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October 20, 2025

The Honorable Rex Scott
Chairman
Pima County Board of Supervisors
33 North Stone Avenue, 11th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701-1207

RE: Agenda Addendum Item No. 5, Resolution No. 2025-49 Reaffirming
Opposition to the Copper World Project

Dear Chairman Scott and Members of the Board:

On behalf of Save the Scenic Santa Ritas, we thank you for reaffirming Pima County's opposition to the proposed Copper World mining complex in the Santa Rita mountains — formerly known as the Rosemont Mine project.

We appreciate that the county recognizes with this resolution:

- That Copper World would drastically increase truck traffic across the unpaved portion of the Santa Rita Road, and correspondingly increase the amount of fugitive dust released into nearby communities that could lead to a nonattainment area designation by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency against Pima County;
- That Copper World is proposing to pump thousands of acre feet of water a year from wells adjacent to the Santa Cruz River, significantly increasing groundwater withdrawals within the Tucson Active Management Area with minimal replenishment;
- That the Arizona State Land Department is set to auction a 160-acre parcel of land that could enable the Copper World project to expand tailings capacity through land acquisition and, as a result, also expand its mining capacity and operations;
- That the project would cause irreparable harm to ephemeral washes and downstream perennial streams including Cienega Creek, an Outstanding Arizona Water protected by state statute from any degradation;

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- The importance of the county's Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan. The proposed Copper World project is operating in high-biological value land designated under the county's Conservation Lands System (part of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan).

Save the Scenic Santa Ritas urges the Board of Supervisors to continue to oppose the proposed Copper World project, including with this resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John E. Dougherty".

John Dougherty
SSSR Executive Director

cc: Nicole Fyffe, Senior Advisor, Pima County Administrator's Office
Kate Hotten, Co-Executive Director, Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection