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1           D'ABELLA: I'm calling the meeting to order, it's  
2 6:00. Okay good. And I'm going to do roll call.  
3 Commissioner Vogler.

4           VOGLER: Here.

5           D'ABELLA: Commissioner Carnes.

6           BRISTOW: He's got another meeting tonight, and he's  
7 going to ask that they change the meeting night so he'll be  
8 able to attend ours in the future.

9           CARNES: Thank you.

10          D'ABELLA: Commissioner Bristow.

11          BRISTOW: Here.

12          D'ABELLA: Commissioner Feliz.

13          FELIZ: Here.

14          D'ABELLA: Commissioner Johnson.

15          JOHNSON: Here.

16          D'ABELLA: Commissioner Standage.

17          STANDAGE: Here.

18          D'ABELLA: Commissioner Brown.

19          BROWN: Here.

20          D'ABELLA: Commissioner Butler.

21          BUTLER: Here.

22          D'ABELLA: Commissioner Ruehl.

23          RUEHL: Here.

24          D'ABELLA: And Commissioner D'Abella. Here. We  
25 have a quorum. Okay, so first I would like to introduce our

1 new Commissioner, Ernie Feliz. I've talked to you on the  
2 phone before, I don't think I've ever personally met you.

3 FELIZ: Okay.

4 D'ABELLA: Yeah, on grants for the County years ago,  
5 but it's finally great seeing a face with a name. And  
6 Director Taylor, would you like to introduce Ernie?

7 TAYLOR: Well I'm going to let Ernie do his own  
8 introduction, but just to update the Commission on what we had  
9 occur after our last meeting. Commissioner Kavathas who used  
10 to reside in the San Tan Valley had to move out of the County  
11 and no longer met the residency requires that are outlined in  
12 the bylaws, so he had to - he was forced to step down, and  
13 Supervisor Chase appointed Mr. Feliz to take his position.  
14 He'll fill the remaining portion of the two year appointment  
15 that Commissioner Kavathas had, which is basically tonight,  
16 and then he will be reappointed to a full four year term  
17 beginning in April. And then on that, I will let Mr. Feliz do  
18 his own background and introduction.

19 FELIZ: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. And I'm very happy  
20 to be here. I am Ernie Feliz and I was born and raised here  
21 in this area. I grew up, actually, on Attaway Road about an  
22 eighth of a mile from Hunt Highway - from the corner of Hunt  
23 and Attaway, and if you know - and the house is still there,  
24 my father still lives there. But I grew up there back when  
25 Hunt was almost all dirt, and if you passed by our house, we

1 even knew who you were or you were lost. And so look at it  
2 now. And so I've served - I can't remember, Mary, if you were  
3 the director when I was still on the board, the Parks and Recs  
4 Advisory Board for the city.

5 JOHNSON: I think I was - I think Jerry was.

6 FELIZ: Jerry was, and so I served on the City of  
7 Casa Grande Parks and Recreation Board and Advisory  
8 Commission, and also on the Historic District Commission for  
9 the Town of Florence. I worked for Pinal County alongside Mr.  
10 Taylor for about ten years, and worked for the Town of  
11 Florence for three years. And now I work for Gila River  
12 Healthcare in Sacaton, and I'm very excited to be here. And  
13 thank you for having me.

14 D'ABELLA: Thank you. Great to have you. Next on  
15 our agenda is the Meeting Action Report. Anybody have any  
16 questions or discussion on that? Seeing none, we'll move onto  
17 Call to the Public. This is the time for public comment, and  
18 just for your information, members of the Open Space and  
19 Trails Commission may not discuss items that are not on the  
20 agenda, therefore action item taken - action taken as a result  
21 of the public comment will be limited to directing staff to  
22 study the matter, or scheduling the matter for further  
23 consideration and decision at a later date. Is there anybody  
24 who would like to address the Commission? Seeing none, we'll  
25 move onto the Director's Report. Director Taylor.

1           TAYLOR: Thank you Chair, and first of all I just  
2 would like to say Happy New Year, and thanks to all of you for  
3 making it down to beautiful Florence for our first meeting of  
4 the year. Great to see all of you in attendance. So just a  
5 couple of things that I would like to pull off, just to expand  
6 on off the Director's Report, and then I'll take any questions  
7 if anybody has anything. So on page two under Peralta Park,  
8 the last bullet talks about some work we've been doing with  
9 our legislative consultants on a - on some changes to  
10 requirements for public health infrastructure, things like  
11 water, sewer, and those type of things, and what the required  
12 within parks. We've noticed - we noticed as we started doing  
13 some of the work on our existing parks, especially West Pinal,  
14 but more importantly we started doing the planning on Peralta  
15 Park, that that park it would be not only financially  
16 impossible to meet the State requirements, the (inaudible  
17 5:36) requirements on that infrastructure, but it just didn't  
18 make any sense for the park itself to meet those requirements.  
19 So we've been working for the last six months or so with our  
20 legislative consultants, and to find a way to inject some  
21 flexibility with those rules so that in primitive areas we can  
22 work with the public health department to determine what those  
23 public health facilities need to look like, and what those  
24 requirements are going to be. I found out this morning that  
25 that bill is written and has been sponsored. It's House Bill

1 2045, and it goes before the - I'm going to forget which one -  
2 military and public safety subcommittee, and we anticipate  
3 that that - the first committee hearing is probably going to  
4 be next week on that particular item. What the - and it's  
5 kind of a convoluted way to get a rule changed, this is  
6 whether the requirements are really on the State rules, not on  
7 a statute. But as you know, Governor Ducey's administration  
8 has an executive order that there's no new rules or rule  
9 changes imposed, so we're actually having to go through a  
10 statutory solution to get a rule changed, I think is the best  
11 way to put it. It wasn't the way we anticipated that it would  
12 have to happen, but given the current political climate, it  
13 was the most efficient way to make that happen, so I'll keep  
14 the Commission updated on that as it goes through the process.  
15 A couple of things that are under the Arizona National Scenic  
16 Trail that I wanted to point out. First of all, and I  
17 mentioned folks, I think I emailed you, but we had a wonderful  
18 partnership with Arizona Trail Association, Mountain Bike  
19 Association of Arizona, the Nature Conservancy and their  
20 (inaudible 7:40) View Ranch, which they manage for Resolution  
21 Copper, and we installed two natural material ramadas at our  
22 trail, our Arizona Trail trailheads. One on the (inaudible  
23 7:55) trailhead, and one on the Florence-Kelvin Trailhead.  
24 These ramadas are, if you think of ramada, you think of metal  
25 or wood or whatever, and cement, these are actually made with

1 mesquite posts and pine logs, and some Ocotillo cover, and  
2 completely done with volunteer help. They're fantastic  
3 looking shade structures for the area. They fit in with the  
4 surroundings absolutely beautifully, and we think we've hidden  
5 them enough so they won't get vandalized within the first few  
6 weeks, anyhow, so just it's a great project, and I know the  
7 Arizona Trail Association is looking to duplicate that process  
8 on other trailheads throughout the State. The last bullet on  
9 the Arizona Trail under my report, is something staff is  
10 pretty happy about. It's one of those solutions, we hope, to  
11 a problem that popped up. As you all know, dealing with State  
12 Land Department is sometimes a lengthy process, and can be for  
13 small businesses can be very expensive. We had a small  
14 commercial tool operator did kind of self-supportive tours,  
15 mountain bike tours on the Arizona Trail in Pinal County and  
16 had been doing them for a couple of years, but ran up against  
17 State Land in the process and some (inaudible 9:29) that made  
18 it almost impossible for him to continue that tour business in  
19 Pinal or anywhere else where they use State Trust Lands on the  
20 trail. So we actually began discussions with State Land and  
21 have in effect taken over the permit as a blanket permit for  
22 Pinal County on State Trust Lands, so that commercial tour  
23 operators don't have to go to State Land anymore, they can  
24 come through the County, and we can expedite that process. We  
25 really think, again, the Arizona Trail is a wonderful economic

1 opportunity for those communities along that, along the route.  
2 We think it - these small tour operators are, you know, bring  
3 those folks in and bring a lot to the County and the trail,  
4 and we saw this as an opportunity to take that process and the  
5 cost to those operators to a much more (inaudible 10:25)  
6 level. It does cost the County a little bit, but we think we,  
7 you know, it's we're within our budgets and we think we can  
8 recoup part of that as those tour operators continue. The  
9 permit that we got is a, you know, special land use permit.  
10 It's got a two year initial timeframe, and then a ten year  
11 renewal, so our staff's plan at this point in time is to  
12 reevaluate the permit in two years, see how it's doing, see if  
13 need to make any tweaks, and then we'll determine at that time  
14 if it's something we want to continue.

15           BROWN: That is fantastic (inaudible 11:05). I'm  
16 curious as to how you (inaudible). One is the shade  
17 structures, the other is the agreement with State Land Trust,  
18 but with the shade structures, was there any commentary from  
19 anybody that they're going to rot, they're going to be a  
20 maintenance thing. Somebody's going to go out there and set  
21 them on fire and think it's fun. All of these things, because  
22 we've had those proposals in the San Tan Mountain Regional  
23 Park, particularly which goes to replicating (inaudible 11:38)  
24 Carter's lean-to, and the view of Maricopa County Parks is  
25 well can we design it out of concrete and steel. You know,

1 how do you design (inaudible 11:51) of concrete and steel, you  
2 know. But I don't know if it's - it was represented as well  
3 this is ubiquitous. Anybody with a brain is going to want  
4 this. How did you persuade them to go, that a natural  
5 environment should have natural amenities?

6 TAYLOR: Commissioner Brown, we - actually we began  
7 this discussion a little over two years ago with the Trail  
8 Association. One of the - a couple things in at least Pinal  
9 County segment of the Arizona Trail that we lack, is we lack -  
10 or it's hard to find water resources and shade. We don't have  
11 a tree that's, you know, bigger than, you know, ten feet, if  
12 we're lucky. So - but we knew we didn't want it to be a metal  
13 structure, we knew we didn't want it to be a concrete  
14 structure to fit in with the environment, so we started  
15 outreach a couple years ago to see if we could find a template  
16 for that, and we actually reached out to Maricopa County that  
17 they, you know, were tossing around as an idea, and we took  
18 that particular design and we tweaked it a little bit. I ran  
19 it through our building safety folks to make sure on, you  
20 know, we weren't creating any issues but in safety-wise, and I  
21 can tell you those things are solid and having lifted the  
22 poles, the mesquite poles, those things aren't going anywhere.  
23 I know - I'm pretty confident of that. We have the same  
24 concerns as far as vandalism as we would any other  
25 infrastructure item we put in. I do have some concerns that

1 it becomes a bonfire at some point. But, you know, again, you  
2 never know until you try. Minimal investment, we haven't  
3 invested a whole lot in them because (inaudible 13:37)  
4 materials, doesn't cost a whole lot, and the labor was free.  
5 So we think it's, you know, we think it's a good thing to  
6 start with and we'll see how that goes and, you know, we'll  
7 adjust that thinking if we have to.

8           BROWN: I applaud you getting that done and - but  
9 the other one was State Land Trust rules for collection of  
10 fees can be abrogated if they have an intermediary, how did  
11 you pull that one off?

12           TAYLOR: I'm not sure. Actually we - it's - we had  
13 discussions with State Land and, you know, we broached the  
14 subject of some other method that might be amenable to them  
15 and still bring in revenue to the trust, so the permit fees  
16 that we - I mean for one, we pay for the special land use  
17 permit, so they're getting a fee there. They're splitting the  
18 difference on any other fees we collect, okay, 50/50 with  
19 State Land. So they're still getting a revenue stream from  
20 that, and actually from their perspective, this was a process  
21 that would have gone through the commercial leasing  
22 department, and I can tell you, a \$2400 special land use  
23 permit and their commercial leasing department falls way  
24 towards the bottom of their to-do list. So they're actually  
25 getting rid of some work, and that's what we pointed out to

1 them, is we can do the work, you still get some benefit, and  
2 if you don't do this, you're going to get nothing. So I think  
3 that's how we sold it to them and they were amenable to that.

4 BROWN: Good job.

5 D'ABELLA: Okay. Anything else that you wanted to  
6 talk about?

7 TAYLOR: No, that's it. I'm happy to answer any  
8 questions on anything else.

9 D'ABELLA: Any other questions from any of the  
10 Commission?

11 ???: I'm just glad to see they did work very well  
12 for us. Thank you.

