjacent trail system.

1 RUEHL: Thank you. Page 17, the adjacent trail
2 system section.

3 BROWN: I'll second that.

4 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Brown seconds. All in
5 favor?

6 COLLECTIVE: Aye.

7 D'ABELLA: Opposed? Okay, motion passes. Thank
8 you, Kate for the presentation and all the hard work that went
9 into helping facilitate this process.

10 BRADLEY: Thank you very much.

11 D'ABELLA: Okay. Next item under new business,
12 discussion and recommendations on the CAP Recreational Trail
13 Draft Master Plan. Director Taylor, do you want to introduce
14 our presenter?

15 TAYLOR: Yes, you're going to have to bear with me.
16 We're having serious technical issues over here. Right before
17 Don's presentation. Our - just - so Don you might have to go
18 a little bit without a PowerPoint while it re - because the
19 computer's going to start somewhere in the middle of your
20 presentation, okay? So yes, Commission and Chair, Commission
21 Members - and Don's - Mr. McGann has been here once, I think
22 in January, and so this is the CAP Recreational Master Plan
23 and I will - I think I shared with some of you, we started
24 this process last December, November-December, it's all a blur
25 right now because we started this one and Peralta at about the

1 same time. We really kind of felt that going into this
2 planning process that this was going to be a pretty easy
3 planning process. The canal's where the canal is, we can't
4 move it, they won't let us move it even if we wanted to. So
5 your trail corridor's pretty well defined in that process.
6 Little did we know that we were going to come across every
7 three and four letter agency known to man. And not just the
8 ones we anticipated, you know, like the Bureau of Reclamation
9 and the CAP, you know, the typical players, but we had to
10 engage several flood districts, irrigation districts, and a
11 few others that I - you know, the National Guard - that we
12 weren't anticipating, so that agency coordination took us a
13 little longer than we anticipated. But, having said that, it
14 was - it allowed us to get in front of some planning projects
15 and some areas of the County, especially up on the north end,
16 where Maricopa County is doing some work on the flood
17 districts, that really, I think, add to the plan and give us
18 some - a much better plan on the process. So from that, I am
19 going to hand it over to Don, and we'll try to get as much of
20 his presentation through before we have to restart the
21 computer, and then we'll do the flyover or something, I don't
22 know.

23 MCGANN: Thank you, Kent and Madam Chair, and
24 Members of the Commission. We'll get started and let the
25 PowerPoint catch up with us here. So we have a draft Master

1 Plan. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to get your input.
2 That input would be incorporated into the revision of the
3 draft before it's presented to the Board of Supervisors for
4 approval. So - well we're here, so we'll - next slide, if you
5 would. So looking at the big picture, I mean the CAP as we
6 all know extends from the Colorado River, across a large
7 portion of the State of Arizona. It's southern terminus is
8 down at the Tohono O'odham Nation, south of Tucson. Overall
9 distance is about 336 miles. It extends across four counties
10 and connects the major metropolitan areas of - in Maricopa
11 County and Pima County, Phoenix and Tucson. In theory, and if
12 you were ambitious, you could get on the trail at some point
13 in say Peoria west of Phoenix, and take it all the way down to
14 Tucson. So, one of the, one of the key things with the trail
15 is that it - unlike many trails that are planned that go
16 through different jurisdictions and hundreds of different
17 landowners, typically along this corridor there is one
18 landowner, the Bureau of Reclamation, and there's one
19 management agency. That's the Central Arizona Water
20 Conservation District that operates, that maintains and that
21 provides security for that corridor. So it should be easy,
22 but as Kent indicated, you know, there are other stakeholders,
23 as with any other public planning process. So next please.
24 Well, that's all right. The idea of recreation as being part
25 of the CAP was part of the enabling legislation, so it's

1 always been part of the concept for this long corridor, but it
2 really was not until 2002 when the CAP Board developed a new
3 policy and they became active partners in the development of a
4 recreational trail along the CAP. That followed, you know,
5 opened up a lot of doors and the potential for this 300 mile
6 long trail was in part the reason it was designated as a
7 National Recreation Trail in 2003. Not because the trail was
8 on the ground, but because it had this great potential to
9 become a recreational resource. In 2004, Maricopa County did
10 a feasibility study, they have subsequently built - or the
11 jurisdictions within Maricopa County have built portions of
12 the trail. Some of them not insignificant either. The - you
13 may have noticed the bridge across Interstate 17 north of
14 Phoenix that connects the CAP Trail on the east and west side.
15 So there has been some real on the ground development, but a
16 lot more to happen. Pima County developed a Master Plan a few
17 years ago for the southern-most segment, and that extended up
18 to the Picacho Mountains in Pinal County, and of course now
19 this trail will do a couple of things. One, certainly lay the
20 groundwork for a major recreational resource for the residents
21 of Pinal County, and then also connect what's being done to
22 the north and to the south in Maricopa and Pima County. Next.
23 So this Master Plan has a couple of functions. Most
24 important, I think is, you know, conveying to the public and
25 to elected officials exactly what is being proposed. The

1 trail, as discussed earlier, is a multiple use, non-motorized
2 trail. So - and that's not always clear to people who are
3 thinking about long distance trails. The Master Plan includes
4 a specific recommendation for where the trail alignment will
5 be, and we'll go through that a little bit. It identifies who
6 the collaborating agencies are, certain of the jurisdictions
7 along the corridor, and as - that would partner with Pinal
8 County. But the other two key agencies are the Bureau of
9 Reclamation that owns the land, and the Central Arizona Water
10 Conversation District, which operates and maintains it, and so
11 those will always be key partners in the development of the
12 trail. When the trail is developed is not to mention, or to
13 suggest that there is a specific timetable, but more
14 importantly a sequence of going through the Master Plan and
15 then detailed design, and then funding and environmental
16 compliance and what have you. So that is included in the
17 Master Plan. And then the how relates to specific design
18 guidelines. This trail is, in most areas in Pinal County, in
19 a rural setting. It will be a - for lack of a - for a
20 descriptive term, a primitive trail, not paved, single track
21 in many locations. So that's the, that's the content of the,
22 kind of the - of the Master Plan. The planning process
23 involved field reconnaissance. We've been out in the field,
24 covered that 65 miles of trail from where Pima County left
25 off, to Baseline Road, the County Line with Maricopa County.

