



## NOTICE AND AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE PINAL COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMISSION (OS&T)

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Pinal County Open Space and Trails Advisory Commission (OS&T) and the general public that the OS&T will hold a regular meeting open to the public at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Pinal County Administrative Complex, Building F, 135 N. Pinal Street, Florence, AZ 85132. Members of the OS&T will attend either in person or by telephone conference call.

The OS&T may go into executive session for purposes of obtaining legal advice from the county's attorney(s) on any of the agenda items below pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 38-431.03(A)(3).

The agenda for the regular meeting is as follows:

### Regular Meeting

- I. Call to Order – OS&T Chairman
- II. Roll Call – OS&T Chairman
- III. Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of Meeting Minutes:
  - October 14, 2014
- IV. Call to the Public (For information only)

*This is the time for public comment. Members of the OS&T may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. Please note that time, place, and manner restrictions may be imposed.*

- V. Old Business (None)
- VI. New Business
  - a. Presentation/update of the Central Arizona Project Recreational Trail Master Plan.
  - b. Presentation/discussion of a partnership opportunity with the Florence Future Foundation for development of a Community Garden at the existing Randolph Park site.
  - c. Work session to discuss the development of strategic direction for the OS&T including the possible development of a strategic plan.
- VII. Director's Report (attached)



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VIII. Discussion of Possible future agenda items

- a. Presentation/Update of Peralta Regional Park Master Plan process to date
- b. CAP Recreational Trail Draft Master Plan
- c. Approve final Strategic Plan

IX. Adjournment – OS&T Chairman

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**PINAL COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF October 14, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Carnes, Member Mr. Brown, Member  
Ms. D'Abella, Member Mr. Bristow, Member  
Mr. Standage, Member Ms. Ruehl, Member  
Ms. Butler, Member

**ABSENT:** Mr. Vogler, Sr., Member (Excused Absence)  
Ms. Johnson, Member (Excused Absence)  
Mr. Kavathas, Member (Excused Absence)

**LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:** Mr. Costello, Deputy County Attorney

**OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS STAFF PRESENT:**  
Mr. Taylor, Open Space and Trails Director  
Ms. Cortez, Administrative Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m., this date by Director Kent Taylor in the Pinal County emergency Operations Center (EOC) Hearing Room, Building F, Florence, Arizona.

**DISCUSSION/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: July 8, 2014**

**MOTION**

Vice Chairman D'Abella motioned to approve the minutes of July 8, 2014. Commissioner Standage seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Ruehl opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

Mr. Lon Brehmer, 38156 S. Redington Rd. San Manuel AZ 85631. Mr. Brehmer spoke against the proposal to chip and seal the unpaved road from San Manuel to Pima County that will affect the San Pedro River.

Mr. Peter Else, PO Box 576 Mammoth, AZ 85618. Mr. Else came forward to address the Commission. Mr. Else spoke against the proposal to chip and seal the unpaved road from San Manuel to Pima County that will affect the San Pedro River.

Ms. Doris Haynes, Address Unknown, Ms. Haynes came forward to address the Commission. Ms. Haynes spoke against the proposal to chip and seal the unpaved road from San Manuel to Pima County that will affect the San Pedro River.

Chairman Ruehl closed the public portion of the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Taylor used a PowerPoint presentation on Open Space and Trails Department FY13-14 recap and FY 14-15 Preview. (This presentation was also given to the Board of Supervisors August 13, 2014)

Mr. Taylor used a PowerPoint presentation of Pinal County Strategic Plan 2014-2017, specifically regarding Strategic Priority 2: Economic Development and Objective 2.4.

Discussion/Recommendation Lower San Pedro Watershed Alliance letter September 19, 2014 re: Planned transportation maintenance project on Redington Road in southeast Pinal County.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Bristow made a motion to make recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, to ask the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Transportation Department to provide plans for the specific area, which will not increase traffic flow or speed in the project area. Commissioner Standage seconded the motion.

Mr. Taylor stated that the letter does not need to be drafted tonight; however he suggested that the Commission provide the bullet points that need to be added, while the letter can be drafted later.

Commissioner Brown stated the commission should recommend the criteria for the project, be based on consistency with dust control requirements, and based on the current traffic demand. Investigate a possibility of a better route, for an east west route and a road to carry more traffic design for the future.