13 TAYLOR: You're welcome.

14 JOHNSON: Mary Johnson here. I'd love to see a  
15 picture of that, if the other Commissioners members -

16 TAYLOR: Of the ramadas?

17 JOHNSON: Yeah. Yes.

18 ???: (Inaudible).

19 JOHNSON: Well I can do that as well.

20 FELIZ: I've seen the Florence/Kelvin ramada. It's  
21 really very nice.

22 TAYLOR: Oh that's right. I forgot. Ernie's seen  
23 it up close and personal. I'll be happy to show you photos of  
24 those.

25 BUTLER: This is Commissioners Butler. Cindy Ruehl

1 and I had a tour by Gina of the new proposed park, and at the  
2 end - of Palo Verde - and at the end we went by (inaudible  
3 16:27) Park and we did not drive around the whole park, as far  
4 as I understand, but on the loop we took, we did not see a  
5 single person there. So - other than the camp host staying  
6 there, so I guess I'm curious how that's going, and then have  
7 we considered other ways to get people to come there?

8 TAYLOR: Commissioner Butler, yeah we've considered  
9 other ways to (inaudible [16:58]) there, but I can't drag them  
10 there, so we are certainly doing as much outreach as we can  
11 afford. We - and I think I presented to you at the begin - in  
12 our July meeting, an overview of how much our fee collection  
13 was last year, and we're on about the same pace this year. So  
14 it definitely is - I don't think it's, I don't think it's  
15 gonna ever cover the entire operating and expense out there,  
16 but we've pretty much minimized the operations and maintenance  
17 of that facility with volunteer park hosts and volunteer work  
18 events, so I think the gap is going to be smaller going  
19 forward. Outside of, you know, other, you know, promotional  
20 opportunities that are out there that are affordable, yeah,  
21 I'm open to any suggestions.

22 BUTLER: Okay, then I have a suggestion. I believe  
23 that when we took over that park and started managing it, that  
24 people would come there and stay there for the winter, and we  
25 put in some relatively short amount of time that people could

1 stay, and I'm wondering if we could extend that or maybe  
2 extend it for certain sites or something, so that if somebody  
3 wanted to come and spend a month there or something, maybe  
4 they could. If it's not being utilized, I don't see any harm  
5 in letting people stay a longer time, I guess.

6 TAYLOR: Sure. And we could explore changing the  
7 fee schedule, which is how those days are outlined, and so you  
8 know, both day - number of days and the fee involved.

9 BUTLER: Right, I would think you would.

10 TAYLOR: But I will tell you that remember, that  
11 that's not just a camping park, so that is also a day use  
12 park. So it does get used. Not (inaudible 19:05) the day you  
13 were there?

14 BUTLER: I don't know that, but it looked like it  
15 could be utilized more than it was being that day.

16 TAYLOR: Sure. Sure.

17 D'ABELLA: Or maybe having certain spots that -

18 BUTLER: Well that's, yeah that's what I was  
19 thinking. These five spots or something could be -

20 TAYLOR: We can take a look at that, and we have  
21 committed to re-looking at the fee schedule. Remember, we  
22 just didn't (inaudible 19:31).

23 BUTLER: I realize that, I just - it was, you know,  
24 I just kind of thought wow, there must be some way to get a  
25 few more people here.

1 TAYLOR: Well, and I don't - you know, from what we  
2 hear from folks coming through, I'm not - yeah, the reason  
3 that we're staying all season is because it was free.

4 BUTLER: Right.

5 TAYLOR: Okay, so that's the message that we got  
6 from the folks that used to stay all season, and it's not  
7 going to be free in the future. We can certainly take a look  
8 at different dates and stay lengths, and different fees for  
9 longer stays and that type of thing, but I think with - again,  
10 we are not going to have sewer dump, and we're not going to  
11 have electrical, and we're not going to have individual water  
12 hookups at each of the sites. Given the - given that  
13 infrastructure item, we really see that as a - as - and what  
14 we hear from campers, is a two or three night stay, because  
15 they're not - those facilities are not there. Again, the  
16 reason they were staying for long periods of time before is  
17 because it was free and they could work around those issues.  
18 If it's not free, then I don't know where that sweet spot is.  
19 Yeah.

20 BUTLER: No, I don't either. I guess maybe just  
21 explore it.

22 TAYLOR: Sure.

23 BUTLER: And then I have another question. On the -  
24 let me get to it. There's - where you have the performance  
25 management percent of trails maintained - trying to find it.

1 And I guess I was - when we were out working on the segment of  
2 the Arizona Trail that you adopted, you were saying you were  
3 trying to get to every, you know, every part of it, every four  
4 years, but you've got the Lost Gold Mine being, it looks to me  
5 like maintained every two years, half of it every year; is  
6 there -

7 TAYLOR: Our goal is to - our goal right now is to  
8 maintain the 50 percent of our regional trails on an annual  
9 basis, so that we would be doing maintenance on all, all the  
10 miles we manage on an every two year basis.

11 BUTLER: Every two years.

12 TAYLOR: Yes ma'am.

13 BUTLER: And that in - that does include the Arizona  
14 Trail?

15 TAYLOR: Yes it does.

16 BUTLER: That's a big chunk.

17 TAYLOR: Yes, and your point?

18 BUTLER: Well, it might be difficult.

19 TAYLOR: That's what goals and targets are for.

20 BUTLER: Right, no, I guess I was surprised to see  
21 it after you having mentioned the every four year -

22 TAYLOR: No, it's always been every two.

23 BUTLER: Okay.

24 TAYLOR: That's our target.

25 D'ABELLA: Okay, any other comments or questions

1 before we move on? Okay. We have no old business, so we are  
2 moving onto new business, and we made one little slight change  
3 on the agenda. We have a presentation scheduled the fourth  
4 item down, D. I would like to move that up so that our out of  
5 town presenter doesn't have to stay for the entire meeting if  
6 she so chooses not to. And so Item D, presentation of  
7 Maximizing Economic Benefits in Natural Values in Pinal  
8 County, Tools to Identify and protect riparian areas, white  
9 paper, is being presented by Cate Bradley. And Cate was one  
10 of the authors of this particulate white paper, as well as a  
11 couple other individuals you might know from the Commission  
12 and Arizona Game and Fish. But Cate.

13 BRADLEY: Thank you, Madam Chair and good evening  
14 Commissioners. And thanks for the accommodation of the  
15 agenda. I appreciate it. This white paper describes the  
16 importance of the ecological and economic values of riparian  
17 areas and watersheds. It describes a new mapping method that  
18 could be - that could help identify priority riparian  
19 protection efforts in the County or for the County, and other  
20 tools for riparian protection. And it identifies partners  
21 that are ready and willing to help Pinal County continue to  
22 develop the most effective, efficient and beneficial riparian  
23 protection that's available at this point. And this is also  
24 an opportunity to acknowledge the efforts that the County has  
25 been involved with so far to this effort, such as the Open

1 Space and Trails Master Plan, and the Comprehensive Plan  
2 amendments in the last few years, and then the subsequent  
3 recent zoning code changes that represent the Open Space and  
4 Trails Master Plan and the Comprehensive Plan amendments, and  
5 the efforts for conservation - recognition and conservation of  
6 important natural areas. Are you driving this? Thank you.  
7 Next slide please. So much of Pinal County still looks like  
8 this. We have had great - good fortune through Light Hawk, a  
9 nonprofit, to fly over Pinal County. Much -and this is a shot  
10 from one of those flights - some of this undisturbed area is  
11 within the proposed open spaces that are identified in the  
12 master plan, some of it's not. All of these areas provide a  
13 unique opportunity for proactive land use planning and some of  
14 them could be where priority riparian protection areas are  
15 identified, which is the point, one of the main points of this  
16 white paper. Next please. So Pinal County hopefully is not  
17 new, a new image to any of you. This is the map from the Open  
18 Space and Trails Master Plan. This map provides reason, the  
19 map and the language behind - embedded in the Open Space and  
20 Trails Master Plan - it provides a reason and some tools, and  
21 opportunity to focus and make a link with how riparian  
22 protection relates to the Open Space and Trails Master Plan;  
23 one of the reasons why we are here today to talk about this  
24 work, this white paper. Next please. Next slide. So the  
25 Open Space and Trails Committee is a subcommittee of the Pinal

1 Partnership. It turned its attention to strategies for  
2 implementation of the Open Space and Trails Master Plan in  
3 2010, and in 2012, as a result of discussions and work, a  
4 report was issued by the Committee, the Open Space and Trails  
5 Committee. One of the recommendations in that report was this  
6 one to manage - for management of watersheds and natural  
7 drainage corridors. Taking that recommendation, the Natural  
8 Water Corps Protection Subcommittee was established in 2012 to  
9 look into this and started the research and discussions with  
10 other jurisdictions in Southern Arizona. All right, so this  
11 was our - the seed of our next step. Next slide please. So  
12 the subcommittee began discussion with various County staff  
13 who wanted more information regarding water shed, riparian and  
14 wash protection. The Planning and Development Director, Jerry  
15 Stabley wanted some examples. Flood Control, Mr. Blaha was -  
16 wanted to know what's missing in the codes. The Public Works  
17 Director, the new Public Works Director who was Mr. Anderson,  
18 wanted some ideas about what's being done elsewhere. And the  
19 County Manager, Mr. Stanley, wanted to see all this in a white  
20 paper, and so here's our second reason for conducting this  
21 white paper research. So the next slide, please. So we, as a  
22 subcommittee, put together what the goals of this white paper  
23 are. It's to raise awareness. Awareness of the values of  
24 natural water courses in riparian areas. To encourage and  
25 facilitate discussion of these values and the cost of

1 protecting riparian areas, and consequently, the costs of not  
2 doing that. To provide tools and examples to guide further  
3 discussion and action to maximize the values and reduce costs,  
4 and to provide next step recommendations. So our Committee  
5 believes these goals are aligned with the overall goals of the  
6 Open Space and Trails Master Plan, and once again, that's why  
7 we wanted to present this information to you, especially as it  
8 relates to the proposed open space areas. So the next slide  
9 please. Why riparian protection? You know, what does -this  
10 might - may be considered a little outside your wheelhouse,  
11 and I want to try and convince you that it's right there. So  
12 the next slide please. In the research for this open space -  
13 this white paper, we came across economic values for riparian  
14 protection. Riparian protection in some parlance is known  
15 as green infrastructure, as opposed to gray infrastructure,  
16 the built environment for managing the conveyance of storm  
17 water and natural water, water. So one of the values is clean  
18 water, filtration of pollutions. If you just hit forward.  
19 Thank you. It improves the water supply by recharging the  
20 aquifer. It helps to reduce the amount of extreme flooding  
21 events, ponding and fissures. It promotes and increases  
22 opportunity for recreation, and as a result, reduced  
23 healthcare costs. Some of that is the County's business  
24 because there is some health - the health department is  
25 involved. Green infrastructure provides wildlife habitat,

1 which provides movement corridors from - necessary for  
2 maintaining healthy populations within the herds. And the  
3 corridors are from one landscape block to another. Like the  
4 mountain ranges are the landscape blocks, the riparian  
5 corridors are usually the movement corridors. And reduced  
6 energy costs. Green infrastructure helps to reduce the  
7 affects of heat island, urban heat island, and increases  
8 property values. In proximity to these protected areas, the  
9 cost of property is more - is higher. The next slide please.  
10 So what does this have to do with the Open Space and Trails  
11 Master Plan? Next slide please. Here's the map again. I  
12 want to read a passage from the Open Space and Trails Master  
13 Plan that describes open space areas, and I quote, "These are  
14 areas that have a high to medium habitat value, which includes  
15 substantial vegetation, important natural or geologic  
16 features, and biological movement corridors and habitat and -  
17 I'm sorry - and habitat include areas designated as critical  
18 habitat. I think I might have a typo in there, sorry. And  
19 large undisturbed expanses of land, such as mountain ranges,  
20 river corridors, perennial streams and open desert areas.  
21 Needing quality habitat may include washes near to developed  
22 areas where land may be more fragmented, but where water and  
23 food for wildlife may be available. That's on - that comes  
24 from page 35. So the natural water course protection  
25 subcommittee, this group that authored the white paper, is

