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ROSEMONT INTENDS MAJOR MINING OF OUR GROUNDWATER

I would like to share with you today some alarming information about Rosemont Copper Company's proposed mine to be located in the Santa Rita Mountains south of Tucson. This information is from the public records of the Arizona Department of Water Resources. The Rosemont Mine will impact residents of the northern San Cruz river valley. Please bear with me.

I am a resident of Sahuarita heights area, which is located south of Tucson and north of Green Valley. My wife was born and raised in Tucson. She met me in northern California where we lived for over 20 years and raised our family. She had always wanted to move back to Arizona. In 2003, while on vacation, her brother took us to Sahuarita to see some property that was for sale. After only one look, I could see how beautiful it was and what a fabulous view of the Santa Rita Mountains it had. I knew that this was the place for our family to build our dream home. In 2004 I moved my family to Arizona to live on our newly acquired property. While living on the property in a trailer, we built our dream home to all of Pima County's 2006 building codes.

Rosemont Copper Company has acquired a parcel of residential property (about 50 acres) near my home and plans to put in several wells, at depths of 1,300 feet, to continuously pump 6,000 acre-feet of groundwater (our drinking water) each year for the next 20 years. They will transport this water 15 miles up to and over the crest of the beautiful Santa Rita Mountains to it's mine for processing copper ore. The pumping of so much water will dry up as many as 200 domestic wells in my neighborhood, at depths of only 200 to 300 feet, which supply the drinking water for up to 400 families. It also has come to my attention that there is already a land subsidence issue in my area of up to 2.4 inches from groundwater depletion, excessive pumping of groundwater, in a 8 month period between 02/23/2007 and 10/26/2007. I believe that if Rosemont Copper Company is allowed to transport 1,955,226,000 gallons (which is the same as 6,000 acre feet) of our ground water away from our area each year, the land subsidence will get even more severe at even a faster rate, and this will drastically affect our communities for years to come. I'm hoping that something can be done immediately to protect the communities of Sahuarita and Green Valley from the same fate as Pinal County, where the subsidence issue is measured in tens of feet instead of inches.

It is grossly unfair that our community is required to follow twenty-first century building codes, while mining companies can use an antiquated, nineteenth century mining law to destroy our homes. But the issues I have described here are far more important than complying with the intent of the 1872 Mining Law, which was to encourage mining exploration and development, perhaps necessary in the 1800's. These issues go to the core of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), the intent of which is to protect our environment, our properties, and our way of life.

National Environmental Policy Act Section 101 paragraph B pertains to Rosemont's activities of transporting groundwater away from Sahuarita would interfere with the natural balance of the environments ability to maintain critical water levels for the overall development and welfare of the our community. Rosemont's transportation of groundwater from Sahuarita, which is already suffering from a groundwater depletion and land subsidence, may cause a risk to health and safety of the residents with undesirable consequences to the community and Rosemont's transportation of our groundwater could dramatically affect future growth in our communities.

When a company applies for a permit which will impact waters of the United States, the agency that is being asked to issue the permit must evaluate the environment effects of the permit decision under NEPA. The Federal agency can require the private company to pay for the preparation of analyses, but the agency remains responsible for the scope and accuracy of the analyses. With this being said, Rosemont should be made to pay for a hydrologic study for the environmental impact of the transporting of groundwater away from Sahuarita heights.

Pima County Administrator Chuck Huckleberry stated earlier this month his concerns about the over use of the groundwater and that the aquifer in Green Valley is falling at the rate of 4 feet a year.

Water is the most precious resource Arizona has and should not be wasted for the profits of others, especially foreign companies. Also, it should not be allowed for the Rosemont Copper Company to trade Central Arizona Project water that they have been recharging into the ground in Marana for drinking water (groundwater) in Sahuarita, 30 miles or more to the south of Marana, especially since Marana groundwater is flowing away from Sahuarita. This defies logic, boggles the mind and is a great misuse of taxpayers' money.

The water of Arizona is the life blood of the communities in this great state and should never be wasted in such a foolish manner. I hope that our politicians will be better stewards of the taxpayers' money and stop the wasteful use of Arizona's ground water. In so doing, they will be protecting the lives of our communities. The water belongs to the citizens of Arizona. It's time to use common sense for the common man for the common good of Arizona.

