



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 6/20/2023

*\*= Mandatory, information must be provided*

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**\*Title:**

Rename the Sweetwater Preserve Trailhead (D3) to the Steve Anderson Sweetwater Preserve Trailhead

**\*Introduction/Background:**

Mr. D. Steve Anderson was a 27+ year Pima County employee, culminating as the Trails Program Manager in NRPR. On November 7, 2022, Mr. Anderson unexpectedly passed away while at work. Mr. Anderson was a dedicated teammate, a loyal friend and a trails professional whose fingerprints are behind numerous endeavors encompassing nearly 2,275 miles of multi-use trails which are enjoyed by Pima County constituents and visitors alike for hiking, biking and horse-back riding.

**\*Discussion:**

On April 14, 2023, the NRPR Advisory Committee unanimously voted 8-0 to endorse the recommendation to rename Sweetwater Preserve Trailhead to the Steve Anderson Sweetwater Preserve Trailhead. Additionally, several community partners to include Tucson Saddle Club, Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists, Southern Arizona Hiking Club and Pima Trails Association provided letters of support for the renaming.

**\*Conclusion:**

Steve was a visionary, a dedicated trails expert and a stalwart employee who dedicated his entire life to build, sustain and preserve the trail architecture within Pima County.

**\*Recommendation:**

BOS approve the renaming of the Sweetwater Preserve Trailhead to the Steve Anderson Sweetwater Preserve Trailhead.

**\*Fiscal Impact:**

Approximately \$200-\$250

**\*Board of Supervisor District:**

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Date: 23 May 2023

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Date: 5/24/2023

County Administrator Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 5/24/2023

**RESOLUTION 2023 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AUTHORIZING THE RENAMING OF SWEETWATER PRESERVE TRAILHEAD FOR STEVE ANDERSON**

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2022, long-time Pima County NRPR employee and Planning and Trails Division Manager Steve Anderson tragically and unexpectedly passed away while at work, and

WHEREAS, Steve Anderson worked for 27 years at NRPR and leaves behind a monumental legacy which is the Pima County open space trails system consisting of 2,275 miles of multi-use trails that are enjoyed by Pima County's residents and visitors alike for hiking, biking, and horseback riding, and

WHEREAS, Steve had a major role in the development of the Chuck Huckleberry Loop, a system of paved, shared-use paths along stabilized banks of several water courses that is the two-time recipient of the "Best Recreational Trail" award in the US from USA Today, and

WHEREAS, Steve led the development and major implementation of the Eastern Pima County Trail System Master Plan and was invested in several other trail efforts including the Sun Corridor Trail and Tribute Trail, and

WHEREAS, Steve was a great visionary and dedicated supporter of trails in Pima County and was behind so many efforts to develop, expand, manage, and maintain high quality recreational trails in Pima County, and

WHEREAS residents and visitors alike who enjoy the variety of trails in Pima County are benefitting from his legacy and life work, and

WHEREAS, Sweetwater Preserve and Trailhead held special significance for Steve as it was the location of his wedding reception to his spouse Amy Anderson, and

WHEREAS, Steve's spouse, Steve's colleagues, the Pima Trails Association, the Southern Arizona Hiking Club, the Sonoran Desert Mountain Bicyclists, and the Tucson Saddle Club all strongly support the renaming of the Sweetwater Preserve Trailhead for Steve Anderson, and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources, Parks, and Recreation Advisory Committee, on April 14, 2023, voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Supervisors name this trailhead for Steve Anderson,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Sweetwater Preserve Trailhead is hereby named the "Steve Anderson Sweetwater Preserve Trailhead."
2. The Director of the Natural Resources, Parks, and Recreation Department is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to give effect to this resolution, including the installation of appropriate signage as necessary, updating maps and publications as appropriate, and advising the media and the community of the renaming and reasons for this action.

Passed and adopted, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Clerk of the Board

 05/25/2023  
Rachelle Barr, Deputy County Attorney