1 advocating that the County's natural resource management  
2 philosophy from the Open Space and Trails Master Plan should  
3 and can be tied to economic benefits - the economic benefits  
4 mentioned before delineating what the values of green  
5 infrastructure are, and therefore can and should be tied to  
6 economic development. And so we're saying this discussion  
7 should be part of the economic development discussion within  
8 the County, and identification of priority riparian areas for  
9 protection, it's a good start. Next slide please. These -  
10 the three categories that I'm about to explain are recognized  
11 and accepted standard practices within the profession, and  
12 they include the hydro-riparian area, think of rivers, where -  
13 that are generally associated with perennial watercourses, the  
14 meso-riparian area, think of creeks that are associated with  
15 perennial or intermittent watercourses, or shallow ground  
16 water, and the xero-riparian area, think of dry washes. These  
17 are supported by intermittent and/or ephemeral stream flows  
18 that enjoy an increased amount of water available to plants  
19 beyond that of what - of direct rainfall. So the point that  
20 we want to drive home here is that the categorization of  
21 riparian area has to do with the density of the vegetative  
22 matter around it. And that's going to be an important concept  
23 to remember as I explain the new mapping methodology that we -  
24 that was created as a result of this. So these images - I'm  
25 sorry one more thing, Kent - these images show the difference

1 between the hydro on the left, very dense throughout the whole  
2 channel, a vegetative cover, the meso-riparian area where it's  
3 more dispersed but within the channel, and the xerok [34:42],  
4 the xerok environments where the vegetation is on the edges.  
5 So the next slide please. So the subcommittee wanted to  
6 identify what the highest priority riparian and wildlife areas  
7 are in the County, and this is in an attempt to aid land use  
8 decision-making on where development - where to develop, or  
9 where to avoid or minimize development. So new mapping  
10 methodology was developed in this effort by GIS specialist Ben  
11 Hickson. The first - the top two images are data sets that  
12 are typically used. The one on the left is the U.S. Fish and  
13 Wildlife Service data set for riparian areas in Arizona. The  
14 one on the right, the magenta, is Arizona Game & Fish. The  
15 one on the bottom left is coming from the U.S. Forest Service.  
16 So this was the available information for riparian corridors  
17 that has been typically used by people who want to map this,  
18 including developers and consultants and hydrologists and so  
19 on. The image on the bottom right is what's new. This is the  
20 image of the new mapping methodology, and what happened with  
21 this is that Ben improved the accuracy of the three data sets  
22 in order to help understand how the zeruk areas, as well as  
23 the hydro and mezzo areas relate within a riparian channel or  
24 system. So the existing mapping methods did not get to this  
25 level of information, and therefore we can't really have that

1 discussion using these data sets, the existing - the prior  
2 data sets, about what would be a priority riparian area in the  
3 County. So this new mapping methodology shows us those  
4 tributary channels that are coming into the main stem so that  
5 we can begin to have discussions of the - so what, so what do  
6 they mean? What their value? Next slide please. So using  
7 this new riparian mapping model, so you begin to see that  
8 chartreuse that's coming, that was indicated in the last slide  
9 where those are that - that's that xerok - the xerok areas,  
10 together with other data layers that we have, which includes  
11 the Open Space and Trails Master Plan, we'll see some of that  
12 - it's the hatched area that's corridor like looking, and the  
13 wildlife corridors from the Arizona Game & Fish, is that  
14 purplish color there, some flood prone areas in blue, so we're  
15 doing overlapping in just this one section - this is over by  
16 Ironwood National Monument - to begin to see what? What are  
17 we looking at here? So we've got a lot of flood prone area,  
18 we've got major wildlife blocks, and we've got that xerok  
19 riparian area popping out, so we can begin to see, well where  
20 would it make sense to develop in this area, or where really  
21 should we have maybe some discussions of maybe not so much.  
22 I'm not saying that that's the result of this, I'm saying this  
23 is what came out of this new mapping methodology that can be  
24 applied across the County. Let me make sure that I have  
25 covered what I wanted to say about that. So this allows us to

1 have a higher level of discussion regarding development plans,  
2 or land use and management decisions. This information can  
3 inform planning and management decisions for riparian or flood  
4 prone areas and wildlife corridors, and maximize economic  
5 benefits. I mean if we didn't have this information and we're  
6 developing in flood prone areas, we're really not maximizing  
7 our economic benefits, we're asking for trouble. We're asking  
8 for mitigation problems. And the County Manager asked - has  
9 agreed to work with this mapping methodology to see what  
10 emerges across the County. He's not making any promises, he's  
11 just saying let's see what it gives us. Next slide please.  
12 So there are some key outcomes that came from this white paper  
13 that we have presented to County staff. I'll get to that in a  
14 minute. One of the key outcomes is that we've spelled out the  
15 definition of the riparian category, so we're on the same -  
16 we're asking that we all be on the same page about the hydro,  
17 meso and xerok riparian areas. We also uncovered economic  
18 values of riparian areas, or brought them forward to say wait,  
19 these things have some values and there is some new work that  
20 is actually attributing monetary quantification values to  
21 those green infrastructure values that I mentioned. We  
22 identified the need for review of existing Pinal policies,  
23 codes, guidelines and regulations, just to see if any of them  
24 are competing with each other, or blocking each other from  
25 moving forward. We created the new mapping methodology that I

1 just talked to you about, we expanded existing - we examined  
2 existing protection policies in other communities - so it's  
3 been done, we're not reinventing the wheel. We've identified  
4 green infrastructure program tools, mostly through EPA  
5 programs, and we conducted - and this I think I'm most proud  
6 of - we conducted stakeholder reviews in meetings, especially  
7 with developers in the Pinal Partnership members and board, so  
8 that we brought that community along in this discussion. I  
9 don't want to suggest that they endorse this wholeheartedly.  
10 They had to do a lot of soul-searching to decide whether they  
11 wanted any affiliation with this or not, and in the end they  
12 came out saying we at least want to be a part of this  
13 discussion. We do not want to be left out of this discussion,  
14 we want to be part of this discussion. You know, this has  
15 changed, this is new information, and change is hard to  
16 accommodate sometimes. So our summary to date is that this  
17 subcommittee has met with County staff and asked, requested  
18 that the mapping be complete with the help of major assistance  
19 from partners. That's ongoing as far as I understand. That  
20 the County would conduct a code review to assess if existing  
21 codes block support or could include open space protection  
22 management philosophy of riparian and wildlife protection, so  
23 that this would go on in the Community Development Department,  
24 Public Works, Flood Control and others. And that there would  
25 be a review of other cities and counties in Arizona that have

1 riparian protection programs that could further enhance land  
2 use decisions in the County. The major advantage that this  
3 County has is that you don't have to retrofit. Maricopa and  
4 Pima are already behind the eight ball in such a big way. The  
5 next slide, please. So we - this is - our presentation  
6 calendar about this white paper has been that we have  
7 presented to the Pinal Partnership Open Space Trail - and  
8 Trails Committee, and to the Pinal Partnership Board of  
9 Directors, and it was successful. Again, I'm not going to say  
10 it was a slam dunk, but we have engaged them in this  
11 discussion and they're still part of it. We presented to the  
12 Pinal Partnership for review and they provided a letter of  
13 comments back about where their concerns are, so now we know  
14 what to talk about. We have presented to the County Manger  
15 and staff, and as I said, to my knowledge Mr. Stanley has  
16 requested his staff to move forward on what we asked of them.  
17 We're presenting to you tonight right on schedule - is it  
18 still January? Yes. And then we will present to the Pinal  
19 County Board of Supervisors, because remember one of our goals  
20 is to raise awareness. I'm not entirely sure of what we're  
21 asking of them yet, or if anything, but our goal is to raise  
22 awareness about what we have found. We feel this information  
23 is really critical for decision-making, informed decision-  
24 making and then the partners involved with conservation, open  
25 space, trails, parks planning, are always ready to serve. And

1 so the next slide - thanks. Our request of you - you knew  
2 that was coming, I bet - we ask you to encourage the County to  
3 complete the riparian area mapping and to identify, to begin  
4 that process of identifying priority riparian protection areas  
5 involved in order to implement the Open Space and Trails  
6 Master Plan as robustly and as intelligently as possible. We  
7 ask that you consider, maybe even study, and then promote what  
8 the economic values are of riparian areas and open space areas  
9 as a County management philosophy. We ask that you discuss  
10 and comment on County land use planning considerations as they  
11 relate to the Open Space and Trails Master Plan. I'm just  
12 going to presume that you already - each one of you already  
13 assumes that that's part of your role as a Commissioner, but I  
14 didn't want to just assume. So I'm asking. We ask that you  
15 engage with the Planning and Zoning Commission to increase  
16 their awareness of the Open Space and Trails Master Plan, and  
17 the components or the research, the documents that have been  
18 created to back that up - the economic benefits of open space  
19 that came from the Trust for Public Land, this white paper.  
20 We're beginning to pull in new information in order to make  
21 better decisions about what Pinal County can be. And finally  
22 we're asking you to consider effective ways to advocate for  
23 open space and riparian area protection with your supervisors.  
24 And finally, thank you. Thank you so much for your service as  
25 Commissioners, for taking on this added level of

1 responsibility in your life and representing and advocating  
2 for Open Space and Trails, and hopefully riparian protection  
3 in Pinal County. I've brought copies of the white paper, a  
4 copy of each one of you, in case you wanted to use it to work  
5 with your Supervisors. And I have extra copies. May I?

6 Madam Chair

7 D'ABELLA: Yes.

8 BRADLEY: Okay. This is - if you want to use it to  
9 talk with others, or leave it with them. And I'm happy to  
10 answer some questions. Any questions?

11 STANDAGE: Yes I have some. (Inaudible) get ready.

12 BRADLEY: And thank you so much for your time.

13 STANDAGE: Okay Cate, as I was watching the three  
14 categories you were listing, it seemed to me that some of the  
15 riparians that actually fit into several categories as the  
16 stream flows downhill. The example being Queen Creek. You  
17 know -

18 BRADLEY: Oh yes, yes.

19 STANDAGE: You go up to Superior you've got more of  
20 a meso, but when you get down to the highway, you know, down  
21 there at Florence Junction, it's changed over to just a xero.  
22 And that's - I was just wondering, you hadn't discussed that,  
23 but I figured that was in your mind.

24 BRADLEY: Well I really appreciate you making that  
25 example in particular, Mr. Standage, because it's exactly the

1 point. It is a whole system and to fragment that system is -  
2 we don't know what the consequences are at the very bottom of  
3 the stream, but that unintended consequence is definitely  
4 something that I think we can talk more about, because of the  
5 research of this subcommittee and others across the country  
6 trying to really understand this.

7           STANDAGE: Okay. And my second question is do you  
8 have a couple of cards I can give to people I have contact  
9 with in Apache Junction?

10           BRADLEY: I do.

11           STANDAGE: Okay. Because what you're saying is  
12 right along lines of what I've talked with, like the director  
13 of development services, or even parks and rec.

14           BRADLEY: Want some more?

15           STANDAGE: Yes. Yes. And they're getting, right  
16 now ASU's coming over to help work on the trails, the two will  
17 do. So I'm looking at maybe if the director may want to have  
18 you come up and do a presentation to a number of the people  
19 involved.

20           BRADLEY: Happy to do that. And once again, thanks  
21 for that segue. Pinal County's not alone in doing this.  
22 Everyone is really taking a look at the next layer deep of  
23 what happens when we disturb a riparian system. Yes, Mr.  
24 Gordon.

25           BROWN: It's kind of interrelated question and what

1 - confirmation that I'm looking at things right. Is I like  
2 what you said that we have an advantage that we're not as  
3 built out as Maricopa and Pima. And I also see that we have  
4 an advantage in that we have big blocks of land that are owned  
5 by State Land Trust that gives us a chance to have this map  
6 taken to heart before it is sold, because it gets sold that  
7 intends to develop it, and if you take that away later, you're  
8 - they say I bought that so I could make money. You took my  
9 money away, you owe me. But - and so there's a factor in the  
10 mapping that I'm wondering to what degree is being taken into  
11 account, and Wayne's question allowed for it. Interruptions,  
12 and then also I know like the nature conservancy takes it into  
13 account in their formula, is it salvageable? Can it be done.  
14 Like not - a little beyond an ownership map where you can see  
15 houses in development sitting there, but a zoning map that if  
16 you have a riparian area that's interrupted by land that's  
17 been sold and is zoned for a purpose, it has been interrupted.  
18 You just don't see it yet because the bulldozers haven't shown  
19 up, but the zoning, if it's in place, somebody is entitled to  
20 do that disruption, have those kind of things been taken into  
21 the account in the mapping?