Commissioner Ruehl asked for a roll call vote:

- Commissioner Standage, Yes.
- Commissioner Bristow, Yes.
- Commissioner Carnes, No.
- Commissioner Brown, No.
- Vice Chairman D'Abella, Yes
- Chairman Ruehl, No.
- Commissioner Butler, No.

Motion not passed.

**MOTION**

Vice Chairman D'Abella made a motion to draft a letter from the Commission to the Board of Supervisors, and the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Transportation Department to provide plans for the specific area that will not increase traffic flow or speed in the project area, regarding the dust abatement material used and take into consideration these four issues:

- Relationship to the Proposed Open Space designated in the Open Space and Trails Master Plan
- Dust control based on current traffic and demand
- Investigate an alternative future route to meet anticipated traffic demands
- Assessing the ecological impact of the proposed changes, in reference to the Open Space and Trails Master Plan

Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion.

Commissioner Brown stated to specify, the Commission would like to recommend the least amount of dust abandonment sufficient to demonstrate the current traffic flow, and demonstrate correct traffic flow. Research a possibility of a better route, for an east west route and a road to carry more traffic design for the future.

### **MOTION AMENDED**

Vice Chairman D'Abella made a motion to amend the original motion, and add Commissioner Brown's language:

"the least impactful dust abatement option sufficient for demonstrate current traffic".  
Commissioner Carnes seconded the motion.

### **MOTION**

Draft a letter from the Commission to the Board of Supervisors, and the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Transportation Department to provide plans for this area that will not increase traffic flow or speed in the project area, with bullet points that would include in this memo:

- Relationship to the Proposed Open Space designated in the Open Space and Trails Master Plan
- "the least impactful dust abatement option sufficient for demonstrate current traffic"
- Investigate an alternative future route to meet anticipated traffic demands
- Assessing the ecological impact of the proposed changes, in reference to the Open Space and Trails Master Plan

### **Roll Call Vote**

Commissioner Standage, Yes.  
Commissioner Bristow, No.  
Commissioner Butler, No.  
Commissioner Carnes, Yes.  
Commissioner Brown, Yes.  
Vice Chairman D'Abella, Yes.  
Chairman Ruehl, Yes.

Motion passed, 5-2.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Taylor suggested a motion is in order to authorize Chairman Ruehl to draft the memo with staff support, and sign the communication for the entire Commission.

Commissioner Standage made a motion to authorize Chairman Ruehl to draft the memo with staff support and sign it on behalf of the Advisory Commission. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

### **WORK SESSION**

Work session to discuss the development of strategic direction for the OS&T including the possible development of a strategic plan.

Mr. Steve Frazier came forward to address the commission.

### **OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS DIRECTOR REPORT**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS/POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Strategic Planning Session Number 2
- CAP Trail Master Plan Update
- Peralta Regional Park Master Plan update
- Palo Verde Regional Park Master Plan Update

- Future knowledge and education, Research on dust cost, travel. Road maintenance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Bristow. Commissioner Standage seconded the motion. Chairman Ruehl accepted the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

RESPECTFULLY submitted January 14, 2014.

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Kent Taylor, Open Space and Trails Director

DRAFT



Date: December 31, 2014  
To: Open Space and Trails Advisory Commission  
Cc: Greg Stanley, County Manager

From: **Kent Taylor, Open Space and Trails Director**

RE: Director's Report-January 2015

Attachments:

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## **2-5 Year Priorities**

### **San Tan Mountain Regional Park**

- No new updates.

### **Tortolita Mountain Park**

- No new updates.

### **CAP Recreational Trail**

- See related agenda item.

### **Regional Park #4-Palo Verde**

- Staff is in the development stages of a Request for Proposals/Qualifications for the development of a master plan for this park. We anticipate beginning the procurement process in the April/May timeframe.

### **Regional Park #5-Peralta**

- The stakeholder/working group has met twice, December 1<sup>st</sup> and January 8<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Standage is representing the OS&T Advisory Commission on this group.