Robert Robuck
Arizona Homeowner
March 17, 2008

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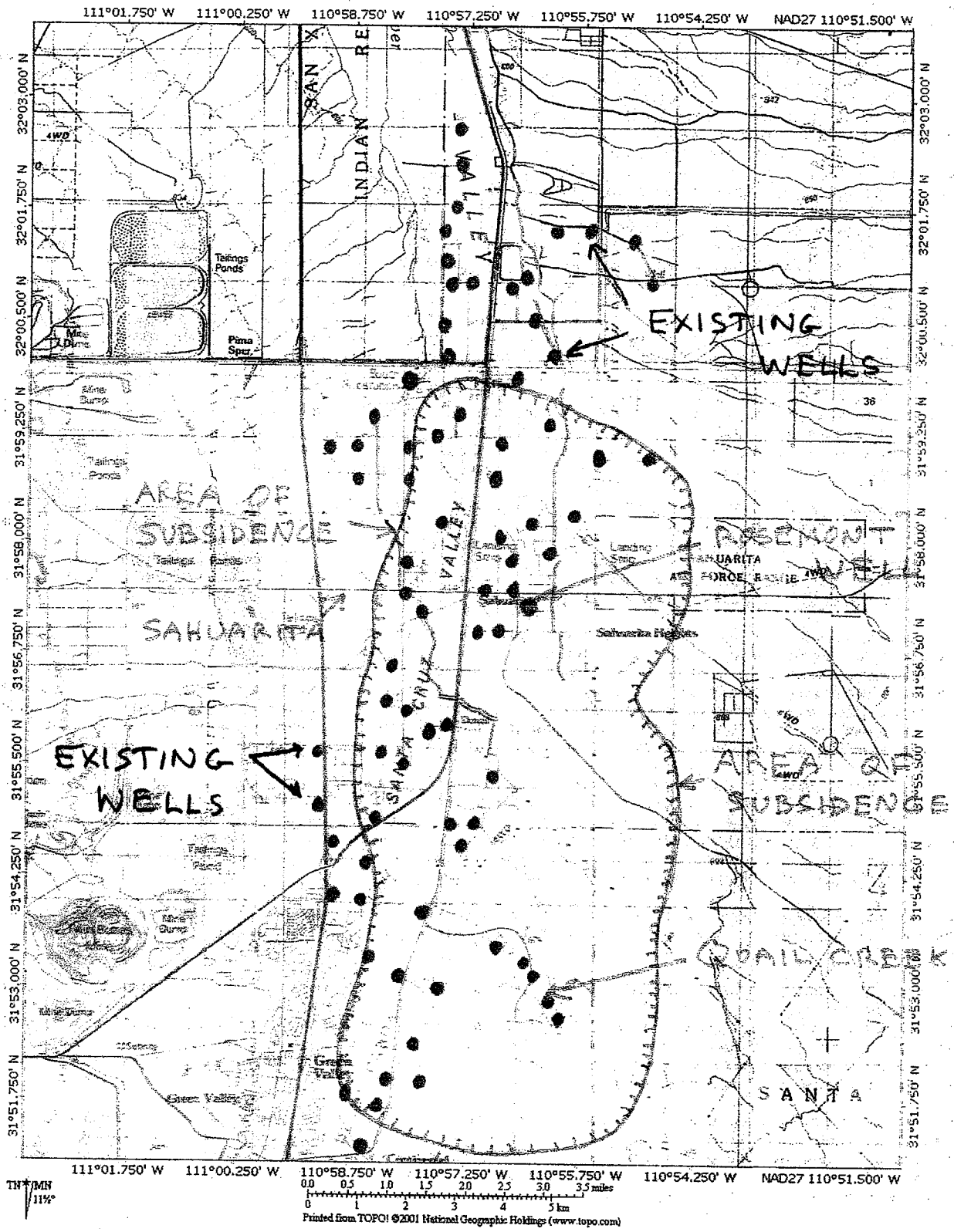
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SAHUARITA AZ 85629

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Also, such heavy loads on a continous basis will prematurely wear out the roadway. Who will provide the additional funds to maintain the road — the state/taxpayers or the mine?

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2). LAND - THE MINE WILL BE IN A PRISTINE AREA OF THE SANTA RITA MOUNTAINS. THAT AREA WILL BE DESTROYED

3). POLLUTION - THE WATERSHED ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE SANTA RITAS WILL BE POLLUTED.

4). COPPER - ~~THE~~ WHY CAN'T WE LEAVE THIS COPPER DEPOSIT IN SITU? WE DON'T REALLY NEED IT. THERE IS ADEQUATE GLOBAL SUPPLY. LEAVE IT FOR ~~THE~~ FUTURE GENERATIONS TO DEVELOP IF NEEDED. IN THE MEANTIME WE LEAVE A PRISTINE AREA ALONE AND HELP OUR AQUIFIER.

