



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: October 18, 2016

Title: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors and Board of Directors to Designate and Reaffirm Certain County Lands to be Classified as County Parks

Introduction/Background:

Many of the lands listed in the attached Resolution are presently being used by the public as parks, whether for passive recreation or for more active recreational uses and are being managed to some degree as parks by the County and/or District. However, research of historical data did not indicate formal acceptance by the Board of Supervisors of those lands as parks in numerous cases. The attached Resolution is intended to formally recognize and affirm certain County and District owned lands as Parks.

Discussion:

The attached Resolution primarily provides the tools to allow for effective day to day management of activities on those properties. Such acceptance and designation of certain County lands as parks, along with the addition of select Flood Control District properties, is essential to add an additional element of land management authority for the County and District to manage activities on these lands currently being used for recreational purposes. That level of authority to allow for the proper management of public activities occurring on the listed properties is authorized via the implementation of locally-adopted Park Rules as allowed under A.R.S. section 11-935 and County Ordinances.

Conclusion:

NRPR seeks to develop an effective land stewardship strategy by identifying and inventorying which lands are intended to be managed as parks for the recreational enjoyment of the community. The Resolution enables the first phase of the development of a comprehensive county land management strategy. Park lands identified in this Resolution will be further delineated and classified in subsequent phases based on the allowable or intended degree of public use as determined by the Board of Supervisors and Board of Directors.

Recommendation:

NRPR respectfully requests the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Directors approve the Resolution Designating and Reaffirming Certain County Lands as County Parks.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Board of Supervisor District:

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Department: Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Telephone: 520-724-5000

Department Director Signature/Date: *Christy C. Carr* 10/3/16

Deputy County Administrator Signature/Date: *John M. [unclear]* 10/4/16

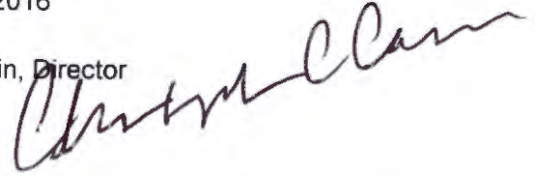
County Administrator Signature/Date: *C. [unclear]* 10/4/16

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 4, 2016

To: John Bernal, Deputy County Administrator

From: Chris Cawein, Director



Subject: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors and Board of Directors to Designate and Reaffirm Certain County Lands to be Classified as County Parks

Attached you will find a Board of Supervisors Agenda Item Report (BOSAIR) to place a joint Resolution of the Board of Supervisors and Flood Control District Board of Directors on the October 18, 2016 Agenda pertaining to the designation and reaffirmation of certain County and District-owned Lands as County Parks as allowed by A.R.S. Section 11-932.

This Resolution is intended to complement the County Conservation Lands Restrictive Covenant items also scheduled for the October 18 meeting. While the Restrictive Covenant discussion relates primarily to the future uses of County conservation lands, the Designation and Reaffirmation Resolution primarily provides the tools to allow for the effective day-to-day management of activities on those properties. Many of the lands listed in the attached Resolution are presently being used by the public as parks, whether for passive recreation, such as hiking or birding, or for more active recreational uses, and are being managed to some degree as parks by the County and/or District. However, research of historical data did not indicate a formal acceptance by the Board of Supervisors of those lands as parks in numerous cases. Such acceptance and designation of certain County lands as parks, along with the addition of select Flood Control District properties, is essential to add an additional element of land management authority for the County and District to manage activities on these lands being currently used for recreational purposes. That level of authority to allow for the proper management of public activities occurring on the listed properties is authorized via the implementation of locally-adopted Park Rules as allowed under A.R.S. section 11-935 and County Ordinances.