22 BRADLEY: No is the quick answer to that. But I  
23 also want to clarify that that new mapping process in theory  
24 is intended to help the County understand okay, look this is  
25 where our priority riparian areas are, for whatever reason -

1 intrinsic value, green infrastructure, flood control, whatever  
2 - and so in theory the County will have a map that says not  
3 here, just not here, and if it's adopted it's got a leg to  
4 stand on. You know, Pima County, when they did their  
5 conservation map, the Sonoran Desert Conservation Map, because  
6 of the pygmy owl and the problems that were happening 15 years  
7 ago, the results of the map that happened from all the  
8 research that went into that map was not here for development.  
9 Here, you know we don't have that much to say about this or  
10 other things to say about this, but not here. So now there  
11 was less uncertainty about the development game. Stay away  
12 from that or be prepared for much, much higher levels of  
13 compliance and mitigation. So we didn't go anywhere near  
14 zoning, Gordon, we needed to I keep this as neutral as  
15 possible in order to bring the new information forward.

16           BROWN: I applaud what you've done, I just - I'm  
17 always looking for weaknesses and the weakness would be if  
18 you're lobbying to save this one, on down the stream, and  
19 somewhere up the stream has zoning that is an entitlement to  
20 do something that's going to disrupt that, that's going to  
21 have affect downstream. And so if you're saying well you  
22 can't develop that because that's - you're getting into this  
23 mitigation factors, you're - I think you're vulnerable to the  
24 argument that it's - the damage was already done decades ago,  
25 you just haven't seen it yet because nobody's actually put it

1 in place. So I think there's a - there's one more level of  
2 the mapping and then I think need to get State Land Trust to  
3 take this serious, because I think you got - as hard as State  
4 Land Trust might be to get along with, somebody that bought  
5 that land with the idea for developing it and making money,  
6 when they own it and they are intent on developing it, and  
7 then you say would you be willing to buy into this program  
8 that's going to prevent you from developing, I don't think  
9 you're going to get a receptive audience. Whereas with State  
10 Land Trust, you're dealing with a much bigger area and they  
11 can look at it from the overall value. With an individual  
12 developer, he's saying what's this going to cost me, you know,  
13 and he's more concerned often with that, than he is the bigger  
14 picture. So I applaud what you're doing, but I - it's a lot  
15 of work you cut out for yourself.

16 BRADLEY: Thank you.

17 RUEHL: Can I comment on that? Madam Chair, can I  
18 comment on that?

19 D'ABELLA: Okay, yes. Then we'll go to Commissioner  
20 Bristow. Go ahead.

21 RUEHL: I don't know. I'm really pretty naïve about  
22 how public administration, public policy works. But I would  
23 think, yes, State Land is the landowner, but isn't the County  
24 the one that decides how the land will be developed, through  
25 things like guidelines, codes, ordinances, zoning?

1           BROWN: Not retroactively they don't.

2           RUEHL: No. Not just in the first part of your  
3 question, but the second part when you made the comment about  
4 getting State Land Department on board. It seems to me -  
5 because they have a big chunk of land here - it seems to me  
6 that if we have that - this opportunity here, imagine that's  
7 State Land and probably is, and that if the County had - that  
8 had mapped, had looked at their code, done code review, and  
9 taken a look at prioritizing these places, and looked at it  
10 before the bulldozer hit, or before there was a particular  
11 zoning in there, or codes in there, then we have that  
12 opportunity, even though that's State Land, to say what can  
13 and can't be done with that.

14           BROWN: Well I was looking for that report to do  
15 that, rather than the County. The County could definitely  
16 reinforce that.

17           RUEHL: Okay.

18           BROWN: To where when State Trust is looking at  
19 proposals, because they'll get a proposal for development  
20 before they sell the land. They don't sell the land without  
21 any idea of what's going to be done with it. To where it has  
22 to meet a certain criteria in accordance with your survey, and  
23 that's taken into account as to what proposals would be  
24 entertained by State Land Trust. Is that, is that feasible?

25           BRADLEY: My understanding, Mr. Brown, is that

1 developers do a lot of due diligence before they go the State  
2 Land Department to find out how much it might cost them. I  
3 think they do a very thorough examination of what kind of  
4 codes and ordinances and guidelines they're up against in the  
5 jurisdiction within which they're going to be filing for their  
6 permits. So I appreciate the hypothetical that you're talking  
7 about, and it's - I agree with you, it is the next level. It  
8 was not the intention of this document, and I just want to  
9 repeat, the intention of this document was to raise awareness  
10 and to begin a dialogue, and to begin a dialogue within a safe  
11 enough environment that it would be a broad audience. And  
12 one, I think one of our crowning success was that we kept the  
13 development community involved and engaged in a way that I've  
14 been begging for for 20 years, and it's not over yet. And  
15 another thing I want to say is that the consultants that serve  
16 the developers, they've been through the same education  
17 process I have. They know what, you know - they're - those  
18 planned area developments now, they know hydrology, they know  
19 that they have to open space, they know what they need to do  
20 in order to appease, and to get to yes, and we're saying that  
21 those - that mitigation might be much more expensive than just  
22 actually leaving it alone and building around it in certain  
23 ways or another. So there's still so, so much more to talk  
24 about, but first we had to - we have to just keep everyone  
25 coming forward together. Because if we lose that, it's an

1 uphill battle, and we're not going to get anywhere and we've  
2 been way too - we've lost way too much time doing it that way.

3 D'ABELLA: So the awareness factor really does help  
4 the development community because when they're penciling it  
5 out, they will realize hey, this is where we could work within  
6 our criteria, parameters, as opposed to here. And I know  
7 Commissioner Bristow had a comment.

8 BRISTOW: Yeah, I was just wondering, you had a  
9 section there where you were speaking to the economic values  
10 (inaudible). Do you have a structure now where that is, you  
11 know, a piece of paper with 15 checkmarks, or how do you -

12 BRADLEY: Yeah. Thank you for asking that, because  
13 that's where the nerd in me really comes out. I'm going to  
14 try and calm down to answer this. In 2012, the Harvard  
15 graduate school took on a partnership with the National  
16 Professional Associations of Engineer, Civil Engineers, to  
17 really quantify what the values of those - of those benefits  
18 could be in a calculated kind of way, if you were to run the  
19 numbers, and they did it so that it could be a spreadsheet  
20 connected to auto CAD. So they were working within the  
21 environment that the engineering community works in, to reduce  
22 as many objections to how do you do that, I don't know how to  
23 do that, it fits into their software and their hardware to  
24 spit out. If you do it with gray infrastructure, the built  
25 environment, it will cost you this, your maintenance costs are

1 this over a 20 year - you know, they did the whole O&M  
2 projections, compared to if you were to do these - the green  
3 infrastructure. And so there is a comparative tool for  
4 engineers to use to say okay, here - to use a menu-like option  
5 to say this method here, this method here, we're going back to  
6 what's tried and true here.

7 BRISTOW: This was more related to recreating it if  
8 you lost it, type thing. What the cost would be, is that?

9 BRADLEY: Actually, it's not so much what - how do  
10 recreate it, it's the value of carbon sequestration. The  
11 value of infiltration. The value of erosion control. The  
12 value of storm water management. I did an urban forestry  
13 study in Fort Worth many years ago with a private consultant  
14 to find out about, you know, the value of their urban tree  
15 stand, and what we learned is that half of the urban forest  
16 was on private property in backyards, and Ft. Worth - if that  
17 can't - if that urban forest - if those urban forest  
18 components were not there, those units were not there, the  
19 cost of creating an infrastructure for flood control in Ft.  
20 Worth would bankrupt them. And this was happening when they  
21 were experiencing Dutch elm disease - all these big beautiful  
22 southern elms, and so pronto yesterday they started a public  
23 education process about how to manage your tree in your  
24 backyard. So this - it's been churning really slowly, and  
25 then all of a sudden 2012 it took off, and as a matter of fact

1 there was the National Association of Civil Engineers - I'm  
2 getting it wrong right now, because I don't have the notes in  
3 front of me - but they had their national conference in  
4 Phoenix last September and that information was on the agenda.  
5 So it's come - in 2012 it was created, beta tested, 2015,  
6 rolled out to push out to the chapters of look, this is other  
7 things to consider, civil engineers.

8 D'ABELLA: Well the mapping methodology that you  
9 discussed in your presentation could be used as a tool to plug  
10 into those equations.

11 BRADLEY: Yeah. Or those equations can be used side  
12 by side with the results of this mapping methodology to say mm  
13 wow. Here, like for instance if there's big development  
14 happening here, and Gordon's, you know, watershed up here, is  
15 messed with, what's the flood impacts down here. Those kind  
16 of scenarios can be at least talked about, if we can't predict  
17 the future, look into a crystal ball.

18 JOHNSON: (Inaudible) comment too. Mary Johnson  
19 here. Had a question if you have, can cite some examples of  
20 Arizona cities and counties that have adopted strong riparian  
21 protection area documents or have them in place that would  
22 serve as a good starting point for?

23 BRADLEY: Yeah. They are identified in the white  
24 paper, in the appendices and so too bad I don't have that in  
25 my -

1 D'ABELLA: 34.

2 BRADLEY: Thank you, page - yep, page 34. So we  
3 looked at Maricopa County, we looked at the - we looked at  
4 Pima County, Santa Cruz County, cities of Scottsdale,  
5 Surprise, Tucson, and that's where we began to see oh wow,  
6 this is - we don't really have to reinvent the wheel here.  
7 Yeah, there - they're, especially Pima County, really dug in.  
8 After they got the conservation plan mapped out, they just  
9 have kept going and kept going. Yeah. And one more thing.  
10 The flood - the Pima County Flood Control District struggled  
11 for - when I was first coming into this field, I was working  
12 as a consultant and the flood - the civil engineers were  
13 really struggling because Pima County Parks and Rec was saying  
14 look, those river corridors, they could be these wonderful  
15 trail linkage opportunities, and you know, flood control  
16 district, your taxing district, it's a public benefit, we  
17 should maybe be able to tap into your monies for that, and  
18 they were like over my dead body. Flood control money goes  
19 for flood control and safety and all that, a 15 year  
20 discussion, and now it's sort of like 5-10 percent goes to  
21 that recreation benefit and early 2000s this amazing  
22 transportation/flood control/parks and recreation partnership  
23 happened at the Brandi Fenton Park which is this, you know,  
24 flagship park now that's pretty great in Pima County. And so  
25 that interdepartmental - let's make all ships rise here - can

1 totally happen.

2 RUEHL: I just wanted to point out but on page 17 of  
3 the report gives a synopsis of a couple of those (inaudible)  
4 infrastructure programs Cate was talking about, and references  
5 if you're interested.

6 BRADLEY: That are imbedded in the Environmental  
7 Protection Agency.

8 STANDAGE: Commissioner Standage again.

9 BRADLEY: Yes.

10 STANDAGE: I noticed you guys looked at Scottsdale,  
11 but isn't Scottsdale kind of like a gray structure? I'm going  
12 back through the years, because they do a lot of flood control  
13 as they bring it down, and some of the subdivisions way up  
14 there at the 101, they all have the wash that's a zero, but  
15 yet you've got a big subdivision built right next to it. So  
16 it - they're like trying to deal with two different concepts,  
17 aren't' they?

18 BRADLEY: Well that is the challenge of retrofit.

19 STANDAGE: That's what I mean. I'm going back -

20 BRADLEY: And so Scottsdale doesn't have codes  
21 specifically for riparian buffers, but they have policies that  
22 encourage and incentivize 100 foot buffers around all riparian  
23 areas, you know. So there are four bullets in the Scottsdale  
24 section of what they are doing within their legal limits, and  
25 within the political tolerance of the community, and within

1 the realities of being able to retrofit something.

2 STANDAGE: Yeah, thank you.

3 D'ABELLA: Okay, any other?

4 BUTLER: Commissioner Butler. Cate, I think you  
5 said that you thought that the County was doing the mapping  
6 and code review.

7 BRADLEY: Can I ask?

8 BUTLER: Director Taylor, do you have any idea if  
9 they've - if they're doing that? I don't know, if you would.

10 TAYLOR: I don't have an update. I know that - I  
11 believe Public Works was reaching out to some consultants on  
12 the code review. I do not know what the status of the mapping  
13 project is yet. It's really in someone else's wheelhouse, not  
14 mine.

15 BUTLER: No, I just (inaudible).

16 TAYLOR: But I can certainly get you that  
17 information.

18 D'ABELLA: Maybe as a future agenda item we could  
19 have -

20 TAYLOR: I would hope to have it to you before that,  
21 an update.

22 D'ABELLA: Okay.

23 BUTLER: As to whether it's taking place. But maybe  
24 a future agenda item to find out what they're, what they're  
25 finding as they're doing the code review or the mapping?

