



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, April 14, 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:
 - January 13, 2015
- 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. Director's Report (Attached)
- VI. Old Business (None)
- VII. New Business
 - a. Presentation and recognition of the Superstition Area Land Trust (SALT) Trail Builders Crew. (OS&T Director)
 - b. Discussion/Election of OS&T Chairman and Vice Chairman pursuant to Article V: Officers and Duties, Section 3. A of the Pinal County Open Space and Trails Advisory Commission ByLaws. (OS&T Chairman)



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- c. Presentation/discussion from the Pinal County Community Development and Public Works Directors. (OS&T Chairman)
- d. Work session to discuss the development of strategic direction for the OS&T including the possible development of a strategic plan. (OS&T Chairman)

VIII. Discussion of Possible future agenda items

- a. CAP Recreational Trail Draft Master Plan
- b. Peralta Regional Park Draft Master Plan
- c. Tortolita Regional Park implementation phasing plan
- d. Approve final Strategic Plan
- e. Conservation Funding Strategy

IX. Adjournment – OS&T Chairman

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PINAL COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES OF January 13, 2015

PRESENT:

Mr. Carnes, Member	Mr. Brown, Member
Ms. D'Abella, Member	Mr. Bristow, Member
Mr. Standage, Member	Ms. Ruehl, Member
Ms. Butler, Member	Mr. Vogler, Sr., Member
Ms. Johnson, Member	Mr. Kavathas, Member

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 6:00 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: October 14, 2014

Vice Chairman D'Abella stated there is a typo on, page 3, "motion amended". Commissioner Brown stated the typo is "demonstrate", and it needs to be demonstrated".

MOTION

Commissioner Brown made motion to approve the minutes of October 14, 2014, with one correction. Commissioner Standage seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Vice Chairman D'Abella opened the public comment portion of the meeting. Hearing None. Vice Chairman D'Abella closed the public portion of the meeting.

OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Taylor advice the commission on the new mileage report.

Chairman Ruehl arrived at 6:26 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Don McGann, McGann and Associations, Mr. McGann came forward to address the Commission. Mr. McGann used a PowerPoint presentation of the Central Arizona Project Recreational Trail Master Plan.

Ms. Lina Austin came forward to address the Commission. Ms. Austin used a PowerPoint presentation to discuss the partnership opportunity with the Florence Future Foundation for development of a Community Garden at the existing Randolph Park site.

WORK SESSION

Mr. Steve Frazier came forward to address the commission. Work session to discuss the development of strategic direction for the OS&T including the possible development of a strategic plan.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Presentation/Update of Peralta Regional Park Master Plan process to date
- CAP Recreational Trail Draft Master Plan
- Work session on development of an OS&T Strategic Plan
- ASARCO Tailings Storage Facility project and the Arizona National Scenic Trail
- Election of Officers

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Standage. Commissioner Bristow seconded the motion. Chairman Ruehl accepted the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

RESPECTFULLY submitted April 14, 2015.

Kent Taylor, Open Space and Trails Director

DRAFT



Date: April 7, 2015
To: Open Space and Trails Advisory Commission
Cc: Greg Stanley, County Manager
From: **Kent Taylor, Open Space and Trails Director** 
RE: Director's Report-April 2015
Attachments: CAP Trail update, Peralta Regional Park update, 2nd Quarter OS&T PCPM Report

2-5 Year Priorities

San Tan Mountain Regional Park

- No new updates.

Tortolita Mountain Park

- No new update, see future agenda items

CAP Recreational Trail

- See attached update.

Regional Park #4-Palo Verde

- Staff is working with our Finance/Purchasing Department to select "On-Call" consultants for Regional Park, Trail and Open Space Consulting services. It is anticipated that a qualified consultant will be chosen from those who are on the On-Call list. Staff is anticipating beginning the master plan process in June or July.

Regional Park #5-Peralta

- See attached update.

San Pedro River

- No new updates

Existing Park and Trail Inventory

West Pinal

- Pinal County partnered again with the City of Casa Grande on an Americorp Team visit. Pinal County was able to use the crew for a total of two weeks. We used them for 2 days at West Pinal Park and the other eight days were used at the Pinal County Fairgrounds.

Dudleyville

- Our first Adopt-a-Park project was held at this park on April 11th.
- Water system and drainage/flood improvements are moving forward at this location. Further park improvements (landscaping/entry way features) will be on hold until these projects are complete.

Oracle (two parks)

- Staff is still doing local outreach in the area in an attempt to recruit Adopt-a-Park volunteers for our two parks here.

Randolph

- Staff is progressing with this project. We are currently working on the lease development and assignment of responsibilities. The lease will have to be approved by the Board of Supervisors, I will keep the Advisory Commission up to date when that will occur.

