



## Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection

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Supervisor Ally Miller, District 1  
Pima County Board of Supervisors  
130 W. Congress St. 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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**RE: Comprehensive Plan Amendments Co7-13-03, Co7-13-04, Co7-13-05,  
and Co7-13-06**

Dear Supervisor Miller and Board Members,

At your November 19, 2013 meeting you continued the above-referenced Comprehensive Plan Amendment applications and instructed the applicant to enter into discussions with the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection regarding appropriate mitigation for impacts to Pima County's Conservation Lands System on the four properties.

Over the last several months, we have worked with the property owner to develop a mitigation plan for these properties that allows the property owner flexibility and also fully complies with Conservation Lands System policies. We are pleased to have reached a positive resolution to these issues and fully support the mitigation framework outlined by County staff for these four Comprehensive Plan Amendment applications.

**The Coalition supports Co7-13-03, Co7-13-04, Co7-13-05, and Co7-13-06, with the Rezoning Policy pertaining to each of the amendment sites as detailed in the February 13, 2014 Memo to the Board of Supervisors from Planning Director Arlan Colton (DSD\_Co7-13-03, 04, 05, 06\_REVISED2\_DSDAdditionalInfo).**

Thank you for including us in these discussions. As you know, we strongly believe the Conservation Lands System is one of the foundations of the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan and we are encouraged that creative solutions can be reached that adhere to Conservation Lands System policies, especially in the biologically-rich area of the Tortolita Fan.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Carolyn Campbell  
Executive Director