1           TAYLOR: I would keep you involved in that process  
2 as it goes through, yeah. Definitely.

3           BUTLER: Okay, and then there were a lot of - there  
4 were a lot of other recommendations and I guess I was curious  
5 as maybe which one of those you thought was the highest  
6 priority for the County, that they haven't already sort of  
7 committed to do, at least as our understanding that they're  
8 doing.

9           BRADLEY: Well, I think that the mapping is the  
10 first - you know, a picture tells a thousand - is worth a  
11 thousand words, so really understanding what's going on at the  
12 County level so that we can begin to say okay, so what?  
13 What's next. And if a code review does happen, to really take  
14 a look at can any of these - do any of these codes conflict  
15 with each other? Can any of these codes really be expressed  
16 that management philosophy of we're serious about riparian  
17 protection in this County. So I think that that's enough on  
18 their plate for now. I am satisfied with doing that. I'm  
19 looking at the other recommendations, review the policies.  
20 The EPA has the programs that I talked about. Identifying a  
21 taskforce, I think that we're not there right now. I don't  
22 think we have enough information to convene a taskforce for  
23 that. I guess if anything, if I were queen and my wish list  
24 would be that we find ways to have continued meaningful  
25 discussions with the development community because, you know,

1 all of this is going to take funding and we all know that the  
2 state of public finance is not wholesome right now, so we need  
3 to have discussions of how are we going to do this? How are  
4 we going to do this so as much as possible everyone's held  
5 harmless. And I think that's going to take a lot of cups of  
6 coffee with unusual table companions. Sorry for that  
7 metaphor. It's going to take a long time. But we've made  
8 good inroads.

9 D'ABELLA: Okay. Thank you very much. You've been  
10 extremely informative, and I've been waiting two years to see  
11 this presentation. So it was - the work that you all have  
12 done has just been incredible, and I know a lot of time and  
13 effort went into this. And know for a goal to raise awareness  
14 and get the stakeholders to the table, you know, the County to  
15 the table, helping our Advisory Commission understand how the  
16 riparian and watersheds affect our Open Space and Trails  
17 Master Plan, I think is critical to how we advise in the  
18 future as well, because it all affects what we've been asked  
19 to accomplish here, and so helping us understand that has just  
20 been a great learning lesson for me.

21 BRADLEY: Thank you very much, and you know if I had  
22 a request of you, it would be feedback of how can this be made  
23 more simple, because you all are above - you know, you're not  
24 the average bear, but we need to get this information out to  
25 the residents of the County so that they can decide whether or

1 not they want to care about this. Because I don't know what  
2 the mechanisms for implementation of this are going to be, but  
3 we know that hardly any of them are that easy to swallow, you  
4 know, taxes or whatever; codes, things that people don't like  
5 to hear about, but we may need to have those public  
6 discussions in order to figure out what do we have to work  
7 with here. So if there were any parts of this that you were  
8 like what? I'd love to hear about it so that we can improve  
9 on the presentations. Thank you.

10 D'ABELLA: What was helpful to me was the layering  
11 and the green map infrastructure, because you know, we've been  
12 looking at the Pinal Count open Space and Trails Master Plan  
13 map for years and trying to understand that for years, and  
14 we've had fly overs, and when you do the fly overs, you can  
15 see those ribbons of green. You know, you can see how the  
16 landscape is affected. When you're on the ground, it's really  
17 hard to see that. So seeing that map that you were showing  
18 with the different colors, and the different layers, and how  
19 it affects the wildlife corridor and the flood areas, and  
20 that's what helped me really understand it. And it took me a  
21 while looking at it just to kind of get it all. But I think  
22 that that mapping methodology is just critical to  
23 understanding the importance of it.

24 BRADLEY: Thank you.

25 RUEHL: And if I could just follow-up and just make

1 clear that the picture that Cate showed and the references in  
2 the white paper is a little area on which our GIS expert  
3 demonstrated the new model. So don't think for a minute that  
4 this has already been done throughout the whole County.  
5 That's what we're asking the County to do. And it's a  
6 monumental task. I think it took Pima County a couple of  
7 years, but it's doable and I think with this model it's even  
8 better than what's been done in the past in any other County.  
9 But that's what we need to work towards across the whole  
10 County.

11           ???: Cate, I need (inaudible).

12           JOHNSON: Last comment. Cate, I was thinking as you  
13 were speaking - and again, this is Mary Johnson - I thought it  
14 was good that you kept it in simplistic forms and used it as  
15 an educational tool and brought in the 5Ws, why, and you know,  
16 that type of, you know, message I think relates well to people  
17 where their eyes aren't glazing over, like you say, and I  
18 think like if you take it out to others or to the community,  
19 that this is a - it's not so abstract. You keep it really  
20 simple, in simplistic terms like you did this evening, and  
21 even maybe dissect it a little more, depending on your  
22 audience. So I think that was helpful.

23           BRADLEY: Thank you. Thanks so much for the  
24 feedback.

25           D'ABELLA: Okay. Well thank you and have a safe

1 drive home. Okay. Next under agenda is  
2 Discussion/Approval/recommendation on our Regional Trail Logo  
3 Contest. Director Taylor, can you share those photos on the  
4 overhead so we could see them?

5 TAYLOR: Madam Chair, Commissioners, I think I sent  
6 you the whole packet so you should have - should have seen  
7 them in the packet. I didn't put these in any strategic order  
8 or anything else, just as what we received. As you know after  
9 our last meeting, we did do a few different press releases,  
10 social media releases, contacted both schools through our  
11 public health liaison program, so high schools and grade  
12 schools, through that mechanism, contacted CAC and (inaudible  
13 [1:16:24]) through communications throughout their  
14 organization. And I know that several of you through  
15 (inaudible) and partners also put that information out for  
16 public consumption. I have to say that I was hoping for just  
17 thousands and thousands of submittals; as you can see, we did  
18 not get thousands and thousands of submittals. And it's  
19 really, as I explained to both the Chair and the Vice Chair,  
20 it's really up to the Commission on how you want to move  
21 forward looking at what we have. If you've got something we  
22 think we can work with, or if you want to take a break and re-  
23 do this at a later time, that would be up to - or some variety  
24 or variation of that - it would be up to you. So I'm not sure  
25 how you want to go. Do you want me to scroll through these?

1 Okay. So - that's scrolling too fast, isn't it? The first  
2 two I think you can tell are from the same author.

3           ??: What flower?

4           TAYLOR: Yeah, I knew somebody would ask me that, I  
5 don't know what flower that is. I didn't draw that so - the,  
6 I think this particular entry and his submittal, the  
7 gentleman's submittal, this is a four color version, which is  
8 what we asked for. This is not. Okay, so it's got additional  
9 color. His recommendation was to use something with more  
10 colors because it stood out more, so. And please let me know  
11 if you want me to stop anywhere. As you can tell, we did  
12 reach some of the youth audience from the submittals. Which I  
13 was happy to see. I think this - the next three, I think  
14 they're all the same, or virtually the same, just with color.  
15 So you can get an idea so what they look like with color.  
16 Again, it was submitted in four color and more than four  
17 color. Who sees the camel here?

18           ??: I see the camel.

19           TAYLOR: Okay, thank you. I thought it was me when  
20 I looked at it, but...well you flunked. The attorney flunked.  
21 And then these three are - the last three I think are all  
22 variations pretty much of the same thing, just a little bit  
23 different colors and verbiage. And that is all.

24           D'ABELLA: Thank you. I mean personally I like the  
25 combination of natural habitat incorporated with the water,

1 incorporated with vegetation, and it's almost like I want to  
2 take a little from different ones and put it all together  
3 because I like the map of the County, I like, you know,  
4 certain things of each one, but how do you all feel about the  
5 entries? Any comments? Any ideas for moving forward? Okay.

6 STANDAGE: One comment, please.

7 D'ABELLA: Thank you.

8 STANDAGE: Weren't some of those first ones, Kent,  
9 are those more computer generated than?

10 TAYLOR: Commissioner Standage, I - yeah, you're  
11 beyond my scope of intelligence as far as artwork. Yeah.

12 STANDAGE: (Inaudible) fair to some of the others  
13 which are obviously more hand-drawn.

14 TAYLOR: Yes, but quite - I mean depending on the  
15 person submitting, I mean they could be a graphic designer,  
16 which I would guess that a couple of these submittals are from  
17 graphic designers. Obviously. And as you know, we kind of  
18 discussed that in October, you know, if there was one that was  
19 hand drawn and it was something we wanted to use, what we  
20 would do is we would take that to a graphic design firm and  
21 have them make that into a design from that hand drawn, so  
22 that's the next step if it's not in that particular format  
23 already.

24 STANDAGE: Yeah. Because there were some of the  
25 hand drawn ones that weren't too bad as to what they were

1 incorporating.

2 TAYLOR: I'm staying neutral.

3 D'ABELLA: For example the - that - you know, that -  
4 the center's hand drawn and it looks when you blow it up that  
5 they actually cut out the letters and put it on there.

6 TAYLOR: It is. It's old school.

7 D'ABELLA: Yeah. And so obviously if we had a  
8 graphic designer take that concept and make it into an image,  
9 I kind of like the idea of, you know, having like I said  
10 before, the natural landscape and the water and -

11 TAYLOR: (Inaudible) without the stick figure?

12 D'ABELLA: Without the stick figure, or even a  
13 second one, if you scroll to the second one that obviously was  
14 the same person who entered - oh that - that one. That one.

15 STANDAGE: That one.

16 D'ABELLA: I don't know.

17 TAYLOR: It's totally up to you folks. And again,  
18 I'm not married to any of these and you know, from - if  
19 nothing, you know, if nothing grabs your fancy, you know, we  
20 can, we can continue to work internally on that. We can go -  
21 you know, we can do this again at a later date. It's totally  
22 up to you folks.

23 D'ABELLA: So we can work - have staff work with one  
24 of these artists to come up with something based on our input,  
25 or we could have another contest. Are those our two options

1 right now?

2 TAYLOR: Yes.

3 D'ABELLA: Or choose one.

4 TAYLOR: Or do nothing.

5 BROWN: (Inaudible) into this. I do work with quite  
6 a few artists, and the one thing you do not do is commission  
7 an artist and then tell them what to draw. That's what they  
8 do it for is to get their - is to get their image down. If  
9 you're wanting - you might get a graphic artist to say okay I  
10 have this imagery and I'll pay you this amount of money, but  
11 through the eyes of - the motivation, you're taking away the  
12 motivation if you're telling them what you're wanting them to  
13 draw. Or how to draw.

14 D'ABELLA: Okay. So -

15 RUEHL: Well, you know, none of them knocks me off  
16 my seat. But I agree with Madam Chair that there's some  
17 elements, and some that I like and other, you know, if I could  
18 pick and choose and put it all together, there might be  
19 something that I personally like. I don't know if anybody  
20 else would. So where do you go with that? I think we - my  
21 vote would be to - I mean we don't have - since we put this on  
22 as a contest, we're not obligated to award a winner, are we?  
23 Do we have any obligations here? We can just -

24 TAYLOR: I think in the contest information, we put  
25 in there that the Commission may choose a winner in January.

1           RUEHL: You know, I would like to see - but I don't  
2 know who would do this, and if somebody wanted to step up and  
3 say take these elements that are from these - and go to a  
4 graphic artist and say would you put those into something that  
5 could be reproduced, and that would like phase two maybe,  
6 that'd be another thing to look at. But what I might choose  
7 (inaudible 1:25:18) and Gina liked the outline of the County,  
8 I didn't like the outline of the County, personally. So I  
9 don't know. I guess I'm saying that - I guess it's  
10 (inaudible) but who would do it? Who would make the choices  
11 and what elements do you choose to go to a graphic artist  
12 with?

13           D'ABELLA: Okay, so -

14           TAYLOR: Just from a staff perspective, yeah I'm not  
15 sure I ought to do that with the graphic artist and then come  
16 back to you and go through that process. Because I agree  
17 Commissioner Ruehl that you may enjoy three things, and  
18 Commissioner - you know, Chair D'Abella might have three  
19 things, and Commissioner Butler might have four other things.