Arizona National Scenic Trail

- Recreational Trail Program Trail Maintenance began in late February and was completed in mid March. Our Recreational Trail Program grant allowed for 6 weeks of "paid" trail crew work. Approximately 13 miles of trail were improved specifically focusing on switchback turn and drainage improvements.
- According to ASARCO representatives, the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Ripsey Wash Tailings Storage Facility is anticipated to be out for public review in the May/June timeframe. The release of the EIS may be delayed due to the release of the supplemental EIS for the Ray Land Exchange. 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
- As previously reported, our trailhead at Florence/Kelvin has had numerous acts of vandalism over the past couple of years. Staff worked with our partners, the Arizona Trail Association on coming up with some possible solutions. We are working with our Public Works staff to install boulders in conjunction with our post and cable fencing.

Lost Goldmine Trail

- See agenda item

Other**Meeting Minutes**

- Beginning with this meeting, we will be testing the use of a meeting transcription service to produce our minutes. This process is currently being used in the Community Development Department for their Planning and Zoning Commission meetings.

County Budget

- The County budget situation continues to be a challenge. On Feb 18, 2015, the Board of Supervisors directed the County Manager to reduce department budget targets for this fiscal year (FY 14/15) by 2%.
- Current planning is underway for the FY 15/16 budget and budget scenarios are looking at another possible 3-8% reduction.

Habitat Conservation Plan Presentation

- Staff is working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to schedule a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on Habitat Conservation Plans. Originally this was scheduled for March, but has been rescheduled to after the budget development process, probably in July.

2nd Quarter Performance Report

- Attached to this report is the 2nd Quarter Performance Report for the Open Space and Trails Department. This is part of our Pinal County Performance Management Program and is related to the departmental Strategic Business Plan.



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County Manager

Peralta Regional Park Master Plan

OS&T Commission Update April 2015

- 1) Completed (4) Working Group meetings.
- 2) (2) Coordinating meetings with Bureau of Land Management including research and discussion of a mining claim on this property.
- 3) Coordinated a field trip to the site for the working group.

Still to come:

- 1) Develop a draft master plan
- 2) Draft Master Plan presented to OS&T Commission
- 3) Public Meetings
- 4) Board of Supervisors Work session presentation
- 5) Board of Supervisors for approval

All planning documents are posted on the County website here:

<http://www.pinalcountyz.gov/OpenSpaceTrails/ParkTrailPlanning/Pages/PeraltaPark.aspx>

There is also a “comment” button on this page where citizens and interested parties can provide feedback.



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County Manager

CAP Recreational Trail Master Plan

OS&T Commission Update April 2015

- 1) Completed (2) Working Group meetings
- 2) Numerous field reconnaissance visits
- 3) Multiple coordinating meetings with stakeholders including San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District, Florence Flood Control District, Maricopa Flood Control District, National Guard, Bureau of Reclamation.
- 4) Completed (3) field trips for stakeholders, working group members and other interested parties.
- 5) Concept plan developed to solicit feedback from the working group, agencies, stakeholders and others

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Pinal County Performance Management Quarterly Report

FY 2014-2015: 2nd Quarter

Status (FY15 Target to YE Est)				
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD

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R
SBP % increase in facility use fees collected

FY15 Target	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	FY15 YTD	Status (FY15 Target to YE Est)				
	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	Actual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
10.00%	0.00%	10.00%	0.00%	10.00%				0.00%					

This is an annual measure. We currently have collected 34% of our goal (\$4,800) in revenue for this fiscal year. We currently collect use fees at two locations, Dudleyville, for the Multi-Gen Center, and at West Pinal (Kortsen) Park.

We are entering the busy season at West Pinal and have 4 group events scheduled and have had strong rentals in Dudleyville. Given that analysis, we anticipate meeting our target for this Fiscal Year.

R
SBP % increase in grant funding received

FY15 Target	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	FY15 YTD	Status (FY15 Target to YE Est)				
	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	Actual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
20.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	268.00%				0.00%					

This is an annual measurement. We have been fortunate to apply for and receive over \$90,000 in grant funding this year. Successful grant applications received are:

- 1) \$30,000 in Recreational Trail Program funding for trail maintenance on the Arizona National Scenic Trail
- 2) \$50,000 (value) Received a technical assistance grant award from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program to help us develop a master plan for a proposed regional park (Peralta Regional Park)
- 3) \$10,214 from the San Carlos Apache Tribe/San Apache Gold Casino Resort for the water system improvements at Dudleyville Park.

R
SBP % increase in volunteer hours provided

FY15 Target	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	FY15 YTD	Status (FY15 Target to YE Est)				
	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	Actual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
25.00%	0.00%	25.00%	0.00%	25.00%				0.00%					

This is an annual measurement. We are currently at approximately 40% of our goal (goal =1814) for volunteer hours for this year. The January through April months are some of our busiest volunteer months with ongoing projects scheduled for the Lost Goldmine Trail, the Arizona National Scenic Trail, West Pinal (Kortsen) Park and Dudleyville Park.