### **San Pedro River**

- The OS&T Advisory Commission letter regarding Redington Road was included in the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) packet for their November meeting. Their next meeting is February 24, 2015. The TAC website is at:<http://www.pinalcountyaz.gov/PublicWorks/TransportationPlanning/Pages/TACSchedule.aspx>

## **Existing Park and Trail Inventory**

### **West Pinal**

- We were able to recruit a volunteer park host for this site. His name is Steve Gallentine and he began Friday November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Juvenile Court Services has completed two volunteer work events so far this season and all ramadas have now been painted.

### **Dudleyville**

- Fence/backstop project was completed in October 2014.

- Staff prepared and submitted a grant application to the San Carlos Apache Community for funds to assist in the water system improvements. We were awarded \$10,213.93.

#### **Oracle (two parks)**

- Tree improvement project was completed in December 2014.
- Staff is in the process of scheduling meetings with several Oracle non-profit groups to discuss the Adopt-a-Park Program.
- The Oracle Historical Society decided against adopting either of the Oracle parks at this time due to resource and time constraints.

#### **Randolph**

- See related agenda item.

#### **Arizona National Scenic Trail**

- NEPA approvals for our Recreational Trail Program Trail Maintenance project were received in November. We began collecting volunteer hours for our match portion of this grant once we received final approval. We have contacted a trail construction company per the grant guidelines. We have scheduled these improvements to begin in mid February and last until late March/early April. Trail maintenance will be focused on the area between the Tiger Mine TH and just south of Antelope Peak (near Freeman Road). Project focus is a) improve switchbacks; b) improve entrances/exits adjacent to washes; c) improved tread/corridor work in some areas.
- The scheduled work event with the group from Central Arizona College was held on November 25<sup>th</sup> in partnership with the Arizona Trail Association. We had 42 total volunteers join us for that day. We completed maintenance on approximately 1.5 miles of trail including some heavily water damaged segments.
- According to ASARCO representatives, the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Ripsey Wash Tailings Storage Facility is anticipated to be out for public review this spring in Mid March or April. You can view initial related documents at the following link:  
<http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/ProjectsPrograms.aspx>  
 Click on Proposed Ray Mine Tailing Storage Facility

#### **Lost Goldmine Trail**

- Our vendor completed identifying and marking an alternate trail alignment on the west end of this trail in late October. The SALT trail crew began working on this project in November. We anticipate that it could take 2 seasons of volunteer events to complete the new trail segments.

#### **Other**

##### **Partnerships**

- The Inter Governmental Agreement with Pima County and Marana has been approved by Marana and Pinal County. We are awaiting approval by Pima County.

##### **Maricopa Trail**

- Maricopa County is working on segments of the Maricopa Trail (in Pinal County) which would allow for connectivity to San Tan Mountain Regional Park. This connection is identified in our Open Space and Trails Master Plan. Staff is working with Maricopa County to solidify the route, including ROW availability and any necessary agreements. Maricopa County is planning on performing both trail construction (including signage) and ongoing trail maintenance.

### **Pinal County Planning and Zoning Commission Presentation**

- Staff made a presentation to the Planning and Zoning Commission in December. The presentation was a history and overview of the department and an outline of current park and trail planning projects.

### **Website**

- We have added a “tab” for Regional Park and Trail Planning. This page highlights the current master plan projects underway. Along with a brief overview of the project and the area, this is where we will post planning related documents such as meeting agendas, notes/minutes, maps and other related materials. We are also adding photos as we get them for each of these areas. If you have any suggestions for improvement, please let staff know.

Planning projects currently listed are: CAP Recreational Trail, Palo Verde Regional Park, Peralta Regional Park and Tortolita Mountain Regional Park.

<http://pinalcountyz.gov/Departments/OpenSpaceTrails/ParkTrailPlanning/Pages/Home.aspx>



**Date:** October 30, 2014  
**To:** Cindi Ruehl, Open Space & Trails Advisory Commission  
**From:** Steven Frazier, Chief Information Officer and Facilitator  
**RE:** OS&T Strategic Planning Session

Chair Woman Ruehl & Commission Members,

At your regular meeting on October 14, 2014 I assisted the Commission in starting the process to create a Strategic Plan document. We began by going through an exercise designed to identify issues, desires, and responsibilities the commission should focus on in the next 3-5 years. These items were recorded and in the second part of the exercise members were asked to identify their respective top 5. The raw results of that exercise are included in this document for your review along with some additional information to prepare you for our next steps in January and beyond.