20           BUTLER: This is Commissioner Butler. I - one of  
21 the things that in the directions it said can be the history  
22 and character of Pinal County, and I guess the outdoors seems  
23 sort of to the character, but I don't see anything about  
24 history, and I don't know if that's something we really want  
25 or not. I mean is that something that - I mean maybe that was

1 non-good directions if we - you know -

2 TAYLOR: Our astute attorney, here, just had a  
3 suggestion. If you wanted to go down that path of, you know,  
4 trying to incorporate, you know, segments of all of them, what  
5 I would say, maybe we could do a - when the Commission says  
6 you've got the options here, pick your top three and tell me  
7 what you like about those three - each of you - submit those  
8 to me and then that gives staff something to work with between  
9 now and the next meeting. So that's workable, at least I  
10 think it might be workable. But that leaves it up to you guys  
11 to try to determine what your top three are.

12 BUTLER: I like that idea.

13 D'ABELLA: I mean I - do we want to just number them  
14 and then have people choose?

15 TAYLOR: So just assume that the document I sent you  
16 is page one through whatever it is. 14, I think. Elizabeth,  
17 I know you have this up on your computer, is it 14?

18 BUTLER: Number of items?

19 TAYLOR: Yeah, there's a couple - some have several  
20 one page, but if you could just give me the page numbers and  
21 if there's multiple on one page, if there's one on that page,  
22 is which one it is and pick the top three and tell me which  
23 ones they are. And why. What elements of those you like.

24 D'ABELLA: Okay, I personally like this image, which  
25 I guess would be number two.

1 TAYLOR: Yeah and that - well I don't want you to do  
2 it now. I do not want to do that now. I do - nothing  
3 personal, Madam Chair, but -

4 D'ABELLA: We need to submit to you sometime within  
5 the next week.

6 TAYLOR: Yes, I will give you a week deadline.

7 D'ABELLA: Okay. So therefore should we motion to  
8 do that, or can we just give direction to do that?

9 ???: Give direction.

10 TAYLOR: Just give direction, yeah.

11 D'ABELLA: Okay. So you have your marching orders.  
12 Choose your top - should it be three? Just one, just pick one  
13 maybe. Let's make it easier. Right?

14 STANDAGE: Madam Chair, what do you see as the use  
15 of this? Where is it going to be?

16 TAYLOR: So we would use this, first of all, and  
17 Commissioner Ruehl can attest to this, we have regional trails  
18 out there that need some trail markers on our carsonite signs,  
19 we would be using it on that. We also would use it as our  
20 marketing materials for our regional trail system, whether it  
21 be on the website and printed material, brochures, those kind  
22 of marketing materials as we go forward. That's going to be  
23 the consistent logo that would be associated with our regional  
24 trail system. That's the intent.

25 BUTLER: So if it's being used as say on the trail

1 for trail markers, I mean my thinking is it can't be real  
2 busy. Right? Or -

3 TAYLOR: Yes.

4 ??: Wooden trail, or a wooden sign, it couldn't be  
5 colored probably.

6 TAYLOR: Most of our trail marker, yeah, can. So  
7 most of these are just a decal that we put on a carsonite  
8 sign, and again, it can be used at trailheads and those kind  
9 of things. One of the reasons we went with four color is  
10 because that tends to be what you see most other trail  
11 associations kind of do, is in a four color. It's easier to  
12 reproduce, and it keeps away like Commissioner Johnson said,  
13 not too busy. It tends to be even more stuff that's in there,  
14 the more colors that folks want to use and that, so. And I'm  
15 good with, you know, one, two, three, whatever you decide.  
16 Split the difference. How about two?

17 D'ABELLA: Okay. So within the next week, the top  
18 two of your favorites or elements of the top two provide to  
19 Director Taylor.

20 TAYLOR: Yes. And so we're clear, so I'm going to  
21 use Commissioner - Chairman D'Abella, so she's looking at this  
22 one right here, she says this is one of our top two and like  
23 this because it has these things in that, and that will help.

24 D'ABELLA: Okay.

25 TAYLOR: Okay.

1           RUEHL: So I have a question. So if the use is  
2 going to be on carsonites, and I know what those are, now we  
3 probably are talking that shape makes a difference, is that  
4 right? So -

5           TAYLOR: Well decals can be used either round or a  
6 triangle, and that's what we actually asked for in the  
7 contest, the guidelines. We gave examples of those, if you  
8 recall, we gave them examples of existing trail logos that are  
9 currently in use by other trail organizations, so that's the  
10 standard trail logo insignia. Just don't ask me why that's  
11 that way, I don't know.

12           D'ABELLA: Okay. So does everybody understand  
13 submit within the next week.

14           BRISTOW: (Inaudible) limit it to these two.

15           D'ABELLA: No, to the whole list.

16           TAYLOR: The whole list.

17           D'ABELLA: The whole list. It's in your - pick two  
18 and why. What does it -

19           BRISTOW: I can see a silhouette of Picacho Peak,  
20 and that's the only thing that really identifies Pinal County  
21 to me in general.

22           ??: The Superstitions were in here.

23           TAYLOR: Pick - Commissioner Bristow, I'd pick one  
24 out that has a mountain and just say you want that to be  
25 Picacho.

1           JOHNSON: I think like - I was thinking the same  
2 thing. You want it - I was leaning towards thinking along the  
3 lines of when you see a sign, you know, what means Pinal  
4 County to - what makes you say boom, that's Pinal County.

5           BRISTOW: And I can't put a row of cotton there as  
6 (inaudible).

7           TAYLOR: So Commissioners, I will - you've got a  
8 week to get stuff back to me and you can pretty much count on  
9 it if you haven't gotten in touch with me, I'll be pinging you  
10 shortly.

11          D'ABELLA: Well that is what January 19<sup>th</sup>?

12          TAYLOR: Yes ma'am.

13          D'ABELLA: By 5 p.m. Okay, moving along.

14          BUTLER: Could I - I have a question, Commissioner  
15 Butler. So are you saying the horseshoe ones aren't going to  
16 work?

17          TAYLOR: Actually I think those could work.

18          BUTLER: Okay.

19          TAYLOR: Within that, within that shape. Somehow.  
20 It's going to fit on a square decal, which is typical, so  
21 yeah, it would still work.

22          BUTLER: Yeah, in case you didn't notice, there are  
23 three that are a horseshoe.

24          TAYLOR: Yes, I noticed.

25          BUTLER: Somebody said horseshoe? So.

1           D'ABELLA: Okay, moving along. The next item on the  
2 agenda is to discuss our meeting dates and - meeting days and  
3 times for the upcoming calendar year. So currently we are  
4 meeting - our Bylaws state what months we need to meet,  
5 correct? And we have been meeting the second Tuesday. Our  
6 Bylaws say 6:00 is the time. So I'd like to hear a discussion  
7 on the second Tuesday, if this is still the most convenient  
8 time and Director Taylor's going to -

9           TAYLOR: Yeah, I just want to give some background  
10 on - to the Commission Members, to kind of inform you on why  
11 this is on the agenda, and so I included in the packet an  
12 email from Mr. - Commissioner Carnes. Commissioner Carnes was  
13 appointed to the school board in San Manuel in September to  
14 fulfil the remaining time through 2016 on that school board.  
15 They meet monthly on the second Tuesday of the month, so he is  
16 unable to attend, obviously, both meetings at one time. Both  
17 - my discussions with the Chair and with Mr. Carnes, we  
18 explored several different options and opportunities that  
19 could occur with that. Mr. Carnes - Commissioner Carnes,  
20 wanted this to be decided by the Commission. So that's why  
21 it's on your agenda.

22           D'ABELLA: Discussion? Comments?

23           RUEHL: Madam Chair. For two years we've been  
24 meeting on Tuesday night (inaudible [1:35:28]) the second  
25 Tuesday of each quarter, that's pretty well established. I

1 think (inaudible) is and my vote would be to continue on that  
2 path. And I think that if we change whatever Commissioner  
3 schedule changes, every time a Commissioner's schedule  
4 changes, can really lead us down a slippery slope.

5 D'ABELLA: Commissioner Butler.

6 BUTLER: I thought Commissioner Bristow said that  
7 Commissioner Carnes wasn't here and was asking that the other  
8 meeting change their meeting night.

9 D'ABELLA: Mm mm.

10 BUTLER: No?

11 TAYLOR: No, that's not my understanding. I mean  
12 the - that's not my understanding.

13 BRISTOW: I talked to him this afternoon and my  
14 understanding was he was going to discuss it at his meeting  
15 tonight.

16 TAYLOR: Yeah, he's not communicated that with me.  
17 The email that you saw in your packet is the information I  
18 have to go with.

19 D'ABELLA: Any other comments, questions or motions?

20 RUEHL: I'd like to make a motion. I motion that we  
21 stay the course of second Tuesday, every quarter at 6 p.m.

22 GORDON: I'll second.

23 D'ABELLA: Okay, Commissioner Ruehl set a motion,  
24 Commissioner Gordon seconded, all in favor say aye.

25 COLLECTIVE: Aye.

1                   D'ABELLA: Opposed? Motion passes. Okay.  
2 According to our Bylaws, we are allowed to change them bi-  
3 annually and so the next item on our agenda is discussions and  
4 recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on any changes to  
5 our Commission Bylaws, and so if you have seen in your packet  
6 - let me get mine open in front of me - there is a couple  
7 suggested changes. Vice Chair Johnson, would you like to go  
8 over that?

9                   JOHNSON: Sure, thank you. These were the Bylaws  
10 created by the Board of Supervisors for the establishment of  
11 this Commission. As staff and Kevin, the County Attorney were  
12 reviewing these Bylaws, there were a couple of staff  
13 recommendations that were cited and we can go to those.  
14 They're on pages five and six of this draft. Section 7 as it  
15 relates to Robert's Rules of Order, this was essentially  
16 reviewed to allow the Commission to utilize Robert's Rules of  
17 Orders more as a guide, versus complete ordinance. So that  
18 was the reasoning behind this modification that's proposed.  
19 And Section 11, this modification is more reflective of how  
20 we're doing minutes now with the recording, so as they  
21 reviewed these bylaws, they felt it was important to put these  
22 proposed changes in, and ultimately these proposed changes  
23 will need to go to the Board of Supervisors, because they  
24 approved the bylaws. So at this point, just wanted to ask  
25 Commission Members if they want to go forward with this in the

1 form of a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors  
2 these changes for their approval, ultimately, or if there's  
3 more discussion that we want to have on this.

4 BUTLER: Madam Chair.

5 D'ABELLA: Mm hm.

6 BUTLER: This is Commissioner Butler, besides the  
7 recording, we're now doing something, I think we call them  
8 meeting action report, I just wondered if we should be noting  
9 that in Section 11 also.

10 TAYLOR: We didn't specifically call that out,  
11 Commissioner Butler, all we did was reference meeting State  
12 statute, which an action report is part of that statute. So  
13 we didn't see a (inaudible [1:40:18]) necessity to expand on  
14 that in any manner.

15 BUTLER: Okay. And then the other, on page seven,  
16 there are two places where it says 20,164. The four isn't  
17 crossed out. The six is added.

18 TAYLOR: Okay. Well actually it is, but you just  
19 can't see it

20 JOHNSON: Because the line goes across -

21 BUTLER: Oh, okay. I can't see it.

22 JOHNSON: That's what I was thinking too.

23 BUTLER: Oh yeah, okay.

24 TAYLOR: You need the special 3D glasses that -

25 BUTLER: All right, thank you.

1 D'ABELLA: Are there any other suggested changes or  
2 comments on the proposed changes? If not, then I would like  
3 to hear a motion.

4 BUTLER: I'll move to accept the changes as  
5 presented to us in this draft.

6 STANDAGE: I'll second.

7 D'ABELLA: All in favor?

8 COLLECTIVE: Aye.

9 D'ABELLA: Opposed? Motion passes. Thank you.  
10 Okay.

11 TAYLOR: Just - Madam Chair, because I wasn't  
12 writing very fast, that was Commissioner Butler and who  
13 seconded that? Okay, Commissioner Standage. Thank you. And  
14 just for - just so everybody knows, so what staff will do on  
15 the Bylaws is we will schedule this for a future Board of  
16 Supervisors meeting, and I will let you know when that  
17 happens, and hopefully we don't have any discussion about the  
18 word park.

19 STANDAGE: Do we get 3D glasses?

20 TAYLOR: Yes.

21 D'ABELLA: Okay. Discussion of the "Guide to  
22 Commission Roles, Responsibilities and Opportunities."  
23 Everybody has received in the packet one draft that was kind  
24 of edited a little bit from the draft that you were given at  
25 our last meeting. Since that time, Commissioner Butler

1 provided another example of how that could be drafted. I  
2 don't know if we have a copy of that. Do we have a copy of  
3 that?