5) TOURISM - WE HAVE HEARD THAT THE LOSE IN TOURISM DOLLARS WILL EXCEED THE VALUE OF THE COPPER MINED.

NAME: RON BARRY

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COMMENT:

How will our water supply be protected? We already have contaminated water from the other mines. Several of our wells have already been shut down. It is unclear how our current water will be protected. If the plume moves further because of Rosemont water useage, Green Valley & Sahuarita will be hit hard from a useable water supply and from all the resulting economics. All of this is not even considering the environmental impact of digging — the resulting dust from the tailings, the destruction of the environment, etc.

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This 'meeting' was advertised as just that. There has been great disappointment that ~~this~~ there was no public forum. I would have gotten much more if there had been a forum in which we could have participated in a Q & A from both the agencies & the citizens who came to hear & be heard!!

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Tel. 520 648-0624
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E-mail r.a.calabro@att.net
To: Rosemont Team Leader
Subject: Proposed Rosemont Copper Project EIS

I was curious about the private consultant, SWCA, that the Forest Service "selected" to assist them in preparing the proposed Rosemont Copper Project EIS, so I did some research and found the following at the SWCA website **http://swca.com/projectsample/31.** It concerns the work SWCA did for Phelps Dodge:

Dos Pobres / San Juan Environmental Impact Statement for Phelps Dodge Safford, Inc
Safford, Graham County, Arizona

Overview:
SWCA, under contract to Phelps Dodge Safford, Inc., prepared an environmental impact statement (EIS) and a Mining Plan of Operations (MPO) for a proposed land exchange between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Phelps Dodge. The exchange, which had been in progress for more than 10 years, involved the transfer of nearly 4,000 acres of environmentally sensitive land from Phelps Dodge to the BLM. In return, the BLM transferred more than 16,000 acres of land to the mining company for the development of two open pit copper mines.

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- Researched legal constraints and other issues surrounding the land exchange
- Completed baseline data collection
- Prepared EIS and coordinated NEPA process
- Responded to more than 1,000 public comments on the EIS draft
- Completed the Record of Decision

Results:
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There's a clear conflict of interest here.

At the NEPA website for the Citizens Guide, **http://www.nepa.gov/nepa/Citizens_Guide_Dec07.pdf**, page 4 says: Frequently, private individuals or companies will become involved in the NEPA process when they need a permit issued by a Federal agency. When a company applies for a permit (for example, for crossing federal lands or impacting waters of the United States) the agency that is being asked to issue the permit must evaluate the environmental effects of the permit decision under NEPA. Federal agencies might require the private company or developer to pay for the preparation of analyses, but the agency remains responsible for the scope and accuracy of the analysis.

From this one expects that the Federal agency does the NEPA analysis, contracts with a private consultant, and sends the bill to the applicant. Sounds fair. What actually happens is that the Federal agency "selects" the private consultant, and the private consultant contracts out to the applicant to do the NEPA analysis.

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The bias of SWCA in favor of their client, Phelps Dodge, is revealed in their referring to the land that Phelps Dodge traded as being "environmentally sensitive", but they do not call any of the BLM land, which is four times the size, environmentally sensitive.

To Phelps Dodge, "the very best", SWCA, is the one who delivers the goods for the applicant, not for the Federal agency who is charged with protecting land in the public domain. I strongly object to the conflict of interest that the Federal agencies have tolerated in this NEPA process. Unless these conflicts and SWCA are removed from the process, this EIS for the proposed Rosemont Copper Project has no credibility.

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NAME: Rose Robuck

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ADDRESS: 16251 S. Santa Rita rd
Sahuarita Az 85629

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NAME: NEIL JOHNSON

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SAHUARITA AZ 85629

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NAME: Charles R. McInnes

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NAME: Felise Williams

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ADDRESS: 16331 #1 Santa Rita rd.
~~Rita~~ Sahurita, AZ, 85629

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NAME: CARL MIDJAAS

EMAIL: Cara89@COX.NET

ADDRESS: 5101 S. PASEO GEMELOS
Green Valley AZ 85614 207-0055

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COMMENT: Leaving the mine site
Is your finished product, Copper Ingots or Rods or? If not, how will the ore leave the site? Which Route

How can you run a company, (copper mine) you have never run before?

