

Board of Supervisors Memorandum

January 14, 2014

Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee Clarification

In my previous communication, I recommended the Board of Supervisors approve the organizational structure of the Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee (CRCC) to be comprised of a total of seven members to succeed the Canoa Ranch Community Trust and Oversight Committee (CRCTOC). In consideration of the work completed to date by the CRCTOC in developing the Canoa Ranch Master Plan that was adopted by the Board, I would like to revise my recommendation to include three members from the CRCTOC to ensure there is continuity in how the implementation of the Master Plan proceeds.

I specifically recommend the following three members be invited to continue serving on the CRCC for their expertise in history, commitment to scholarship and a comprehensive understanding of the cultural traditions of the region, as well as their personal connections to the history of Canoa Ranch:

- Amanda Castillo
- Patricia Preciado Martin
- Tom Sheridan

I believe it is important to retain continuity to carry forward the rich historical and cultural diversity expressed by the occupation of Canoa Ranch over time.

While I recommend the mission of the CRCC remain unchanged, I would like to clarify that it is not expected that the CRCC actually form a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization to raise funds. Instead, it is anticipated the CRCC would review proposals from other nonprofits and other potential partner organizations in its fundraising capacity to evaluate whether these proposals might be considered by the Board in the implementation of the Master Plan.

Any proposals would first be reviewed and evaluated by the recommended County management team that would include representatives from Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation; the Regional Flood Control District; Facilities Management; and Sustainability and Conservation to ensure that any proposals submitted for consideration by the CRCC are consistent with the open space, watershed, historic and cultural resource values cited in the Master Plan.

I very much appreciate the significant contributions of the CRCTOC in advancing County goals of preserving and protecting the historic and cultural values of Canoa Ranch.

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With these clarifications, I recommend the Board proceed with the formation of the Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee and County management team.

Recommendation

I revise Item 3 of my recommendation to read as follows:

3. Approval of the Canoa Ranch Conservation Committee organizational structure as follows:

Ten members: five appointed by the Board of Supervisors; one appointed by the County Administrator; one appointed by the Tohono O'odham Nation; and three members, Amanda Castillo, Patricia Preciado Martin, and Tom Sheridan, to serve as invited members representing the historical, cultural and occupational uses of historic Canoa Ranch. Each member shall be appointed for a term of four years and shall not serve more than two consecutive terms.

Respectfully submitted,

C.H. Huckelberry County Administrator

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Attachment

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