1 There were meetings with the working group. Kent has a system
2 of establishing working groups on major projects like this.
3 This working group included federal and state county agencies,
4 as well as representatives from local jurisdictions,
5 representatives from your Board - thank you Elizabeth - and it
6 was a very productive group to work with. And then meetings
7 with the stakeholders. There were a ton of them, and agencies
8 that we didn't know existed, but do have an important role and
9 will have an important role in the development of the CAP
10 Trail. So the document itself includes, you know, an
11 introduction and history of how we go to this point. It
12 identifies specific trail segments, and I'll talk about that
13 in just a moment. It has a specific proposal for the
14 alignment of the trail, and that could vary in some cases - it
15 may be a few feet, in some cases it may be a couple hundred
16 feet, but it's very specific in terms of where the trail will
17 be located. Trail features like trailheads are - and their
18 approximate location are included. Guidelines and standards
19 for trail development are in there as well. And one of the
20 key things here is recommendations for roadway crossings.
21 What's kind of interesting is in the 65 miles of trail through
22 Pinal County, there are only 12 or 13 locations where that
23 trail needs to cross a public road. Some of them are
24 significant, and State Route 79 for example, others are less
25 so. But making those crossings safe for the trail users was

1 an important part of the project. Of course, with any long-
2 term planning project, there's - we know what's on the ground
3 today, but things change, and so at the north end of the
4 project and in the vicinity of the community of Florence here,
5 there are ongoing studies, engineering work, related to flood
6 retarding structures. We've been working with the folks that
7 are involved in those. Their ultimate design may have some
8 impact on the final alignment of the CAP Trail and those
9 locations. Certainly the north/south freeway, the various
10 alternatives, some of them crossed the CAP, some of them were
11 adjacent to it, could influence the location in certain areas.
12 Also, perhaps create some opportunities for the development of
13 the trail and perhaps create separate crossings in some areas.
14 Similarly, with the improvements to Pinal County roads, and as
15 we all know several years ago there were lots of PADs and
16 residential subdivisions that were approved. Those too will
17 come online, perhaps in their current form or some other form,
18 in the coming years and being able to connect to them, or
19 having those incorporate the CAP Trail as part of their
20 developments, is certainly one of those things that will shake
21 out over time. There is also a network of San Carlos
22 irrigation and drainage district canals. Some of those are
23 being abandoned and changed, and in localized areas those will
24 influence the trail. So this is a typical configuration of -
25 well a cross section through the CAP canal, and the associated

1 right-of-way, indicating where the trail would be relative to
2 the canal. The notion is that for the most part as we look
3 south along the trail - along the canal, the trail would be on
4 what's called, or referred to by the CAP folks, as canal left.
5 That's typically the east side of the canal. So center in the
6 right - centered in the right-of-way is the aqueduct itself.
7 There are maintenance roads on either side of that, and then
8 at varying distances, set back from the maintenance roads,
9 there are security fences. Those fences kind of create a no
10 public use zone adjacent to the canal, and that's for the
11 security the canal, and also for the safety of users, and we
12 lost our - but as you may have noticed, there is the soil that
13 was excavated for the creation of this canal and has typically
14 been deposited to create a levy on the canal left, and it's in
15 that, as a flood control function. It also creates this
16 fairly level wide open opportunity to build a trail on top of
17 that. And there's some photographs when we come back around
18 here, that we'll kind of how you want that looks like in the
19 real world.

20 TAYLOR: They might be coming back. It's coming
21 back. We're okay. Give it a moment here, if you will.

22 D'ABELLA: If not, we can take a break until it
23 comes back.

24 MCGANN: If you like, that'd be fine.

25 TAYLOR: In fact, if yeah. Five minutes?

1 D'ABELLA: Let's take a five minute break while
2 technology catches up.

3 TAYLOR: Thank you.

4 [Break.]

5 D'ABELLA: Okay, break's over.

6 MCGANN: So, we took a look at that cross section,
7 and this is a photograph of what actually existed in the
8 field, and it's not universal, but it is pretty typical, and
9 so to the right is the secure area between the security fences
10 that includes the maintenance roads and the actual canal, and
11 the excavated soil to the canal left, and creating this trail.
12 And so they're a miles and miles of - that are similar to this
13 condition that basically the trail's in place, it's working
14 with fences and gates and other issues to make this a trail
15 that's open to the public. So we talked a little bit about
16 trail segments, and the Master Plan divides this 65 miles into
17 nine different segments. And they are designed to allow for
18 partnerships between the local jurisdictions n Pinal County.
19 So for example, what happens immediately south of Baseline
20 Road is obviously of interest to the people in the parks
21 department in Apache Junction. What happens around the siphon
22 under the Gila River is more important to the folks here in
23 Florence. And what happens down by the Coolidge Airport, for
24 example, would be important to Coolidge. So this generally
25 corresponds to either the corporate boundary or the planning