4 TAYLOR: We do.

5 D'ABELLA: Okay. It wasn't in - not in the packet,  
6 but up here, correct?

7 TAYLOR: Yes.

8 D'ABELLA: Okay, I can't see that far.

9 TAYLOR: And each of you were sent that copy also.

10 D'ABELLA: So let me get that one in front of me.  
11 Sorry, I'm trying to bring up that draft, there it is. Okay.  
12 So the purpose of this document is to facilitate the  
13 understanding of new members, or new Commission Members, as  
14 well as staff and maybe even Board of Supervisors, so when  
15 they are trying to find the appropriate Commissioner to  
16 recommend for the Advisory Commission, they themselves  
17 understand, you know, the roles and responsibilities of each  
18 one of us up here. It's kind of like a one page summary of  
19 information that I think we've discussed could be very helpful  
20 so that future Commission Members - and existing ones -  
21 ultimately understand what their roles are on this Commission.  
22 Is there any comments or questions, or clarifications from  
23 anybody? Is everybody just reading it?

24 RUEHL: Madam Chair.

25 D'ABELLA: Yes.

1           RUEHL: This Commissioner Ruehl. I like the idea.  
2 I think it's really interesting that we evolved from  
3 attempting to do strategic planning to this, and I don't mean  
4 that facetiously, I think it is interesting. When I initiated  
5 the idea of doing strategic planning it was for the outcome  
6 that the Commissioners had a better idea, and buying in as to  
7 why we were here, and what we were supposed to be doing, and  
8 how we might operate, how we might influence and decide that  
9 together, especially since it was the very, very first Open  
10 Space and Trails Advisory Commission in our County, to set  
11 that foundation. So, you know, as we worked through it and  
12 stumbled and let it sit for a while and come back to it, we  
13 decided that really maybe that we're not looking for a plan  
14 but we're just looking for a clarity of what our  
15 responsibilities are. So, I think that this helps, these are  
16 guidelines. I think that it's - if I were a new Commissioner,  
17 I were approached by a Supervisor to consider the Commission,  
18 I think this would be very helpful to have an idea of what I  
19 was in for. And another Commissioner and myself were having a  
20 brief discussion on this tonight, and I agree with their  
21 points that it's not clear (inaudible [1:46:18]) which ones  
22 are required by our Bylaws, and which ones are just guidelines  
23 and how the Commission prefer one conducts themselves. So we  
24 could delineate that, or we could just leave that to the  
25 Bylaws.

1           D'ABELLA: Okay. Any other comments or suggestions  
2 on this working document? So everybody's in agreement of  
3 using the document like this internally for us and possibly  
4 moving forward with coming up with a final version. Do I get  
5 that consensus from everybody? Okay, so I guess the goal then  
6 would be to come up with a final document that we all agree  
7 on.

8           JOHNSON: This is Mary Johnson. As far as I'm  
9 concerned, I, I think this, between this and the other  
10 documents we have, the Bylaws that we just discussed, for me  
11 currently and I think for future Commissioners coming on  
12 board, I think it's another tool in the toolbox and I think it  
13 represents what it was meant to represent, is a guide. So I'm  
14 comfortable with this document and the changes that  
15 Commissioner Butler incorporated, and that's my opinion.

16           D'ABELLA: Okay. If there are no other comments or  
17 suggested changes, then let's just move forward with that.

18           RUEHL: You - this is Commissioner Ruehl - move  
19 forward with what? That we adopt this as a guideline paper  
20 that can be widely distributed throughout the County?

21           TAYLOR: So if you would like, we can bring the  
22 clean version of - so what I'm hearing, is bring back to you  
23 April the clean version of Commissioner Butler's to, you know,  
24 decide is that the final version?

25           D'ABELLA: Yes.

1 TAYLOR: So when you see it in a clean document.

2 D'ABELLA: That would be, yes. And what perfect  
3 timing because we'll be having new Commission Members at that  
4 time as well, right? Potentially, because we have two year  
5 appointments that are up.

6 TAYLOR: Maybe.

7 D'ABELLA: That might be a perfect time for it.

8 ???: You might be surprised how many people aren't  
9 interested in serving.

10 TAYLOR: We could - yeah, I can make this into a  
11 final document for review at the next meeting, if that's what  
12 the Commission is looking for.

13 STANDAGE: Madam Chairwoman. Apparently I didn't  
14 understand. This document, is it a document that's reviewed  
15 and modified, accepted by the Board of Supervisors?

16 TAYLOR: No, this is completely an internal  
17 document. Completely internal. Yep.

18 RUEHL: So does it need to go through legal?

19 TAYLOR: It has.

20 RUEHL: Okay. So we've already - all right. So  
21 what you can produce (inaudible [1:49:54]) April, just a clean  
22 shot of Commissioner Butler's.

23 TAYLOR: Yes.

24 RUEHL: Okay.

25 D'ABELLA: And the closest it could be to one page,

1 all the better, correct?

2 TAYLOR: We - Stephanie and I are really good at  
3 that now. Stephanie and I will make it fit on one page. You  
4 might need a magnifying glass to read it, but we are going to  
5 make it fit on one page.

6 D'ABELLA: Okay, great.

7 ?? [1:50:29]: It's not on the agenda as an item to  
8 be voted on, so we'll have to put it on the next agenda.

9 D'ABELLA: It will be for vote next.

10 ??: It will be a new item next.

11 D'ABELLA: Okay. Next on the agenda is an update on  
12 our Palo Verde Regional Park, also known as proposed regional  
13 park number 4 in the master planning process. Director  
14 Taylor, could you give us an update?

15 TAYLOR: You bet, Madam Chair. So just - I wanted  
16 this, since we'll be going through this planning process on  
17 Palo Verde Regional Park over the next year, I'll probably  
18 bring an update to you each meeting throughout the year to  
19 give you an idea of where we're at in that process, and if  
20 anything important happens as in public meetings and that kind  
21 of thing, during, in the interim between meetings, I'll  
22 certainly let you know that also. This is just an overview of  
23 what we presented at our public meeting that we had in  
24 December in Hidden Valley, one of four public community  
25 meetings that we'll be having in the planning process. Now

1 remember that that doesn't include all the other public  
2 meetings at this Commission level, and at the Board level. So  
3 there'll be multiple opportunities for folks to weigh in on  
4 the planning process. We started in November, and I'm not  
5 going to go through some of this stuff, as you know, how we  
6 got to this place. That area that's highlighted on the left,  
7 that's Palo Verde Regional Park, that on the far west side of  
8 the County. This is the close-up version of the study area.  
9 Again, it's about 21,000 acres of BLM property that stretches  
10 basically from Highway 238 on the north, down to Interstate 8  
11 on the south. It is kind of unique, it is one of, I think,  
12 the only regional parks that we're looking at that is actually  
13 - if I use the term right - bifurcated. It's actually two  
14 separate parcels with a private parcel in between. So what  
15 our consultant - we're working with EPG Consultants - what our  
16 consultant has been doing since we engaged them in October, is  
17 what we call the resource analysis. So if you went to the  
18 public meeting, you would have seen about 16 different maps.  
19 I think that's somewhere between 12 and 16. Those are also  
20 posted on our website. And basically that's just looking and  
21 helping us understand what the land is, what the property is,  
22 what the soil type is, what the wildlife interests are, what  
23 the land ownership is, what the future development patterns  
24 are, what traffic patterns are. What BLM recreation planning  
25 has already taken place, etc., etc. So what we do with those

1 maps is we basically layer them. You start putting all the  
2 information from all those maps on the GIS model and we start  
3 building layer on layer on layer, so that when you get to the  
4 discussion on what can happen in that park, you know where it  
5 can happen, or if it can happen, within the footprint on that  
6 park. And just a side note - and I think I might have shared  
7 this with you - one of the reasons that I think we selected  
8 EPG in this process, EPG has done a couple of regional park  
9 plans from our partner - for our neighbors up north in  
10 Maricopa County. The thing we're looking at in the recreation  
11 opportunities below in this slide, is actually the work that  
12 they've done on Vulture Mountain with Maricopa County. So  
13 pretty much the same. We borrowed a lot from that process,  
14 which helps us keep our costs down a little bit, because of  
15 the process that we're going through. So - and I'll back up  
16 to this one. One of the things we did at the open house in  
17 December is we did what we call a DOT exercise - I don't know  
18 if that many of you have done a DOT exercise before, most of  
19 you in the room have. You go and you've got the (inaudible  
20 [1:54:44]) consultants there and the staff, and we give you a  
21 bunch of dots when you sign in and we say here, stick them  
22 where you think they ought to go. So we had a couple of  
23 boards up with recreation opportunities, anywhere from non-  
24 motorized trails, equestrian, shooting, OHV, camping, rock  
25 climbing -

1                   ?? [1:55:11]:   Hunting?

2                   TAYLOR:   Hunting, yes.  A whole menu of selections  
3 that you could select them in that public meeting.  Folks put  
4 their dots up in that meeting and just if I haven't shared  
5 with you, we had about 35 folks sign in.  My count, my head  
6 count, was probably closer to 50, so we had some folks that we  
7 don't think signed in, but we had about 50 folks there, which  
8 is not bad for a public meeting.  But one of the things that I  
9 discussed with the consultants once I, you know, saw that this  
10 was the method we were going to use, is we should try to get  
11 this out in a little bit more broad scale, you know, with our  
12 constituency on getting some more input on the recreation  
13 opportunities.  So we did a real quick down and dirty survey,  
14 monkey survey, it's been on our - it's been on our website,  
15 we've done a press release, we've got another press release  
16 going out this week to get folks to go and answer that same  
17 question.  So they're basically putting dots on the board just  
18 like the folks did and it was kind of (inaudible [1:56:19])  
19 people will respond to that, we're up to about two hundred and  
20 - almost 290 is I left the office, 290 replied so far.  So  
21 getting a much better cross section of information on what  
22 folks want to see in this particular park, so it's been good.  
23 If you haven't taken it, it's on the home page on the website,  
24 on the County website.  I don't know, if you have interested  
25 groups, user groups, other folks that you think might to, you

1 know, put that word out because the survey will close on - at  
2 the end of the day on Monday. So again, after we build that  
3 resource analysis and we get an idea of what can go where,  
4 that's when we started looking at, okay, what can we put in  
5 the site? What does the site analysis look like, and we start  
6 from that point developing alternatives. We develop a few  
7 different alternatives, have people weigh on the alternatives.  
8 We get to - trying to get to a place we're at a preferred  
9 alternative. Once we get to the preferred alternative, our  
10 consultant is also going to help us develop a capital  
11 improvement plan and an implementation schedule around this.  
12 And one of the things that, you know, a couple things that  
13 I've answered both at the public meeting and on the phone and  
14 email afterwards, and you guys have heard me say - say  
15 something around this, discussion a lot of times, this park is  
16 not going to open tomorrow, okay. We are doing the recreation  
17 master plan process for this. This is going to be a multi-  
18 year process before we ever get to turn the key to open the  
19 doors to this park. So it's not going to happen tomorrow.  
20 And, it's not going to happen on all 21,000 acres at once.  
21 That just is unrealistic. So that's why we have the  
22 consultant (inaudible [1:58:19]) capital improvement plan and  
23 helping us budget for that, so we'll have some kind of idea  
24 how that gets implemented over time. You know, what's in the  
25 zero to five timeline, what's in the five to ten timeline,

1 what's ten years plus on this. And given the physical  
2 constraints that we have this site, you know, I'm thinking  
3 that, you know, easily could be - north could develop one, in  
4 one timeline, south in another, possibly. I don't know, just  
5 from a management perspective. We will have to see what the  
6 site analysis tells us what we can do in each of those, each  
7 of those areas. And as Gina's heard me say many times, or  
8 Chairman D'Abella, we're not going to make everybody happy.  
9 That's part of a planning process. We will try to accommodate  
10 everybody, but we're certainly not going to make everybody  
11 happy. Yes, Commissioner Ruehl.

12 RUEHL: When Madam Chair took us on a tour of - and  
13 I'm sorry, but (inaudible) the Commissioners I really  
14 encourage you to take one of her tremendous tours. It's  
15 really informative. Take a couple hours out of your life, you  
16 can see it firsthand. But, it seemed like there was a number  
17 of - that access was not going to be a problem.