By identifying and inventorying which lands are intended to be managed as parks for the recreational enjoyment of the community, this Resolution enables the first phase of the development of a comprehensive County Land Management Strategy. Park lands identified in this Resolution, many of which overlap with the restrictive covenant lands classification scenario, will be further delineated and classified in subsequent phases based on the allowable or intended degree of public use as determined by the Board of Supervisors and Board of Directors. Park land management classification scenarios have yet to be explicitly defined, but may include designations of Natural Resource Park, Historic Park, Urban Park, Community Center, River Park, River Bottom Park, Trails and Trailheads and these categories may impart some need for classification-specific rules based on an acceptable level of public use. This classification schema will likely necessitate re-visitation of existing Park Rules, which were crafted in the year 2000 and adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission, to better encourage select activities and restrict destructive activities on specific County- and District-owned lands based on the specific park-type classification developed.

Should you concur with our approach, please sign the BOSAIR and forward it to the County Administrator for consideration. Otherwise, if there are questions on this resolution or on our evolving comprehensive Park Lands Management strategy, or if further discussion is required, please let me know.

Attachments

C: Suzanne Shields, Director, Regional Flood Control District
Linda Mayro, Director, Office of Sustainability and Conservation

Resolution No. 2016-_____

Resolution No. 2016-FC_____

Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors and of the Board of Directors of the Pima County Regional Flood Control District Rcafirming and Designating Certain County and District Lands as Pima County Parks

The Pima County Board of Supervisors and the Board of Directors of the Pima County Regional Flood Control District find:

1. The Pima County Board of Supervisors has the authority under A.R.S. section 11-932 to acquire and dedicate lands as parks. The Board of Directors of the Pima County Regional Flood Control District has the authority under A.R.S. section 48-3603(C) to own real property and to manage District-owned real property.
2. Records on historic designations of County lands and parks are often incomplete or difficult to document and do not always reflect additions of properties to existing parks over time.
3. The Pima County Board of Supervisors has established different types of parks in the adopted County Recreation Area Design Manual.
4. Implementation of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan calls for conservation lands to be administered by the Pima County Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation under Park Rules as allowed under A.R.S. section 11-935 and County Ordinances.
5. Designation of County- and District-owned lands as parks will enable uniform administration of such designated park lands pursuant to duly adopted County Park Rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors and the Board of Directors of the Pima County Regional Flood Control District affirm prior designations of County and District-owned lands as public parks and hereby designate the list of Parks and other properties attached to this resolution as Exhibit A as Pima County Parks. The Pima County Board of Supervisors and the Board of Directors of the Pima County Regional Flood Control District further direct Pima County Real Property Services to include designations of future property acquisitions that will be managed as park lands in the acquisition Agreement package that is presented to the respective Board for review and action.

Passed, Adopted and Approved this ____ day of 2016.

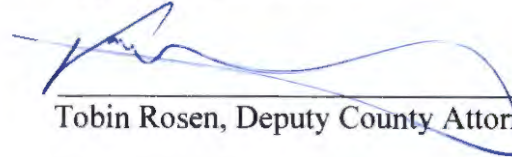
PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Sharon Bronson, Chair

ATTEST:

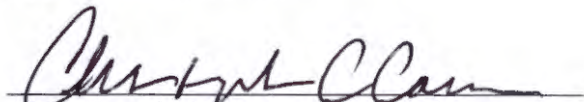
Robin Brigode, Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Form:

 10/4/16

Tobin Rosen, Deputy County Attorney

Approved as to Content:



Chris Cawein, Director, Natural Resources
Parks and Recreation

PIMA COUNTY REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

Sharon Bronson, Chair of the Board of Directors

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Tobin Rosen, Deputy County Attorney

Approved as to Content:



Suzanne Shields, Director

EXHIBIT A – County and Flood Control District Properties to be Managed as Parks – October 2016

Alphabetical Listing
A7 Ranch
Abrego Trailhead
Agua Caliente Hill South Trailhead
Ajo Community Center
Ajo Regional Park
Ajo Roping Arena
Amadon Property
Andrada-Bloom Property
Ann Day Community Park
Anza Trail and associated trailheads
Arivaca Community Center
Arroyo Chico
Arthur Pack Park
Augie Acuna Los Ninos Park
Avra Valley I 10 Wildlife Corridor
Bar V Ranch
Bee Mordka Property
Bingham Cienega
Brandi Fenton Park
Branding Iron Park
Buckelew Property
Burleson Donation Property
Canada del Oro River Park
Canada del Oro River - River Bottom
Canoa Preserve Park
Canoa Ranch (excluding HHdIC)
Canoa Ranch FLAP Properties
CAP Trailhead
Carpenter Ranch
Casas Adobes Park
Catalina Community Center
Catalina Neighborhood Park
Catalina Regional Park FLAP Properties
CDO Properties between Overton and La Canada
Centro Del Sur Community Center and Boxing Gym