1 boundary of those jurisdictions, and kind of sets the
2 groundwork for partnerships between Pinal County and these -
3 and the individual jurisdictions to develop portions of the
4 trail that would range from approximately three or four miles
5 to about 12 miles. Now throughout the corridor there are
6 maps. These maps show the proposed location for the trail,
7 and we won't go through 65 miles of maps, but this is a
8 typical one here. The other important thing that it shows is
9 the underlying landownership, in this case the lighter
10 corridor along the CAP in that green line which is the
11 proposed trail alignment, is CAP right-of-way. So that's -
12 typically we are in the CAP right-of-way, but not universally
13 so. So, what I'll do now is just kind of go through some of
14 the variations to that typical cross section, and these are
15 being driven or the result of, you know, specific conditions
16 along the corridor. So this is up in Apache Junction. There
17 are three flood retarding structures that are being modified,
18 some of them being raised to about 30 feet about the desert
19 floor, with very steep side slopes, I think was the conclusion
20 of everybody involved in the project, from this planning team,
21 as well as the Flood Control District in Maricopa County, that
22 that was probably not the best place to have a trail up there,
23 certainly a variety of safety issues. And so with the
24 development of that flood retardant structure there will be
25 preserve natural open space to the east, and so the trail will

1 actually move away from the canal some distance above the 50
2 year flood pool, and then continue south in that area. Next
3 slide is Queen Creek, and now we're - and as we'll see in the
4 flythrough in a minute here, this is a more typical condition
5 where the - we have a lower levy. One of the benefits of
6 having the trail up there are some really magnificent views of
7 the Valley. Typically to the west you see the Valley, and
8 then toward the east that flood control levy also has created
9 some really dense in a riparian areas, the green up here as I
10 referred to, and kind of riding or walking along those
11 treetops is pretty spectacular. So we get down in south of
12 Queen Creek, it continues. This is in the vicinity of the
13 Sonoqui Flood Control Project and the recharge basins. And as
14 we go along the corridor, there are different features. This
15 happens to be the Magma Railroad that the trail will cross.
16 That's the existing condition. And of course the challenge is
17 going to be to make those crossings, whether they're roadways
18 or railroads or whatever, safe for all users - pedestrians,
19 bicyclists and certainly equestrians as well. And then it
20 gets a little bit more interesting where this as we get closer
21 to Florence, and as we approach State Route 79 where the
22 aqueduct is actually been constructed in a fairly deep cut,
23 and there's not a lot of room for trail development adjacent
24 to it. So in this case, the trail will stay up on a higher
25 elevation. That photograph gives you a hint of what those

1 views are to the mountains to the east. So having it up there
2 adds some variety and really some - enhances the trail user's
3 experience. So this section then comes to State Route 79, and
4 that photograph indicates the highway bridge across the CAP.
5 In this location it's not possible to get the trail routed
6 unless you scuba dive or whatever to get underneath there. So
7 it will be an at-grade crossing. This cross section shows
8 land to the left there. That is the National Guard training
9 facility, which a live fire range. So we've had meetings with
10 them. They were surprisingly very supportive of the notion,
11 but suggested that the trail be moved for this segment to
12 canal right. So by moving the - and there is a bridge that
13 will allow you to do that, an existing bridge that was
14 developed by the National Guard. West side yes. We're kind
15 of going east, and so it's kind of southwest.

16 BROWN: That's one side issue, I had some others
17 that could wait. But with that canal left, or right, is there
18 a way to express canal left or right without making a
19 reference at some point to a compass designation?

20 MCGANN: Probably should just leave it at canal
21 right or left, and then we wouldn't have to.

22 BROWN: I don't think it has any meaning without a
23 reference to a compass designation. The right or left depends
24 on whether you're facing north or south, or east or west, you
25 know, that's - or if it's a diagonal, but how would you know

1 right or left unless you were - do an orientation north or
2 south or east or west?

3 MCGANN: Well, it would have to be in the context of
4 the terminology that's used by the Central Arizona Water
5 Conservation District folks. They look at it looking south as
6 the water flows from the Colorado River to it's terminus. So
7 in all cases canal left -

8 BROWN: So it has to do with water flow.

9 MCGANN: It does. It does. Sorry.

10 BROWN: So it is possible to do without the compass.

11 MCGANN: Yes.

12 BROWN: Because it's basin flow, okay.

13 MCGANN: So moving south then. As you know, the CAP
14 is in a siphon that goes underneath the Gila River and the
15 proposal is that the trail would follow that above the siphon,
16 but at grade there's not an opportunity and there's no
17 proposals for bridges, so this would be a seasonal crossing,
18 but really the only feasible way to cross the Gila River. And
19 when we get to the south side, there are some additional
20 canals - the San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District
21 canals. The proposal here is then to go on top of the
22 Florence area flood retarding structure as it heads back west
23 towards State Route 79. We get south of Florence and we cross
24 the highway again, there is an opportunity to have a grade
25 separated crossing, and so that's proposed here. Again we're

1 still in the influence of the Florence community, so we're
2 kind of like the south Florence segment, continue west past
3 the entrance to the cemetery, and then south heading towards
4 the Picacho Mountains. So we get past Coolidge, we're back to
5 a more conventional cross section. That photo indicates kind
6 of the security fence and the existing corridor that's
7 suitable - or that is basically a trail corridor. And then
8 the last in this sequence here is down the southern most
9 portion where the - to connect to a proposed trailhead that is
10 - will be developed by Pima County, or as part of the Pima
11 County plan, we will actually cross the canal. There is an
12 existing livestock and game bridge that will allow trail users
13 to cross the canal, and then go outside of the CAP right-of-
14 way. This is due to, as you get towards the mountains,
15 there's a lot of constrained right-of-way, there's some pump
16 stations in the area, and it allows you to kind of skirt
17 around and get to the southern terminus of the Pinal County
18 segment of the CAP. So those are just kind of some cross
19 sections along the way, and we'll take a look at a - and you
20 can probably go ahead and cue that up. So the next steps are
21 your comments, your ideas tonight, or as conveyed through
22 Kent. We will integrate those into a final draft of the
23 Master Plan, and then incorporate that into a presentation to
24 the Board of Supervisors. And was discussed with previous
25 agenda items, having this master plan in place allows for

