



Pima Natural Resource Conservation District  
Pima Center for Conservation Education, Inc.  
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## DRAFT minutes of the Pima NRCD/PCCE teleconference meeting of June 27, 2024

The meeting came to order by teleconference at 1:05 PM MST on June 27, 2024. Jim Chilton chaired the meeting. Supervisors in attendance included Jonathan DuHamel, Mary Miller, who has now taken Patricia King's vacated seat on the Board, and Cindy Coping.

The original motion was made by Cindy Coping.

Mary Miller moved to amend the motion as revised herein.

Jonathan DuHamel seconded the amended motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Cindy Coping moved to accept the amended motion. Jonathan DuHamel seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

"1. To commit any FY 2024 Pima NRCD funds remaining in the State account at the close of business on June 30, 2024, less the sum of outstanding FY 2024 invoices, with that remainder estimated at \$5,900, to the Rancho Seco water infrastructure demonstration project, contingent on the consent of Pima County (the landowner). These funds may be spent directly by the Pima NRCD or granted under contract to the Altar Valley Conservation Alliance, to organize coordination meetings with Pima County, Altar Valley Conservation Alliance, the grazing permittee, and other potential and/or confirmed project funding partners; and to purchase specific equipment necessary to replace, refurbish or enhance livestock water infrastructure on the Rancho Seco ranch. The equipment may include solar-powered pump(s), new enclosed water storage tank(s) with a minimum capacity of 1,500 or 3,000 gallons as specified in the proposal received by the Pima NRCD, new metal livestock drinker(s), wildlife escape ramp(s), and remote well and water system monitoring technology, and all necessary valves, switches, electrical wire, concrete foundation repairs as necessary, and piping; and trail cameras capable of accurately documenting the species of wildlife that use the water sources funded by this project during day and night. Expenditures may further include water tanks accessible to small wildlife, combined with appropriate cattle exclusion fencing for small wildlife drinkers. Funds may also be expended to design studies to research and document the benefits and

impacts, on range vegetation and wildlife, of providing water where none was available. The commitment of these funds is intended as "seed" money to help raise funds from project partners to complete the livestock watering system for the Rancho Seco. The Pima NRCD intends to complete the installation of all infrastructure needed for at least one well to be providing water to livestock by July 31, 2024. The Pima NRCD prefers to prioritize re-activating the John 1 Well before the other wells are addressed.

2. To commit any funds remaining in Pima Center for Conservation Education in the FY 2024 State Account at the close of business on June 30, 2024, less the sum of all outstanding FY 2024 invoices, the remainder being estimated at \$296.70, to add to the \$2,000 already committed to the Altar Valley Conservation Alliance (AVCA), to be spent under contract with the AVCA to conduct a pre-project science planning workshop for soil retention and water conservation projects on the Palo Alto Ranch."

Approved by the Pima NRCD/PCCE Board of Supervisors

Ayes:

Nays:

Andrew McGibbon, Chairman

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