Chicken Ranch Property
Children's Memorial Park
Chuck Bowden/Mt. Lemmon Community Center
Cienega Creek Natural Preserve
Clyne Ranch
Cochie Canyon Property
Colossal Cave Park (excluding leaseholds)
Continental Community Center
Cortaro/Hartman Property
Cortaro Mesquite Bosque
Culling Property
Curtis Park
Dakota Wash Property
Dan Felix Park
Denny Dunn Park
Desert Willow Property
Diamond Bell Ranch
DM Prevention Properties
Drewes Property
Dybvig Property
E.S. Bud Walker Park
Ebonee Marie Moody Park
Elephant Head Properties
Ellie Towne Community Center
Empirita Ranch
Esmond Station Park
Feliz Paseos Park
Flowing Wells Park
Forrest Rickard Park
George Mehl Park
Granite Property
Habitat 36th and Kino Property
Habitat For Humanity Property/San Juan
Henderson Property
Historic Hacienda de la Canoa (part of Canoa Ranch)
Holden Donation Property
Honeybee Village Property
Iris Dewhirst Pima Canyon Trailhead
Isabella Lee Property
Jacobs Trust Property/Enchanted Hills

Julian Wash/Tucson Diversion Channel - River Bottom
Julian Wash/Tucson Diversion Channel River Park
King 98 Ranch
Lawrence Park
Lazy C Ranch
Linda Vista Park
Linda Vista Patrick Property
Lords Ranch
Los Morteros Property
M Diamond Ranch
Madera Highlands Property
Malcolmson Property
Marley Ranch
Mckenzie Property
Meadowbrook Park
Mike Jacob Sportspark
Mission Garden Property
Mission Ridge Park
Mission San Agustin Property
Nancy Properties I, L.L.C.
Nunez Property
NW YMCA Community Center
Old Hayhook Ranch
Oracle Ridge Property
Painted Hills Property
Palo Verde II Property
Pantano River Park
Pantano River - River Bottom
Pantano Townsite Property
Paseo de las Iglesias
Picture Rocks Park/Community Center
Pima Prickly Park
Poteet Property
Prf3 Llc -abuts Cochie Canyon Property
Rancho Seco Ranch
Reid Property
Richardson Park
Rillito Regional Park
Rillito River Park
Rillito River - River Bottom

Rillito Vista Park
Robles Ranch Community Center
Roy P. Drachman Agua Caliente Park
Ruddick Property
Sands Ranch
Santa Cruz River Park
Santa Cruz River - River Bottom
Sarasota Trailhead
Scheer Property
Simmons Property - Empirita Ranch 2
Six Bar Ranch
Sopori Ranch
Southeast Regional Park
Starr Pass Fee Property
Star Valley Community Park
Stevens Property
Summit/Old Nogales Park
Sunset Pointe Park
Swan Wetlands 1, 2 and 3
Sweetwater Preserve
Sweetwater Preserve (under NR Parks) Trailhead
Tang Property
Tanque Verde and Houghton Property
Ted Walker Park
Terra Rancho Grande Property
Thomas Jay Regional Park/Littletown CC
Three Points Veterans Memorial Park
Tortolita Mountain Park
Treehouse Property
Tucson Mountain Park (excluding leaseholds)
Tumamoc Hill Property
Upper CDO Properties south of Edwin Rd
Valencia Property
Ventana Canyon Trailhead
Vesey Park
Walden Property
West Branch Santa Cruz River Property
Wildwood Park
Winston-Reynolds Manzanita Park/Drexel Heights CC