1 allocation of resources to incrementally move forward. And
2 they may be Pinal County resources, but more importantly
3 incorporating this concept into local trail and park system
4 plans and having those jurisdictions move forward in
5 partnership with Pinal County. So what this - what we may see
6 here is just a flythrough. We'll put you in an ultralight
7 about 2,000 feet about the ground and kind of fly the
8 corridor, just to kind of - if it works great, if not we can
9 make that file available to you and you can certainly - it's a
10 big file is the problem. We make that file available to you
11 and you can -

12 BROWN: It's a cool file, though, I saw it at your
13 open house.

14 TAYLOR: Yes it is. And there's actually a previous
15 edition that's on our website. The very first flyover we did
16 when we - in the spring in on our website and it's there for
17 you to peruse, yeah, because I don't think that our technology
18 -

19 MCGANN: There were some refinements to what's on
20 the website near the National Guard facility, it moved from
21 one side of the canal to - and there's some annotations for
22 the different segments and some features along the way noted,
23 but yeah, it takes only a couple of minutes and if you're
24 interested in taking a look at that, by all means, do.

25 BROWN: It is good, but in the meantime, I'd kind of

1 like to address the one I started to with Kent right out of
2 the chute, is - and it ties into having the wherewithal to do
3 this. And I know that you had mentioned having the potential
4 to partner with some people, and having experience with some
5 of those people that you're thinking about partnering with,
6 versus the people that are there. Us, you know. The area
7 that is called the Queen Creek section, and part of the area
8 that's the north Pinal section, and even in the plan, it says
9 it goes by Queen Creek. And part of it might be in their
10 planning area, or in an area that they see as their sphere of
11 influence. It goes through San Tan Valley, and without San
12 Tan Valley people feeling that that's theirs, the chance of
13 their - Pinal having the ability to partner with anybody is
14 diminished. And the - it's a slight to - and there's 100,000
15 people in San Tan Valley, and there's about 35,000 in Queen
16 Creek. And Queen Creek, in my experience, is like long on
17 their sphere of influence, and short on their - they have deep
18 pockets maybe, but they've got real short arms, you know.
19 That's - getting them to reach down to the bottom of that
20 pocket is - I would put more faith in calling that the San Tan
21 Valley section, than the Queen Creek section. And that's for
22 the purely pragmatic, is, I think it's more likely to fly that
23 way.

24 MCGANN: Well, we can certainly work with Kent on
25 the nomenclature. We were working with maps that had been

1 published by the different jurisdictions in terms of what
2 their planning boundaries are and in Apache Junction we made
3 some adjustments.

4 BROWN: You see I thought - they told me that my
5 thinking infringes on their planning area, and I say I don't
6 care. That if your plans don't coincide with the people in
7 your planning area, you aren't going to be annexing anybody.
8 But in the meantime, those folks live in Pinal County, they
9 vote for the elected officials in Pinal County. And I've done
10 a lot to - everything I can to encourage them to tell the
11 folks in Pinal County that, that don't pay that much attention
12 to somebody else's planning area when it differs from what you
13 want. You know, you're the one that votes, that other
14 municipality doesn't, you know?

15 TAYLOR: Chairman D'Abella, we can make that change.

16 D'ABELLA: Okay. Thank you.

17 STANDAGE: Madam Chair?

18 D'ABELLA: Yes.

19 STANDAGE: Wayne. For you, I'm noticing one thing,
20 it seems like it might be easier to start at both ends, that's
21 where the least amount of work, or cost is going to be
22 involved, doesn't it?

23 MCGANN: Yeah, it certainly does not need to be
24 constructed and developed from one end to the other.

25 STANDAGE: With the segments, you can develop a

1 segment and - because some of the segments are, I figure
2 you're just looking at just open area, and then like when you
3 get down here by the National Guard and that, it's going to
4 get complicated.

5 MCGANN: A little more complicated. When you get
6 south of Florence, it's actually probably some of the easiest
7 segment. So you can go from State Route 79 to Cactus Forest
8 Road the - and probably do that fairly quickly. The -

9 STANDAGE: I just wanted to know that my observation
10 was -

11 MCGANN: Your observation is correct.

12 STANDAGE: Okay, thank you.

13 BROWN: That brings up a question that I have. What
14 would be the cost of crossing say 79?

15 MCGANN: To the north it's probably less expensive,
16 and the proposal there is to - in advance of the at-grade
17 crossing, is to have a series of signs identifying the
18 crossing ahead and perhaps working with ADOT to reduce the
19 speed limit as you come into town. Same thing as you go
20 north. So that one is not a -

21 BROWN: You're not into an overpass.

22 MCGANN: Not in an overpass. To construct the
23 underpass at the existing structure south of Florence, the
24 structure's there, but we cannot encroach on that maintenance
25 road immediately adjacent to the canal, so there may need to

1 be some type of a retaining wall at the outside edge of that
2 to get down almost to that level, and then back up. So that
3 one would be more expensive. I don't have a dollar -

4 BROWN: But you're not having to build these things
5 out of nowhere, right?

6 MCGANN: No, and that would be somewhat
7 inconceivable that there would ever be enough money to build -

8 BROWN: That was what was behind the question.

9 MCGANN: Yeah. Unless there's a tremendous increase
10 in the volume of trail users, that's not likely to happen.

11 RUEHL Madam Chair, I have a question. I'm sorry I
12 don't remember from the slide that showed the stakeholders
13 groups or from what I read, but so I'll ask. Has the Arizona
14 Game and Fish been involved?