Given these schedule projects we anticipate meeting our year end estimate for this fiscal year.

R
SBP % of neighborhood park inventory locally and/or 3rd party managed

FY15 Target	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	FY15 YTD	Status (FY15 Target to YE Est)				
	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	Actual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
20.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	20.00%				0.00%					

This is an annual measurement. In order to meet our target, we would need to have (one) park locally or 3rd party managed. We are currently in discussions with a local non-profit for alternative uses at Randolph Park. If these discussion prove to be successful, we anticipate completing an agreement by the end of this fiscal year.

We have had numerous discussions with groups and citizens in the Oracle area about operational opportunities for the two parks in Oracle. To date these outreach efforts have proved to be unsuccessful.

R
SBP % of neighborhood park maintenance/safety checklists completed within designated timeframes

FY15 Target	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	FY15 YTD	Status (FY15 Target to YE Est)				
	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	Actual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
80.00%	80.43%	80.00%	89.36%	85.00%				84.95%					

SBP - In SBP

R - Result

O - Output

D - Demand

S - Statement

E - Efficiency

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Status (FY15 Target to YE Est)				
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD

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We have been successful in driving improvement in this process through a change in maintenance structure at the beginning of this fiscal year. Early this fiscal year we contracted for maintenance and yard care work at our Dudleyville location. This has led to improved service at this location and allowed us to focus our part time staff on the two Oracle parks. The end result has been better service at all three locations and at a reduced cost.

R SBP % of Regional Trail Miles maintained annually

FY15 Target	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	FY15 YTD	Status (FY15 Target to YE Est)				
	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	Actual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%				0.00%					

This is a measurement which will be reported annually and targets only those regional miles that Pinal County manages. This amounts to approximately 54 miles.

During the first half of the year we had approximately 7 miles of trail maintained. We have several large maintenance projects already underway for the second half of the year, 2 volunteer work events on the Arizona National Scenic Trail, a continual project to re-route the western portion of the Lost Goldmine Trail and a \$30,000 grant to do maintenance on a large portion of Passage 14 of the Arizona National Scenic Trail.

Given these projects, we anticipate we will achieve our annual target of maintaining 50% (approximately 27) miles of trail.

R SBP Objective 2.4: % increase in Regional Park Acreage by 2017

FY15 Target	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	FY15 YTD	Status (FY15 Target to YE Est)				
	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	Actual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
10.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%				0.00%					

Currently Pinal County has approximately 10,198 acres of regional park acreage within the County, all of which is located within San Tan Mountain Regional Park, which is managed by Maricopa County.

While we do not anticipate adding any regional park acreage this fiscal year, we have 2 projects that will help us reach our 2017 target.

First, we have begun the master plan process for Regional Park #5 (Peralta). We anticipate that this process will be about 12-18 months to complete. After the master plan is complete we then will have to begin working with the Bureau of Land Management on implementation of that plan through their process.

Second we will begin soliciting for contractors to work with us to develop a master plan for Regional Park #4 (Palo Verde) beginning late this fiscal year, or early next fiscal year.

R SBP Objective 2.4: % increase in Regional Trail miles acquired by 2017

FY15 Target	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	FY15 YTD	Status (FY15 Target to YE Est)				
	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	Actual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
49.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%				0.00%					

While we do not anticipate adding any regional trail miles this fiscal year, we have begun the planning process for the CAP recreational trail. This trail is an integral part of our larger trail master plan and we anticipate being able to work towards implementing portions of this trail in the not too distant future.

We currently have approximately 118 miles of regional trail in Pinal County (Arizona National Scenic Trail and the Lost Goldmine Trail). Pinal County is only responsible for operations and maintenance of about 54 miles of this. The remaining miles are managed by our partner agencies the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

S SBP San Tan Mountain Park operational framework approve by Board of Supervisors by December 31, 2014

FY15 Target	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	FY15 YTD	Status (FY15 Target to YE Est)				
	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	Actual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
	NOT		NOT					NOT					

Pinal County has drafted an updated agreement and has delivered that to Maricopa County. At this time we are waiting for Maricopa County staff to review.

We will continue to work towards getting this agreement updated as soon as possible.

E SBP Open Space and Trails Department budget per capita

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Status (FY15 Target to YE Est)				
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD

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FY15 Target	Q1		Q2		Q3		Q4	FY15 YTD	Status (FY15 Target to YE Est)				
	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	YE Est	Actual	Actual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
\$0.69	\$0.00	\$0.69	\$1.03	\$1.03				\$1.03					

The population estimate for this year is 396,237 (Impact Fee calculation, December 2014). The department budget for this FY is \$409,746, which includes \$120,000 one time expense for master plan development.

Without the one time expense the per capita amount would be \$0.73.

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