18 TAYLOR: No.

19 RUEHL: And the reason I kind of - that has peaked  
20 my interest, is because (inaudible [1:59:53]).

21 TAYLOR: Different - both opportunities and  
22 constraints on the parcels and I - I would - and the uses will  
23 be different, I think, given the size, offers us a little more  
24 opportunity in Palo Verde than it did in Peralta, but yeah,  
25 access should not be an issue as we look at it now. But

1 that's one of the things that our consultant was looking at is  
2 - we're actually looking at what roads do - does the County  
3 own right-of-way on that funnel into the park, okay, into the  
4 boundary, so that we know ahead of time, you know, where those  
5 opportunities are and where the constraints are. Definitely.  
6 So up on here is kind of the schedule, or I should say the  
7 tentative schedule and then, you know, again our stakeholder  
8 meetings, we held one in November, we just this week scheduled  
9 our second stakeholder meeting for the first week in February,  
10 so we're right on schedule, even though that is a tentative  
11 date, and you can see our public meetings, we're looking at  
12 the next public meeting end of March, first of April,  
13 somewhere in that timeline, depending on how the stakeholder  
14 group, you know, goes and how our consultant can put together  
15 that information that we've gathered through the public  
16 meeting process, the surveys and through the stakeholder  
17 group. Again, we've, you know, kind of, you know, have got a  
18 one year timeline on this. It could be, you know, a little  
19 faster than that, it could be a little slower than that,  
20 depending on, you know, what happens to the process. And I  
21 think that's all I've got. I'm happy to answer any questions.

22           STANDAGE: Kent? This is Wayne Standage.

23           TAYLOR: Yes.

24           STANDAGE: I noticed on the bill there was some of  
25 that BLM land that was on Maricopa County side, what are they

1 planning to do?

2 TAYLOR: That's a great question, Commissioner  
3 Standage. About a year ago, before we even started this  
4 process, I reached out to Maricopa County and said hey, you  
5 know, in the next 12 months or so we very well could be doing  
6 a master plan on this area, are you interested in, you know,  
7 partnering on this and including that - the lands on the other  
8 side of the border of the Count line. Their answer was they  
9 weren't really interested, they don't really have the  
10 population in Maricopa County that's close to that park that  
11 would take advantage of it at this time, so they weren't  
12 interested in partnering. It came up at our first stakeholder  
13 meeting that we should still look at opportunities that reside  
14 on that other side of that land, just because it's a land,  
15 doesn't mean we need to stop planning. So if there's  
16 opportunities that meld well within the park plan, then we  
17 could plan that. I will tell you that from a - it's just  
18 hurdles from a staff perspective - there are different BLM  
19 requirements for that. Yeah, the agreements, we'd have to  
20 include Maricopa County, and then there's sub-agreements with  
21 us and some other stuff.

22 BROWN: (Inaudible [2:03:23]) kind of agreements are  
23 not unheard of.

24 TAYLOR: No, no they're not. It just takes  
25 (inaudible) and can take a little bit longer through the BLM

1 process.

2 RUEHL: So how about you put all the shooting in  
3 Maricopa?

4 D'ABELLA: Also, my understanding is Goodyear  
5 annexed all the way to the County line sections of that park,  
6 or sections of that County line area as well. So I don't know  
7 how far south Goodyear annexed. I do know they came down 238,  
8 though, to the Maricopa County line. So I've been meaning to  
9 just research that and learn more about -

10 TAYLOR: Yeah, it's on our radar, but I don't, you  
11 know, I think for the most part, you know, we'll had our hands  
12 full with 21,000 acres, so - and you know, and I've told  
13 folks, you know, at the end of the day the plan may be for -  
14 the final plan may be for 15,000 acres. I don't know what the  
15 plan's going to say right now, but I think, you know, we  
16 identified a footprint, we'll do the park planning and if it  
17 makes sense to - that the park's on 15,000 acres, it's only  
18 15,000. So that's - and - we're not welded to the 21,000 -  
19 all of the 21,000 acres having to be developed as a park, we  
20 identified it as an opportunity, and then we - you know, then  
21 you go back and do that agreement with BLM and say you know  
22 what, the 15,000 acres make sense, let's do the agreement for  
23 15,000 acres.

24 D'ABELLA: Okay. Any other comments or questions  
25 about the regional park? Okay, great. So I strongly

1 encourage anybody who has the opportunity to comment via the  
2 questionnaire that's online, and to come, if you aren't  
3 familiar with the area, more than willing to take anybody on a  
4 tour. It doesn't matter if it's a large group or a small  
5 group, I'll take anybody out there and as a Commission, for  
6 you to better understand the area, might be something to do  
7 sooner rather than later, since you'll be giving your opinions  
8 as the master planning process progresses. Okay. At this  
9 time we have Call to the Commission. This is your opportunity  
10 to give oral comments, suggestions, announcements, and this is  
11 not intended for discussion or action. Does anybody have any  
12 upcoming events or information that you would like to provide  
13 at this time? Okay.

14           RUEHL: We can always talk about SALT. So the  
15 Superstition Area Land Trust - I hope you all know, that  
16 nonprofit conservation organization - is, this Saturday is  
17 doing a massive desert cleanups called Superstition Land and  
18 Trust Partners with Footprints Matter, and we have worked  
19 until last year on exclusively on State Trust Land, and this  
20 is the 7<sup>th</sup> year, I think. Last year (inaudible [2:06:49]) the  
21 year before we ventured into Tonto National Forest (inaudible)  
22 cleanup from Gold Canyon (inaudible) trails all the way to  
23 Superior; all the way past Queen Valley, and we have over  
24 seven years hauled out hundreds of thousands of tons of trash,  
25 and - so that cleanup is happening this Saturday, and signup

1 is at (inaudible [2:07:18]) station at 7:30 if anybody wants  
2 to dig in. But at least know that there are people on that  
3 part that are really being good stewards of our open spaces,  
4 because I'll tell you, one of the things that brought this on  
5 is the Open Space and Trails Committee of the Pinal  
6 Partnership come under regional group, and my first question  
7 to that regional group (inaudible [2:07:46]) Pinal County was  
8 okay, so what additional trails and open spaces do we want to  
9 see, and their answer to my surprise was whichever we can  
10 steward and take care of what we already have. And so that's  
11 why we've had a huge (inaudible) philosophy (inaudible). So  
12 that cleanup we often get, the last couple years, over 400  
13 volunteers that come out to that (inaudible) from all over.

14 D'ABELLA: But the more the merrier.

15 RUEHL: The more the merrier.

16 D'ABELLA: Long pants, closed toed shoes. Bring  
17 your own work gloves and stay hydrated. Okay. Any other -  
18 yes.

19 ?? [2:08:29]: Yes, we (inaudible) lost trail up in  
20 Superior been displaced from our first original trail from the  
21 Arizona Trail to Pinal City, and we just got the funding from  
22 ADOT to pursue our NEPA with Forest Service. Just changed  
23 hands recently, so by March we should be getting a - our  
24 consultant get the - have chosen a company to start the NEPA  
25 process. So we're on our way finally.

1           D'ABELLA: Any other comments, suggestions,  
2 announcements? Okay, seeing none, discussion of possible  
3 future agenda items. Before you on the agenda there are some  
4 suggested future agenda items. Of course update on the Palo  
5 Verde Regional Park master plan; updates on the Tortolita  
6 Regional Park Trails. We are going to be selecting a chair  
7 and vice chair at the next April meeting, so if you're  
8 interested in being a chair or vice chair, something to think  
9 about, and then also the Bylaw amendments recommendation for  
10 further discussion.

11           TAYLOR: That will only be in the case that the  
12 Board didn't like what you suggest.

13           D'ABELLA: So any and all of the above. Anything  
14 else you'd like to see as a future agenda item? Oh, trail  
15 logo?

16           TAYLOR: Trail logo, yeah.

17           D'ABELLA: Okay.

18           ?? [2:10:18]: One other item. I think it'd really  
19 be good if we had some field trips, like some of the areas  
20 that we're proposing, you know, and most of us have not seen.  
21 I know where the area is and I've been in that, but I don't  
22 know where the boundaries are. I can't talk to anyone about  
23 it (inaudible).

24           ??: She gives a tour. (Inaudible).

25           D'ABELLA: Right, so it doesn't necessarily need to

1 be a future agenda item to take the Palo Verde Regional Park  
2 tour, but I agree with you. I think that having ongoing tours  
3 might be an item for discussion for certain areas that we can  
4 maybe piece out in our plan and maybe come up with ideas to  
5 make that happen. I don't know how we would prioritize, other  
6 than if it's on our two year plan as opposed to our ten year  
7 plan, might be something good, but in the meantime you could  
8 contact me personally and I could take you out on a tour. If  
9 anybody else is interested, you know, we can try - I could  
10 come up with some dates and I could put that out there.

11           ???: The Tortolita is also such a complicated one,  
12 as far as land ownership. I don't know how you could go see  
13 that by yourself unless you took along a set of (inaudible  
14 [2:11:34] engineering (inaudible), so it has to be tour for us  
15 to have a halfway clear understanding of what we're talking  
16 about and what the plan is.

17           D'ABELLA: And we have had pilots that have offered  
18 to take us on aerial tours as well, so that might be  
19 something. Yes.

20           TAYLOR: So Madam Chair, I have a couple things to  
21 add to that. So if you're participating in tours as a group  
22 with - I'll just use Polo Verde as an example - with Chairman  
23 Ruehl, just remember if there's more than five of you, it's an  
24 official meeting, and you will need to let me know so that we  
25 can - so that we can publicly notice that. And to get a

1 better - I mean if I am out and about in those areas on a -  
2 not as regular as I would like, but a semiregular basis, so if  
3 anybody, I mean, you know, if you ever want to tag along with  
4 me on a trip to one of the proposed parks or where we have a  
5 project working, please let me know and I will try to include  
6 you in that when I go.

7 D'ABELLA: Thank you. Any other suggested future  
8 agenda items?

9 TAYLOR: So Madam Chair I have one - if there's no  
10 other agenda items, I have one thing before we leave that  
11 topic, it's not really an agenda item, though but too bad.

12 D'ABELLA: Yes.

13 TAYLOR: There's no other place before adjournment,  
14 so. So I would just like to bring to the attention of the  
15 other Commission Member, as you may - many of you know, that  
16 when the Commission was first formulated, and it's in the  
17 Bylaws, the selection of members was done on a two year and a  
18 four year division, so half of you are two year members, the  
19 other half are four year members, at least during the first  
20 two years. Beginning in April, everybody will be appointed to  
21 a four year term, just with staggered end dates. But I've  
22 done some outreach and I know that all of the two year members  
23 are wanting to be reappointed and we will begin those  
24 discussion with the Supervisor, but there is one member that  
25 we should recognize, Commissioner Ruehl has decided to step

1 down, so this is her last meeting. So - and I would, you  
2 know, just like to thank Commissioner Ruehl for all her years  
3 of service. She's probably an instigator of where we're all  
4 here, or one of them. So just want to publicly thank her for  
5 that work and effort. And I know that she will be visiting in  
6 these chairs probably more - maybe more than she attended, I  
7 don't know, so. But again, thank you for your service.

8 D'ABELLA: Thank you.

9 RUEHL: Thank you Commissioners, thank you Kent.  
10 And I (inaudible [2:14:42]) just, you know, miss driving to  
11 Florence on Tuesday nights, so I may be visiting. I am  
12 certainly not disappearing from the County-wide scene on any  
13 level whatsoever. But it has been - it's been an honor to see  
14 this finally happen after working for so many years on wanting  
15 to create an Open Space and Trails Department in our County,  
16 and therefore an Advisory Commission, and it's really been an  
17 honor to be the first chair and try to lay some foundational  
18 work for what this Commission's all about. And I honor you  
19 all for being here and doing your part, because there's so  
20 much work to be done ahead of us. But it's exciting, because  
21 it's (inaudible [2:15:32]) a clean slate, (inaudible) such a  
22 golden opportunity in this County, unlike our sister counties  
23 that, as we talked earlier (inaudible) that those things are -  
24 weren't thought about (inaudible) retrofitted, and therefore  
25 when you retrofit something, it often gets compromised, so

1 (inaudible) opportunity of doing better, smarter planning, and  
2 so I am confident that you all (inaudible) whoever my  
3 replacement is, still working on that, and will (inaudible)  
4 forth with always keeping Open Space and Trails and  
5 conservation areas in the forefront of people's minds  
6 (inaudible) Planning and Zoning and Supervisors and people's  
7 minds (inaudible). So thank you for your work in the future.

8 D'ABELLA: Thank you. Okay. Do I have a motion for  
9 adjournment?

10 RUEHL: This is Commissioner Ruehl, I would like to  
11 motion to adjourn this meeting.

12 ??: Second.

13 D'ABELLA: All in favor?

14 COLLECTIVE: Aye.

15 D'ABELLA: Motion passes.

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