15 MCGANN: They were party to the working group, and
16 have been part of the planning process all along, yeah.

17 RUEHL: Okay. And is this State Land, or is it -
18 whose land is it? All different people, is that it?

19 MCGANN: No. Typically within - there is a right-
20 of-way, and it extends along the entire 336 mile corridor.
21 That land is owned by the Bureau of Reclamation, federal
22 agency. My understanding is that they didn't ever quite
23 complete those acquisitions. In some cases it's a lease and
24 not fee simple ownership. But they own that corridor. But
25 the issue for this project is sometimes it makes sense for the

1 trail to get out of that right-of-way, and that's where we
2 encounter State Trust, for the most part, and there may be a
3 few other owners along the way. Example of that would be at
4 the north end of the trail, so they're making these -
5 increasing the height of the flood retarding structures. It
6 doesn't make sense to be on top of them or in a narrow
7 corridor between a 30 foot high embankment and an eight foot
8 high security fence, where it goes for miles and you're kind
9 of stuck in that corridor. So in that location, the trail
10 moves to the east, upstream of the flood retarding structure,
11 and that's where it would be through State Trust Land. In
12 that location the discussion to date has been working with the
13 Flood Control District to perhaps make the trail an
14 infrequently-used maintenance road coincidental, so that the
15 process of acquiring that right-of-way would not have to be
16 duplicated.

17 RUEHL: So part of the reason I ask about Arizona
18 Game and Fish is because you - there may be some hunting
19 conflicts, I would think. There may be hunting allowed on the
20 trail.

21 MCGANN: Yes. In that location where it's on -

22 RUEHL: State Land, on State Land.

23 MCGANN: Likely that hunting would be allowed. But

24 -

25 RUEHL: So just wear orange when you're hiking that

1 part of the trail.

2 MCGANN: Well in areas where it's elevated, I don't
3 think visibility of the trail user is going to be an issue.
4 You know, it's a - there are different uses, and I think they
5 can be compatible, but I think the more likely area where that
6 would occur is in the very south end where it's rural, down
7 near the Picacho Mountains. There may be some hunting in
8 there, probably a much smaller volume of trail users in that
9 location. At trailheads, you know, that certainly could be
10 identified that this is, you know, part of a management unit
11 for the Arizona Game and Fish, and so trail users would be
12 notified that they could encounter hunters out on the trail.

13 RUEHL: Okay. Thank you.

14 MCGANN: Welcome.

15 D'ABELLA: Are there any other questions, comments
16 or clarifications?

17 JOHNSON: Mary Johnson. In these shared segments,
18 do you envision, you know, in speaking with these groups, that
19 it's also going to be shared costs, or will you be entering
20 into some sort of formal IGAs since people change over the -
21 the people today at the table might be different, you know,
22 five, ten years down the road?

23 MCGANN: I'll start, and Kent can fill in. But
24 there is a requirement that there be a - what's the name of
25 the agreement?

1 TAYLOR: It's a recreation agreement.

2 MCGANN: Recreation agreement with the Bureau of
3 Reclamation. That would be between Pinal County and the
4 Bureau of Reclamation, allowing the trail to be developed.

5 JOHNSON: For the -

6 MCGANN: For the entire corridor.

7 JOHNSON: Entire 65.

8 MCGANN: And then as individual partnerships are
9 developed with local jurisdictions, there would be a secondary
10 -

11 TAYLOR: Yes, we would - that's correct. We - the
12 Bureau of Reclamation only wants to have an agreement with one
13 entity, and the County would be that overriding entity. As it
14 went through other jurisdictions, and we actually go through
15 three - we go through Apache Junction, the Town of Florence,
16 and a small sliver of the City of Coolidge - there we would
17 work with those partners to develop that trail. But we - they
18 would be the owners/operators of that section, and we would be
19 operating on a secondary intergovernmental agreement, okay,
20 between the County and that entity to do the O&M and
21 development for that, under the guidelines that we're
22 presented with from the Bureau of Reclamation.

23 JOHNSON: Oh Kent, from a resources standpoint,
24 where do you see the costs falling? Is it, is it a split
25 between County and City in those circumstances, or do you -

1 TAYLOR: No we would - my viewpoint is if it's
2 within their jurisdiction, it's theirs, and they would own it.
3 And that has been our message throughout the planning process.

4 JOHNSON: That was my question. So, you know, all
5 of these partners fully understand what their role is in the
6 planning process.

7 TAYLOR: Yes.

8 JOHNSON: And then when you look at these 65 miles
9 of trails - I mean obviously there's probably some low-hanging
10 fruit - from a cost perspective, and maybe you don't even have
11 this, but maybe from other agencies, is there a range of cost
12 per mile that maybe Maricopa County has seen in recent years,
13 or not really nothing?

14 TAYLOR: No, not that would be comparable to what
15 we're looking at at this point in time. Most of this stuff in
16 Maricopa County is - has developed in a more urban setting, so
17 it's paved and/or concreted and that type of amenity on the
18 canal. We're not, we're not to that point yet. Our partners
19 in Pima County and Marana are working on a - currently working
20 on a seven mile segment that would go for - in the Town of
21 Marana up to the Pinal County border, and I think we'll have a
22 good idea once they get that, that - get through that process,
23 what our cost will be in similar circumstances. The only
24 thing about the trail corridor is really the different
25 scenarios that we have to go through in each of those

1 segments, as far as development. So the stuff down on the
2 south end of the County, extremely easy. I mean, you know, if
3 we're able to use the maintenance dike, you're talking about
4 some, maybe some fencing costs and some signage, and some
5 gates, and boom, you're done. The stuff around the Town of
6 Florence, that's significantly more intense. So it's just
7 going to depend on what that is, and right now we just don't
8 have a good handle on what the cost is going to be, but we're
9 close, I think with what's going on down south.

