

**PIMA COUNTY**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2000- 64**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA  
TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH THE CITY OF TUCSON IN DEVELOPING THE SONORAN  
DESERT CONSERVATION PLAN AND CARRYING OUT RIPARIAN RESTORATION PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 1999, the Board adopted the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan in concept; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan is the largest and most comprehensive regional multi-species conservation plan in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 3, 1998 the Board entered into Resolution 1998-250 with the Secretary of the Interior to:

(1) support the underlying purpose of the Endangered Species Act which is to provide a means whereby the ecosystems upon which endangered species and threatened species depend may be conserved, and

(2) work with the Department of the Interior to develop the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2000, the Board agreed to enter into a Supplemental Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Tucson which included provisions relating to effluent or reclaimed water for riparian projects; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Supplemental Intergovernmental Agreement a Conservation Pool is established for riparian projects; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan, 12 habitat types and 20 plant communities are being considered for protection, including riparian habitat which has been substantially degraded; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan, 108 vulnerable species are being considered for protection, including 24 federally listed, proposed and candidate species, and including the endangered cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl; and

**WHEREAS**, the County will work cooperatively to design and implement a conservation plan that:

- A) Complies with federal requirements under the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and National Environmental Policy Act;
- B) Addresses species conservation and federal compliance issues through the development of six planning elements, including Habitat and Corridor Protection; Riparian Protection and Restoration; Mountain Park Expansion; Ranch Conservation; and Cultural and Historic Preservation;
- C) Ensures the long-term survival of the full spectrum of plants and animals that are indigenous to Pima County through maintaining or improving the habitat conditions and ecosystem functions necessary for their survival. Inherent within this broad goal are several objectives:
  - 1. Promote recovery of federally listed and candidate species to the point where their continued existence is no longer at risk.
  - 2. Where feasible and appropriate, re-introduce and recover species that have been extirpated from this region.
  - 3. Maintain or improve the status of unlisted species whose existence in Pima County is vulnerable.
  - 4. Identify biological threats to the region's biodiversity posed by introduced and nonnative species of plants and animals, and develop strategies to reduce these threats and avoid additional invasive species in the future.
  - 5. Identify causes that disrupt ecosystem functions within target plant communities selected for their biological significance and develop strategies to reverse or mitigate them.
  - 6. Promote long-term viability for species, environments and biotic communities that have special significance to people in this region because of their aesthetic or cultural values, regional uniqueness, or economic significance.
- D) Facilitates the preservation of Pima County's cultural and historical resources;
- E) Recognizes how sustainable ranching can facilitate healthy and diverse ecosystems, open space conservation, the preservation of historic, traditional, and current land uses;
- F) Ensures the long term fiscal viability of the land base for Pima County, upholds property rights, and addresses quality of life issues for Pima County citizens;
- G) Seeks sufficiently broad and predictable regulatory assurances in order to achieve conservation goals while meeting economic needs of the community;

- H) Standardizes and integrates to the extent possible regulatory procedures and requirements, to ensure inter-jurisdictional consistency and reduce delay in permitting programs;
- I) Provides a mechanism to reduce to the extent possible the cumulative effects of land use on species of concern;
- J) Provides a basis for revisions and for amendments to federal land-use planning documents to achieve regional consistency in conservation planning and implementation; and
- K) Facilitates effective long range intergovernmental research efforts, data and information sharing, and the development of adaptive management strategies.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, as follows:**

Pima County by entering into a Supplemental Intergovernmental Agreement on effluent management will work cooperatively with the City of Tucson to develop the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan Riparian Restoration Element.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS** 21st day of March, 2000.

PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WITNESSED BY:

Sharon Bronson  
Chair of the Board

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Secretary of the Department of the Interior

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Deputy County Attorney

Robert Brugode, Deputy  
Clerk of the Board



*A Declaration of the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona to  
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Developing the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan and  
Carrying Out the Riparian Restoration Projects*

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Chair of the Board

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Secretary of the Interior

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Mayor of Tucson

