

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__

**RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
CONSERVATION LANDS AND RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD**

WHEREAS beginning FY24/25, the Pima County Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona, approved the establishment of the Conservation Lands and Resources Department; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes it is in the public interest to maintain broad community engagement by establishing an official advisory body to provide input to the Director of the Conservation Lands and Resources Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, that:

SECTION 1. Conservation Lands and Resources Advisory Board established; membership; vacancies; quorum; terms; compensation.

- A. There is created an advisory organization to be called the "Conservation Lands and Resources Advisory Board" (hereafter "Advisory Board"). The Advisory Board shall consist of no fewer than sixteen members knowledgeable in the fields of environmental conservation, natural resource management, ranching, wildlife management, public trails management, native plants, land development, tourism, environmental education, Tribal relations, cultural protection and historic preservation. Five members shall represent Pima County residents; and eleven members shall represent broad constituent groups.
- B. The five Pima County residents of the Advisory Board shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors (one per District), and the eleven Advisory Board members representing specific constituent groups shall be proposed by the Conservation Lands and Resources Department and approved by majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.
- C. Any member of the Advisory Board may be removed by a motion and majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.
- D. The membership of the Advisory Board shall not hold a government position with any incorporated city or town in Pima County, or be employed by Pima County, the State of Arizona, or the Federal Government.
- E. Each member of the Advisory Board shall serve a term of six years, and each member may serve two consecutive terms. The initial Advisory Board members will be seated with staggered terms.
- F. An appointment to fill a vacancy resulting other than from expiration of a term shall be for the unexpired term, after which the member is eligible to serve a full term.

- G. The Advisory Board shall elect from its membership a chairperson and vice-chairperson who shall serve for two years. The vice-chairperson shall act as chairperson in the absence or disability of the chairperson, or in the event a vacancy occurs in that office.
- H. Members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compensation.
- I. A simple majority of the appointed members of the Advisory Board shall constitute a quorum. The concurrence of the majority of the members consisting a quorum shall be the act of the Advisory Board.
- J. The Advisory Board shall adopt rules and protocols for its operations that are consistent with this Section and other legal authority.

SECTION 2. Functions and Purposes of the Advisory Board. The duties, powers, and functions of the Advisory Board shall be:

- A. To confer with and advise the Director of Conservation Lands and Resources Department on all aspects of sustainable management of County Conservation Land assets, helping the department to make informed decisions to achieve goals.
- B. To provide an unbiased perspective on the department's performance, and on external challenges and opportunities, while filling knowledge gaps by bringing specialized skills and experience to the organization.
- C. To interface with Technical Advisory groups for the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan and Multi-Species Conservation Plan.
- D. To inform cultural and historic preservation needs that impact Conservation Lands and Resources.
- E. To develop and shepherd a 10-year Conservation Lands and Resources Strategic Plan to define a long-range vision and stewardship of Pima County Conservation Lands and assets that will guide departmental land management strategies and operations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, Pima County, Arizona, this _____ day of August 2025.

Rex Scott, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board



Bobby Yu, Deputy County Attorney