10 JOHNSON: That'd be interesting to hear when they
11 have - crunch those numbers.

12 MCGANN: A couple other things to add to that, the
13 2002 policy revision by the CAP Board allowed and encouraged
14 the Central Arizona Water Conservation District to use their
15 forces, at their expense, to relocate fences and gates, on an
16 as they are able to do it basis. So they don't have crews
17 waiting to go out there and do it, but there is a potential
18 for them to, at their expense, you know, make some of those
19 revisions.

20 BROWN: I kind of wanted to throw some kudos out to
21 Pinal County here, because we can learn a lot from Maricopa
22 County by what they did right, but a lot by what they did
23 wrong too. Thinking - often we think that we're way behind
24 Maricopa County - in terms of years, maybe, but in terms of
25 development, not hardly. Now when Kent was talking about in a

1 more urban setting, they were, they were pretty well developed
2 before the idea occurred to them to where they've had to be
3 opportunistic, and that means buying right-of-way in some
4 cases, and going where you can even if it's not the best
5 location. Pinal County has Kent looking at development coming
6 through to where we have the potential to look at trails the
7 same way that a lot of places look at roads, you know? That
8 this is something that gets done throughout the development
9 process. So I think in a lot of ways Pinal is more ahead of
10 the curve than a lot of folks give them credit for.

11 D'ABELLA: Duly noted. Okay, are there any other
12 comments or questions before we move to a motion? Okay. Do
13 we have a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors to
14 approve the CAP Recreational Trail Master Plan as presented,
15 or with Commissioner edits?

16 BROWN: I like it a lot, but I just don't like
17 ignoring San Tan Valley. So I would have the San Tan Valley
18 segment instead of Queen Creek, and then I'd be 100 percent
19 happy with it, you know.

20 D'ABELLA: So do you want to -

21 BROWN: I'll make a motion that if you want to make
22 me happy, I make a motion that it be presented to the Board of
23 Supervisors as is in substance, but just the name of one
24 segment be changed.

25 D'ABELLA: Do we have a second?

1 STANDAGE: I'll second it.

2 D'ABELLA: Thank you Commissioner Standage. All in
3 favor say aye.

4 COLLECTIVE: Aye.

5 D'ABELLA: Opposed? Okay, motion passes. Thank you
6 so much for presenting, Don, all that information, all the
7 hard work I know went into that. Okay. So we actually have
8 something else on the agenda for new business, and that is
9 discussion, recommendations on the Pinal County Regional Trail
10 logo contest. Director Taylor, do you want to present on that
11 idea?

12 TAYLOR: Sure. But I'm not going to be able to get
13 it on the screen, so don't even ask. Yeah, we have some
14 serious IT gremlins that are just - I'm looking at the agenda
15 right here on the screen, and it's not there where it's
16 supposed to be, so you'll have to follow with the agenda item
17 we sent. So staff has been, for the last couple of years,
18 actually, contemplating the future of the Open Space and
19 Trails Master Plan and some of the things associated -
20 marketing materials, I will call them, that will go along with
21 that. So we currently have about 55 miles of regional trail,
22 and as you can see from the CAP Master Plan presentation we
23 have - we are working on expanding those miles. So we thought
24 to help bring some awareness of the work that we're doing and
25 to be able to market our existing trail system, and the future

1 trail system, that this might be a cool idea to get the public
2 involved in a process and to help design a trail logo contest.
3 So what I have provided with the packet was the outline of
4 what that trail logo contest would look like, a draft, and
5 what the rules would be, and kind of submission of deadlines
6 if we were to go to that process, you know, starting
7 relatively soon after this meeting. And again some sample
8 logos that other regional trails or trail systems use. We -
9 staff has already got an outline of a marketing plan for this,
10 which would include the typical press releases, our website,
11 but also some outreach to areas like Central Arizona College,
12 or we've got some - in our public health district we have what
13 we call school health liaisons, who have an in with the
14 elementary and high school districts throughout the County, we
15 would use that as one of our marketing tools, and some other
16 ways to get this out to the public for the contest. So I
17 think that's all I've got, unless you've got questions.

18 RUEHL: Madam Chair, this is Commissioner Ruehl. Of
19 course I have questions. Can - once this has been approved to
20 go ahead with, could our organizations advertise it like on
21 their Facebook and website as well?

22 TAYLOR: You bet.

23 RUEHL: Okay.

24 TAYLOR: The more, the merrier.

25 BUTLER: This is Commissioner Butler. It wasn't

1 clear to me, and maybe it's in there and I just didn't really
2 catch it, what exact words, if any, you want on this logo?
3 I'm assuming we would want Pinal County Regional Trail, but I
4 think we should spell that out. We've got all this stuff
5 about it has to be this shape and this size and four colors,
6 but we don't say it has to include these words. Does it?

7 TAYLOR: It probably does not, and that's - I think
8 we were thinking, you know, let's see what came back, rather
9 than limit the wording. But I'm open to suggestions.

10 BUTLER: Are there any suggestions to how that could
11 be worded, or if we need to put wording? I would think that
12 it would help clarify - I would think that would be the one
13 thing that we would want to control, personally, is the
14 wording. The graphics would be the fun part to judge, but I
15 would think that we would want to control the wording. How do
16 you all feel about that?

17 BROWN: I wouldn't put that restriction on it. If
18 somebody could communicate that without words, like McDonald's
19 golden arches, or Chili's chili pepper, or a lot of logos that
20 are recognizable without that, that hits fast and hard and is
21 memorable, you know. And one thing I know about working with
22 artists, you start putting restrictions on them, and they'll
23 tell you I got to go wash my hair. You know, so it's - I'd
24 leave it open, you know. And if we don't have anything that
25 conveys it without the words, somebody's going to have the

1 words on there. You know, that - but I'd rather wait and see
2 what people come up with. Those artists are pretty incredible
3 folk.

