



## **WINKELMAN NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Sunzia - Ed Ctr Meeting

January 10, 2017

Draft Minutes

Location: CAC, Aravaipa Campus, Room E115

The meeting was called to order at 10:16 a.m. and introductions were made.

### WNRCD Board and Staff

Bill Dunn, Francie Meyer, Steve Turcotte, Gary Vinson (Absent), Carol DuBois, Hattie Hedrick, Chris Postel

### RNRCD

Andy Smallhouse, Chris Fletcher, Jess Barry, Kim Land, Elna Otter, Charlie Allen, John Brown

### Sunzia

Tom Wray, Cindy Freeman, Mark Etherton, Stan Barnes (Copper State Consulting), Mickey Siegel & Don Kelly (EPG), and Bert Acken (RCA).

### Members and Guests

Becky Dunn (WNRCD), Cathy Gorman (APOA), Phil Hedrick (APOA), Olivia Morales (DVFD)

### Sunzia Plan of Development Presentation (See attached slides)

The purpose of the meeting was to comply with Condition No. 7 of the Sunzia CEC. The following were discussed:

- Sunzia Right-of-Way & Construction
- Schedule and Milestones
- Plan of Development (POD) Outline
- POD Zone Development Approach - NRCD's Zones A1 (Tucson) and A2 (Safford)
- Important POD Activities - Provide Preliminary Draft POD to NRCDs by 2/28/2017 for their input
- Preliminary Engineering & Preconstruction Geotechnical Surveys

Arizona State Land will review POD but will follow BLM's direction. Construction will begin in 2018 (2nd Quarter), being driven by production tax credit's will start reducing in 2021. 100% of the corridor/route will be walked by individuals. They have used BMcD and have hire Kiewit.

Adjourned Sunzia meeting at 11:35.

### Education Center Meeting (Convened at 12:35)

WNRCD board: Bill Dunn, Steve Turcotte, Carol DuBois, Gary Vinson, Hattie Hedrick, Chris Postel (Clerk)

RNRCD board: Andy Smallhouse, Chris Fletcher, Jess Barry, Kim Land (Clerk)

Other attendees: Becky Dunn, Maria Munoz (CAC)

### Discussion Points

- Received last check (\$1,250) from State Land no more Ed Center funding, environment plates are not being purchased. Recommended to have the district pay for the Winter AACD conference expenses.
- Ray Primary school activities - Megan Vinson & Chandra McDowel (4th grade teachers) are using Ag in the Classroom curriculum kits (5Cs, Cattle, Equine, Sheep, Planting/Growing) with other teachers using some of these kits. Planning to have a Family Night to showcase student research projects. Farm Bureau will cook hot dogs & hamburgers. Considering a booth at Pioneer days to promote Ag in the Classroom, 4H, and NRCDs.
- A Tower Garden purchase request was presented/discussed \$1,000 for one tower, will investigate options and help with building gardens.

- San Manuel school activities - 1st grade teacher has raised bed planters outside, students eating fresh produce.
- RNRCD school districts - San Manuel & Benson
- WNRCD school districts - Mammoth, Hayden, Kearny, Oracle
- Need to develop new funding sources, grants, partners such as Monsanto, AZ Game & Fish, Asarco, Resolutions, Oracle Ford, BHP, Biosphere, etc. Per Maria, CAC will partner with us on grants and with the nursery. Need to develop an agreement and plan.
- CAC (Aravaipa) - Need to brand the campus, primary needs in the area to be able to ID CAC programs/classes.
- Native Plant Nursery (CAC) - Consider locating nursery next to the gym, already fenced off. Need to develop a plan, budget and partners. Formed a committee with these members: Chris, Carol and Gerry Kaufold. Motion by Carol DuBois to form committee. Steve Turcotte seconded. Motion passed. Kim, Andy and Jess will be the committee for RNRCD. Contact Gila Partnership to discuss plant nursery. Andy will investigate nursery building types. The nursery would be used by CAC students.
- Promote Ranching, Agriculture, & Environment - Utilize Ag in the Classroom lessons, field trips, special events, local gardens & greenhouse. Contact school teachers & administrators. Per Maria, Globe schools are very in agriculture. Focus on starting small and building on it.

Consider using Mary Darling to evaluate POD draft after NRCDs review it.

Call to the Public Nothing brought forward

Adjournment Motion by Steve Turcotte to adjourn meeting at 2:05. Carol DuBois seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes Submitted by: Chris Postel, Winkelman NRCD Clerk

Date: January 13, 2017

Approval of Minutes: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_