



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Requested Board Meeting Date: 01/21/2014

ITEM SUMMARY, JUSTIFICATION &/or SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003 gives direction to Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service to address local community priorities in fuel reduction treatments, even on nonfederal lands. The Pima County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) was developed in response to HFRA for the at-risk communities and unincorporated areas in Pima County.

The Pima County Office of Emergency Management participated in the CWPP planning process and collaborated with stakeholders and other interested parties to develop the CWPP. The plan identifies strategic sites and methods for fuel reduction projects across the landscape and jurisdictional boundaries. CWPP will be used as a resource to help coordinate long-term interagency mitigation of catastrophic wildfire events in at-risk communities within Pima County.

CONTRACT NUMBER (If applicable): n/a

STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S):

Approval of the resolution will allow Pima County to have a well-written and comprehensive Pima County Community Wildfire Protection Plan to better protect our communities from wildfire risk, to better prepare citizens, and to become eligible to apply for and receive federal and other grant monies to implement wildland fire mitigation projects and programs.

CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS: N/A

CLERK OF BOARD USE ONLY: BOS MTG. _____

ITEM NO. _____

PIMA COUNTY COST: n/a **and/or REVENUE TO PIMA COUNTY:\$** N/A

FUNDING SOURCE(S): _____

(i.e. General Fund, State Grant Fund, Federal Fund, Stadium D. Fund, etc.)

Advertised Public Hearing:

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Board of Supervisors District:

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IMPACT:

IF APPROVED:

Pima County will have a well-written and comprehensive Pima County Community Wildfire Protection Plan to better protect our communities from wildfire risk, to better prepare citizens, and to become eligible to apply for and receive federal and other grant monies to implement wildland fire mitigation projects and programs.

IF DENIED:

Pima County will not be an adopted Pima County Community Wildfire Protection Plan to use as a resource to help coordinate long-term interagency mitigation of catastrophic wildfire events in at-risk communities within its boundaries.

DEPARTMENT NAME: _____ *Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security*

CONTACT PERSON: Griselda Moya-Flores **TELEPHONE NO.:** 724-9314

RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE
AND ADOPT PIMA COUNTY COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Pima County Board of Supervisors recognizes the threat that wildfire poses to people, property and infrastructure within our community; and

WHEREAS, mitigating the threat of wildfire through fuels reduction and community education projects will reduce the potential for harm to people, property and infrastructure from future wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003 gives direction to Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service to address local community priorities in fuel reduction treatments, even on nonfederal lands; and

WHEREAS, the Pima County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) was developed in response to HFRA for the at-risk communities and unincorporated areas in Pima County, located in and around public lands administered by the US Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Gila District Office, Coronado National Forest, National Park Service (NPS) Saguaro National Park, US Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge, the Tohono O'odham Nation, and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe.

WHEREAS, the Pima County Office of Emergency Management participated in the CWPP planning process and collaborated with stakeholders and other interested parties to develop the CWPP; and

WHEREAS, a function of a CWPP is to improve fire prevention and suppression activities, as well as to identify funding needs and opportunities to reduce the risk of wildland fire and enhance public and firefighter safety as well as enable a community to plan how it will reduce the risk of wildfire. The plan identifies strategic sites and methods for fuel reduction projects across the landscape and jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Pima County CWPP will be used as a resource to help coordinate long-term interagency mitigation of catastrophic wildfire events in at-risk communities within Pima County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Accepts and approves the Pima County Community Wildfire Protection Plan to better protect our communities from wildfire risk, to better prepare citizens, and to become eligible to apply for and receive federal and other grant monies to implement wildland fire mitigation projects and programs.

2. Authorizes the County Administrator, or his/her designee, to act on behalf of the Pima County Board of Supervisors to carry out and implement the Pima County Wildfire Protection Plan and its key elements.

PASSED by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, this ____ day of _____, 2014.

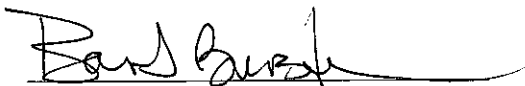
ATTEST

PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Sharon Bronson, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM



Deputy County Attorney