4 D'ABELLA: Any other thoughts?

5 JOHNSON: I tend to lean with - this is Mary Johnson
6 - I tend to lean with Gordon on this too. I'd kind of like to
7 see what might come out of it, because you know the old take a
8 first grader and show them logos like he said, McDonald's, and
9 you know, ask him what it is and they tell them you're
10 reading, yeah see, you're already reading and they, you know.
11 So I'm fine. I mean I'd just like to see what people come up
12 with because there might be something that is out there that's
13 - maybe doesn't need too much more said. Those are my
14 thoughts.

15 D'ABELLA: Okay, any other comments, suggestions?

16 If there are none, then can we have a motion to recommend that
17 the Open Space and Trails Department commence the Pinal County
18 Regional Trail logo contest?

19 RUEHL: This is Commissioner Ruehl. I make a motion
20 that the Pinal County Open Space and Trails Department launch
21 a Pinal County Regional Trail logo contest.

22 STANDAGE: I'll second.

23 D'ABELLA: Thank you. All in favor?

24 COLLECTIVE: Aye.

25 D'ABELLA: Opposed? Motion passes. Okay.

1 TAYLOR: Thank you.

2 D'ABELLA: Okay, agenda item -

3 RUEHL: When will this be ready? Is this the press
4 release right here?

5 TAYLOR: Yeah, this is - I'm ready to go. I just
6 have to work with our public information office to get that
7 out so - and he's on vacation, so. But as soon as I can get
8 it out to the - on the ground, and so the idea again is to
9 bring this back to your January meeting with some samples. I
10 mean that's - and be careful what you wish for, because the
11 hard part comes next.

12 RUEHL: So if you - if it's a good idea, in your
13 words, to the more the merrier, so for people to post this on
14 their Facebook and website and such, it would not be all these
15 words. We would need some - what would be great is some kind
16 of a flyer type of graphic thing. If not, then each website
17 that wants to post this will be creating their own.

18 TAYLOR: Which is fine.

19 RUEHL: Okay.

20 TAYLOR: Yeah, I have no problem with that.

21 D'ABELLA: Would you want to approve anything before
22 it gets published if it came from -

23 TAYLOR: No because - I mean typically on these kind
24 of things, I mean, we would send out a press release which
25 would be something with this attached, or this, or something

1 shorter with a link to where this is located. So - and in
2 those circumstances, I mean, folks to pick that up put on -
3 distribute that in whatever manner works for their group, and
4 that's fine, perfectly fine by me. We'll have a landing page,
5 kind of similar what we've done with the Master Plan process,
6 so we'll have a - at least as I envision it - will have a link
7 on the main home page of the Pinal County, and when you click
8 on that you'll - it'll jump to what we call a landing page
9 with this information, the flyer and other stuff. So - and
10 then there'll be a separate press release and that kind of
11 thing.

12 D'ABELLA: Okay, great.

13 TAYLOR: And I will - as soon as, as soon as it's
14 live, I will let the Commission know. I will send that
15 information out.

16 BROWN: I had a question regarding the judging.
17 Actually a thought, so I'll get to the point that I was trying
18 to steer it. Was would it be possible to have it be judged by
19 maybe a nationally-known advertising agency or something like
20 that? Somebody that the one that wins this logo contest would
21 be recognized by somebody other than a bunch of government
22 people and Commission people, but somebody that actually they
23 might build a career on having them pressed, you know, that -
24 that might attract some interests, you know? Just an idea.

25 JOHNSON: Like the Doritos guy. Guy making his own

1 commercials.

2 TAYLOR: We can certainly look into those kind of
3 things, Commissioner Brown. I think my thought was that who
4 better to judge the artwork than the local folks that are
5 involved in that process. That's just my thinking.

6 BROWN: I don't want to do it.

7 D'ABELLA: I'll volunteer. Okay, item number eight.
8 This is a new agenda item that will be seen at our quarterly
9 meetings called call to Commission, and the call to Commission
10 is just an opportunity, like call to the public where
11 Commission Members can announce events or it allows for
12 comments and suggestions, but it's not intended for discussion
13 or taking up too much of the Commission's time on - like for
14 example I came up with four things I wanted to announce, but
15 at the same time, just respecting the late hour and the
16 Commission's time. So one of the items that I thought of to
17 give as an example - which I have here somewhere - is November
18 14th there is a field trip planned for Regional Park Number 4,
19 which we're calling Palo Verde Park, with the City of Maricopa
20 Mayor, council and staff, and there might be extra room for
21 Commission Members if they should want to attend, so if you
22 want to go on that field trip on November 14th, which is going
23 to start at 10:00, then please contact Director Taylor. He's
24 providing - try to provide transportation. So that's an
25 example of an announcement. Do we have any other

1 announcements from Commission Members or call to the
2 Commission? Yes.

3 RUEHL: This is Commissioner Ruehl. I would like to
4 make the announcement that the Pinal Partnership Open Space
5 and Trails Committee is now complete with their educational
6 campaign materials. If you recall at our last meeting in
7 April, co-chair of that Committee Jana Baldwin was present all
8 evening, until just now, presented to this Commission about
9 what the Open Space and Trails Committee is doing, the
10 educational campaign they are doing, and that Committee's been
11 working all summer on presenting, or putting together a
12 powerful PowerPoint presentation that can go out across the
13 County to all kinds of user groups. So I wanted to let the
14 Commissioners know that that material is complete and that
15 campaign is starting.