The table below is a recordation of the raw issues, desires, and responsibilities (What is important to us?) collected at the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting along with the number of "Top 5" selections by the Commission members in attendance.

What is important to us?	# of top 5 Selections
Pinal County lifestyle that utilizes OS&T	
Advocate the "lifestyle"	5
Community Outreach (Bylaws Article III Sec. 2)	6
Knowledge of agenda items (educate ourselves)	
Be aware/made aware of projects that impact OS&T master plan. How do we get this information? What is the process?	4
Water shortage/quality	1
Funding for OS&T (Bylaws - Article III Sec. 4)	
What are the funding sources/options	4
Report of funding sources (budget reports)	
Grants - inventory of available resources	2
Legislative changes to STL (from OS&T to BOS)	1
Sounding board for the BOS	1
Make other departments aware of OS&T - AB	
See ourselves as a part of the County - "we are not the enemy" - Team Player	8
Reaching out to Youth	1
Raise interest by families, community service organizations/groups	
Raise awareness enough to want to pay	3
Information (brochures) in Real Estate/Chamber of Commerce offices	
Explore how OS&T-AB can assist the OS&T department	
What are the OS&T interests? (i.e. hikers, cyclists, equestrian, OHV, etc.)	



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Digesting the raw information above a bit further you will notice that some of the important items are similar/related and can be “categorized” together for the purpose of creating strategic goals. The table below shows my take on how the items could be categorized. Please know this categorization is not final. It will be brought before the Commission in our next session as one of the next steps for discussion, adjustment (if needed), and confirmation. I simply did this to get the Commission thinking about how we can progress towards creating goals around these issues moving forward. The Notes/Comments in the table are also intended to get the Commission thinking about goals and more importantly the desired results/outcomes of those goals.

What is important to us?	# of top 5 Selections	Notes/Comments
<b>Outreach/Education/Advocacy (External)</b>		
Pinal County lifestyle that utilizes OS&T		With 15 selections this category was most important to the group. What do you hope to achieve with this outreach/education/advocacy? More regional park acres? More trail miles? Preservation of existing designated OS&T areas?  How would the Commission know if it was successful with outreach/education/advocacy?
Advocate the "lifestyle"	5	
Community Outreach (Bylaws Article III Sec. 2)	6	
Reaching out to Youth	1	
Raise awareness enough to want to pay	3	
What are the OS&T interests? (i.e. hikers, cyclists, equestrian, OHV, etc.)		
Raise interest by families, community service organizations/groups		
Information (brochures) in Real Estate/Chamber of Commerce offices		
<b>Outreach/Education/Advocacy (Internal)</b>		
See ourselves as a part of the County - "we are not the enemy" - Team Player	8	12 selections. Why set a 3-5 year goal here? Just do it! This is something that needs to be done now.
Make other departments aware of OS&T - AB		
Explore how OS&T-AB can assist the OS&T department		
Knowledge of agenda items (educate ourselves)		
Be aware/made aware of projects that impact OS&T master plan. How do we get this information? What is the process?	4	
<b>Funding for OS&amp;T</b>		
Funding for OS&T (Bylaws - Article III Sec. 4)		6 selections. What would you do with funding if you had it? More regional park acres? More trail miles? What does success look like?
What are the funding sources/options	4	
Report of funding sources (budget reports)		
Grants - inventory of available resources	2	
<b>Other</b>		
Water shortage/quality	1	These items could be included in one of the categories above or may very well be on their own. You likely would not want to form a strategic goal(s) around these individually.
Legislative changes to STL (from OS&T to BOS)	1	
Sounding board for the BOS	1	

Looking forward to the next session in January, we will do a quick review of the information provided above and make any necessary adjustments. Then we will then spend the majority of the time on strategic goals, desired results/outcomes, and action plans around those. Once that is completed we will likely need one additional meeting for final review/adjustment and acceptance by the Commission (likely April).

I am happy to discuss any of the information here and/or future steps with any of the Commission members. My contact information is provided below. Thank You for the opportunity to assist in your strategic planning efforts.



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