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Final Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Pima NRCD

Meeting Date: March 30, 2019

Meeting Location: Teleconference

Time meeting was called to order: 8:06 AM Arizona Time

Attendees:

Supervisors: Cindy Coping, Chair, Jim Chilton, Jonathan DuHamel, Patricia King, and Andrew McGibbon

Pima NRCD Clerk: Chris Postel

Biological consultants: Robert Schmalzel and Dennis Parker

Others: Steve Turcotte (Winkelman NRCD), Dan Bell (Santa Cruz NRCD), and Bill Schock (Santa Cruz NRCD)

Agenda Items

Discussion/Action to submit comments and/or invoke multi-NRCD coordination with Coronado National Forest and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the Biological Assessment (BA) for Coronado National Forest Livestock Grazing Program (February 2019).

The BA plant science is out-date regarding the BA treatments of Canelo ladies tresses, Pima pineapple cactus and the Huachuca water umbel. The document mentions about 100 specimens that were found in surveys but does not state that these three specimens were found outside the areas the Forest Service has historically “protected” with exclosures from livestock grazing.

Jim Chilton said that Jeff Eisenberg (UofA Center for Law & Social Policy) would be coordinating the comments submission, which are due by May 10. Bob Schmalzel would draft comments for the Pima pineapple cactus, Canelo ladies tresses, and the water umbel. Al Medina will draft comments on warm water fish.

A webpage will be set up to be used as a clearing house for storing documents. Dennis and Bob will send the documents to Cindy.

Consider separate proposals to be presented by biologist Robert Schmalzel to prepare comments regarding the Huachuca water umbel, the Canelo Ladies trusses, and to prepare comments on behalf of the Pima NRCD regarding the Pima pineapple cactus.

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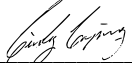
Jim moved that the PNRCD/PCCE retain Bob Schmalzel to write comments on the 3 species, PPC, umbel, and orchid, with other NRCDs sharing the cost. Jim will personally guarantee Bob is paid. Jonathan 2nd Motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Other NRCD districts, Santa Cruz, Winkelman, etc, will be contacted to determine if they would be interested in sharing the cost of drafting the comments.

Meeting adjourned 8:44 AM. Jim Chilton moved, Pat King 2nd. Motion carried 5-0.

Draft Minutes were submitted by Chris Postel, Pima NRCD Clerk on April 2, 2019

Date Minutes were Approved by the Pima NRCD Board of Supervisors:

Signed		April 16, 2019
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	Cindy Coping, Chair, Pima NRCD/PCCE	Date