16 D'ABELLA: Thank you. And on the Pinal Partnership
17 Open Space and Trails Committee, I have one more announcement,
18 and that is we will be launching the next photo contest, which
19 we will be sending out a news release on the previous winners
20 hopefully tomorrow, and then also we'll send out a news
21 release on the next contest, which has already been documented
22 in our Facebook page, but the theme will be sunrises and/or
23 sunsets. I guess they can't happen at the same time, so
24 sunrises or sunsets in Pinal County, and fall/winter in Pinal
25 County. The starting date for that contest will be November

1 1st. Submissions have to be in by December 31st, and for more
2 information you can visit the Open Space and Trails
3 Committee's Facebook page. Any other announcements?
4 Comments? Okay, so how do you feel about that new agenda
5 item? Great? Okay. I see thumbs up. That's not going to
6 translate over to the audio, but okay. Item number 9 on our
7 agenda, discussion of possible future agenda items.

8 TAYLOR: So Chairman D'Abella, I'd just like to
9 congratulate the Commission for getting through to the new
10 call to Commission item without having to hear from the
11 attorney. So very good job. Very good. So I do have, in
12 addition to the three items that are there on your discussion
13 of possible future items, I have two others that are
14 potential. One would be a presentation on the planning
15 process to date on Palo Verde Regional Park, so there may be
16 an update on that, or at least enough for an agenda item and a
17 presentation. And then something that came out of the Board
18 update last week with the Board of Supervisors, and for those
19 who haven't watched the video of that or who weren't present,
20 there was an item that came from one of our Board Members that
21 there may be an item coming you - either staff or the
22 Commission or jointly, regarding some baseball fields or
23 athletic fields in San Manuel, and I just wanted to give you
24 guys a heads up. I can certainly go into greater detail
25 offline and from that presentation. That's all I have, Madam

1 Chair.

2 D'ABELLA: Okay. Any other new business?

3 BUTLER: This is Commissioner Butler. I assume
4 there'll be updates on both the CAP and the Peralta plans?

5 TAYLOR: Commissioner Butler, I would hope that
6 before that time, I would already give an update to the Board.
7 That the Board has approved those. And that's probably
8 something we didn't touch on real quick, but just so you know,
9 so what we will do now is we'll make the adjustments that have
10 come out of your discussions in those Master Plans, and then
11 we will work with the County Manager's office and the clerk of
12 the Board to schedule a work session for each of those Master
13 Plans with the Board, go to the work session, get their input
14 and make any adjustments we have to do, and then bring it back
15 to them for approval. As I do with most things that go before
16 the Board, I let you know when those dates are so you're aware
17 of when we're making those presentations.

18 D'ABELLA: Thank you. Any other future agenda item
19 ideas?

20 RUEHL: This is Commissioner Ruehl. Dare I bring up
21 whatever happened to the strategic planning process that we
22 started a year ago, and which I might remind us all that in
23 April we all - the Commission voted that yes, we thought it
24 was important and we did want to continue the process, and we
25 would even give an evening of our personal time for a work

1 session to do that. I have since been in discussions with a
2 number of people about the strategic planning process for this
3 Commission and have agreed that it's probably not a strategic
4 plan that we need to come up with, but rather have a
5 discussion and agreement on rules of - rules and
6 responsibilities that can be - that are - the beginning of the
7 defining of them is in our bylaws, but I think we can go
8 further and lay the foundation of what we expect from this
9 Commission. So maybe strategic planning was not the thing for
10 this Commission to do, but I think defining our roles and
11 responsibilities, how do we go about implementing the
12 responsibilities that we have in the bylaw, like advocacy,
13 education, as part of our responsibilities in our bylaws. So
14 to summarize, I do not - I'd like to see us continue to
15 pursue, otherwise it would be ignoring the wishes of this
16 Commission that were voiced in April.

17 D'ABELLA: Thank you Commissioner Ruehl. I will
18 address that comment. And that is give you a brief summary of
19 what has transpired from our last Commission meeting. And if
20 you'll recall, we discussed contacting the Arizona Land and
21 Water Trust because they had some funding for a strategic
22 planner, and for a strategic planning process. So we
23 contacted the Arizona Land and Water Trust to find out if that
24 money was still available, and that evolved into a
25 conversation with a facilitator with the National Park

1 Service, Cate Bradley, and discussions on what are our
2 expected outcomes on this process. When we first started, we
3 were a new Commission, we may have not had clarity on our
4 roles and responsibilities as a new Commission, and so the
5 strategic planning process just seemed like a way for us to
6 get to know each other and discuss, you know, how, you know,
7 our - how active or passive our roles are based on the bylaws
8 that were given to us, and the Open Space and Trails Master
9 Plan. So that being said, Arizona Land and Water Trust and
10 Cate Bradley came up with a one page draft document that
11 summarized the information in our bylaws, and titled it roles,
12 responsibilities and opportunities. I would like to see maybe
13 in the next future agenda in January, addressing that issue a
14 little bit further and looking at, like you say, Commissioner
15 Ruehl, a way of providing closure to the original intent of a
16 strategic planning process. I do have with me the one page
17 draft that we could look at prior to the next agenda - or next
18 meeting, and for everybody to be prepared with comments,
19 questions. We will be looking at the bylaws in the next
20 January meeting as well, correct Director Taylor? Okay, so
21 this is basically right in line with that. So if you have any
22 comments, questions, concerns about this, you can contact
23 Director Taylor or myself and we can make sure that it gets on
24 the next agenda in January. Any -

25 RUEHL: So are you adding this? Are you suggesting

1 that this be added under this item 9? Item 9, future agenda
2 items?

3 D'ABELLA: Yes. Okay. If there are no more
4 discussion or additions to the possible future agenda item, I
5 am looking for a possible motion to adjourn this meeting.

6 BROWN: Let's went.

7 D'ABELLA: What's that?

8 BUTLER: This Commissioner Butler, I move that we
9 adjourn this meeting.

10 D'ABELLA: Do we have a second?

11 STANDAGE: Second.

12 D'ABELLA: All in favor?

13 COLLECTIVE: Aye.

14 D'ABELLA: Meeting is adjourned.

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