



Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection

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ADDENDUM MATERIAL

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ITEM NO. ADD 5

October 20, 2025

Arizona Center for Law in
the Public Interest
Arizona Master Naturalist
Association
Arizona Native Plant Society
Arizona-Sonora Desert
Museum
Bat Conservation
International
Cascabel Conservation
Association
Center for Biological
Diversity
Center for Environmental
Ethics
DarkSky Southern Arizona
Defenders of Wildlife
Environmental Law Society
Friends of Ironwood Forest
Friends of Saguaro National
Park
Friends of Tortolita
Gates Pass Area
Neighborhood Association
Great Old Broads for
Wilderness - Tucson
Living Desert Alliance
Maricopa Bird Alliance
Native Seeds/SEARCH
Save the Scenic Santa Ritas
Sierra Club - Grand Canyon
Chapter
Sierra Club - Nopales Group
Sky Island Alliance
Tortolita Alliance
Tucson Bird Alliance
Tucson Herpetological
Society
Tucson Mountains
Association
Wildlands Network

Rex Scott, Chairman and District 1 Supervisor
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 Proposed Copper World Project

Dear Chair Scott and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection, we thank you for reaffirming Pima County's opposition to the proposed Rosemont Mine in the Santa Rita mountains — also known as the Copper World project.

We appreciate that the county recognizes with this resolution:

- That the air quality permit received by the proposed project does not address dust pollution from unpaved roads such as Santa Rita Road that lead to and from the facility;
- 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;
- 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).

The Coalition stands with its coalition member Save the Scenic Santa Ritas and urges the Board of Supervisors to continue to oppose the proposed Copper World project, including with this resolution.

Sincerely,

Kate Hotten
Co-Executive Director

CC: Kris Gade, Director, Pima County Conservation Lands and Resources
Nicole Fyffe, Senior Advisor, Pima County Administrator's Office
John Dougherty, Executive Director, Save the Scenic Santa Ritas

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