

MARICOPA COUNTY AGENDA INFORMATION FORM

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 Presentation & Action

Agenda Number

Department: Recreation Services		DEPT(2) FY(2) SEQ(3) TYPE(1) EXTEN(2)	
Category: Operations - Infrastructure		C- 30 - 97 - 014 - 6	
Contact: Jim Host		Phone: 506-8675	Continued from meeting of:
Return to: Rhonda Woodward	Location: 3475 W. Durango Street		Phone: 506-4862
Action requested: (Include what, with whom, when, where, why, how much (\$) and terms)			
<p>It is requested that the Board of Supervisors: Approve and execute the attached Resolution of Support for the "Desert Spaces Regional Open Space Plan" submitted by the Maricopa County Planning and Zoning Commission, Maricopa County Transportation Advisory Board, and the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Commission.</p>			
Complete description of requested action: (Include, if applicable, background, impact, long-term commitment)			
<p>The Flood Control District of Maricopa County, the Maricopa County Department of Transportation, and the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), cost shared the development of a plan to identify valuable open space resources, preservation goals, policies, and management strategies to implement the plan known as "The Desert Spaces Regional Open Space Plan". This plan has been developed with considerable input from the public, local municipalities, and County, State, and Federal agencies through a series of public meetings and workshops. A working group was established in 1992 to guide development of the plan which included one member each from the County Departments of Transportation, Planning, Parks, and the Flood Control District.</p> <p>On June 10, 1995, members of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Transportation Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Flood Control Advisory Board attended a special workshop concerning the Open Space Plan where they were able to voice their concerns on the management and implementation of the Plan, the consideration of private property rights, and the importance of having the involvement of public, government, and private interests in the implementation of the Plan.</p> <p>As a result of these meetings and workshops, the above mentioned County agencies have drafted a Resolution of Support for "The Desert Spaces Regional Open Space Plan" for Board approval and execution.</p>			
Expenditure Impact by FY(s): (Provide detail on Financial Form)			
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No financial impact

Routing & Approval (Sign & Date) (Per Responsibility of Signers Guidelines)

1. Dept	Date	6. Mat. Mgt	Date
2. CO. <i>Herberg-Kusy</i>	Date <i>2-23-97</i>	7. HR	Date
3. <i>Thomas R. Buick</i>	Date <i>2/25/97</i>	8. Legal <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <i>2-25-97</i>
4.	Date	9. OMB <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <i>2/25/97</i>
5. FEMD	Date	10. CAO <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <i>3/7/97</i>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Place on Agenda	

Board of Supervisors Action

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved		<input type="checkbox"/> Amended as follows:
Clerk of the Board	Date	
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>3/26/97</i>	<i>support resolution only - not the Plan itself.</i>

RESOLUTION

Maricopa County
Planning and Zoning Commission,
Transportation Advisory Board,
Parks and Recreation Commission
and
Board of Supervisors

C 30-97-014.6

SUPPORT FOR THE "THE DESERT SPACES REGIONAL OPEN SPACE PLAN"

WHEREAS, Maricopa County is one of the most rapidly developing areas of the United States, attracting new residents and businesses because of its desirable quality of life, opportunity for growth, significant natural beauty, and abundant open space resources; and,

WHEREAS, Maricopa County, through the Maricopa County Department of Transportation and the Flood Control District of Maricopa County, and the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), cost-shared the development of a plan which identifies valuable open space resources, preservation goals, policies, and management strategies to implement the Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the *Desert Spaces Regional Open Space Plan* has been developed with considerable input from the public, local municipalities, and County, State and Federal agencies through a series of public meetings and workshops. The primary goal of the plan is to identify policies for an open space system for the region. The Plan identifies a regional system of integrated open space; outlines various strategies for the establishment and management of the system; and includes the following policies to preserve and conserve those open space resources:

- *Conserve and preserve important natural and cultural resources;*
- *Provide opportunities for inter-jurisdictional cooperation to develop a regional open space system that builds on the existing efforts of the public and private sectors;*
- *Further regional goals of economic development and quality of life;*
- *Identify compatibility, and identify and resolve conflict between desired open space objectives among local, state, and federal land management objectives;*
- *Assist local government to evaluate the effect of private development on open space resources; and,*

WHEREAS, the County-wide Comprehensive Plan -- Goals, Policies and Standards (adopted May 17, 1993) promotes efforts to preserve and protect significant natural resources and to encourage development to be compatible with natural features; and,

WHEREAS, Arizona Revised Statutes 11-806 grants authority and mandates that the Planning and Zoning Commission shall prepare and recommend to the Board of Supervisors a comprehensive plan of the area of jurisdiction. This plan is to be developed to "conserve the natural resources of the County and may include recommendations relative to forests, wildlife areas, parks, and trails."


WHEREAS, on June 10, 1995 members of the Planning and Zoning Commission attended a special workshop with members of the Transportation Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Flood Control Advisory Board. The Advisory Boards and Commissions expressed the following general statements:

- *That the Board of Supervisors embrace the Desert Spaces Regional Open Space Plan and work toward implementation through existing regulatory authority while petitioning the Arizona Legislature to create a funding mechanism for ultimate implementation;*
- *That elected officials, department staffs and private interests need to maintain a regional perspective and keep a comprehensive vision for future open space land uses within Maricopa County;*
- *That private property rights must be considered and respected in the implementation of any part of the Desert Spaces Regional Open Space Plan;*
- *That implementation of the plan should involve the public, all levels of government, private organizations, and public/private partnerships.*

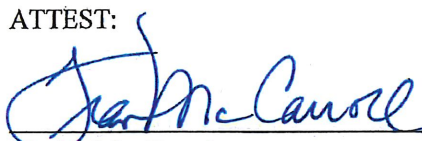
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County authorize the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Transportation Advisory Board, and the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider the open space preservation goals and policies included in the *Desert Spaces Regional Open Space Plan* when evaluating and prioritizing development projects, transportation projects, and other planning activities where practicable; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Transportation Advisory Board, and the Parks and Recreation Commission shall cooperate with other interested parties for the implementation of the *Desert Spaces Regional Open Space Plan* in conjunction with the County's Comprehensive Plan, and with Department of Transportation activities and programs, integrating corridor preservation with the development of the *Open Space Plan*.

Dated this 26th day of March, 1997



Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board