NAME: Concerned Citizen

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: Green Valley

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NAME: Frances C. Carter - long time resident here

EMAIL: none

ADDRESS: 1801 S. Abrego Dr.
Green Valley, Az. 85614

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COMMENT:

- RT 83 will need bike lanes for safety with Mine traffic. Make the mine fund them.
- Keep mine traffic off Box Canyon Rd.
- ~~Ho~~ Don't let the mine destroy the peaks and ridge lines visable from Green Valley and create an eye sore.

NAME: BILL ADAMSON

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ADDRESS: 903 W CALLE EXCELSO
GREEN VALLEY AZ 85614

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who are your employees going to be?
we have a large problem of low water
and if you open the mine you will
drain our aquadut

go dick in Canada and leave our area
alone - enough has been done already
where is your electricity coming from?

NO! NO! NO! Hell NO!!

NAME: Richard Lee Jacobsen

EMAIL: rjacobsen2444@aol.com

ADDRESS: 2444 W. Calle Casas Lindas
Green Valley, Az. 85614

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COMMENT:

Put this to a referenda! Lets see who wants this & who doesn't!

Do you really WANT the East Santa Rita to look like Green Valley???

NAME: STANKO

EMAIL: TANKO@TICON.NET

ADDRESS: 573 W Chardin
GV 85614

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COMMENT: WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH GROUNDWATER TO SUPPORT THIS ACTIVITY. (~~AUGUSTA~~), FREEPORT MINE (FORMERLY P.D.) HAS USED 505,734 AF SINCE 1987! IT USES 24 MILLION GLS/DAY.

ARIZONA WILL HAVE TO DECIDE SOON IF ~~IT~~ IS TO BE A MINING STATE OR INVITE PEOPLE TO LIVE HERE. IT CANNOT BE BOTH.

WE ARE SICK OF THE DESTRUCTION OF SONORA DESERT.

ALSO, WHERE DOES AUGUSTA PLAN TO GET EL. POWER?
" " " " " " " WATER

NAME: B.C. BONTHRON

EMAIL: pjbonthron@aol.com

ADDRESS: 421 N. MOUNTAIN BROOK DR.
GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85614

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COMMENT: The Rosemont people claim that they can "restore" the area covered by tailings. In the 37 years I spent with the US Forest Service all over the Western U.S., I never saw an area "restored" to anything approaching the beauty, productivity, or ecological integrity of the ~~our~~ original ecosystem. The EIS should require the mining company to precisely define what they mean by their claim and ~~give~~ successfully provide proof by example of any existing "restored" areas.

NAME: Robert F. Buttery

EMAIL: —

ADDRESS: 218 E. Placita Pera
Green Valley, AZ 85614-2127

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COMMENT: With our present condition on Water in the Green Valley area, it seems the this is Not a good progressive plan to conserve an already a lack of water.

The lack of information concerning why a mining company from Canada would be interested in this area, begs for an in depth explanation - Is there no copper minerals in Canada?

Who will be employed, more illegales?

What will Green Valley Home Owner received if pen-change the mine is approved?

Will the damage to the land be restored to its natural state? Also, how will the mine be monitored + by who. Is this a 10-20 year plan?

NAME: Jim Robinson

EMAIL: RobinsonJimDee@AOL.Com

ADDRESS: 2321 W. Calle Balaustre
Green Valley 85614

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COMMENT: THIS "MEETING" IS AN OPEN HOUSE — NOT UNDERSTOOD. SHAME. FROM PUBLICITY.

(1) ISSUE ONE:- WATER. ALL ELSE IS SECONDARY. THE TUCSON WATER TABLE IS DROPPING 2 FEET/YEAR. THE CAP IS LESSENING, AND POOR QUALITY.

(2) ISSUE TWO:- WATER. WATER IS LIFE.

(3) ISSUE THREE:- WATER.

QUESTION: How can Augusta rationalize coming into such a delicate place?

QUESTION: Where is your mining experience?

NAME: JUDITH WHIPPLE

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 361 S. PASEO CHICO
GREEN VALLEY AZ 85614

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COMMENT:

Light pollution. Already the mine west of I-19 is in violation of the light pollution laws. What assurances do we have that this mine will be a better neighbor to the observatory?

NAME: S. TANKO

EMAIL: TANKO@TICON.NET

ADDRESS: 573 W Chardin

GV 85614

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COMMENT:

I am opposed to the proposed mining operation (Rosemont Copper Project) because:

Air pollution - dust from tailing ponds

Inadequate source(s) of water

Lack of commitment to the long term adverse impact on the land.

Additionally, I believe the 1872 mining act has outlived its time

Thank You,

NAME: James M Regent

EMAIL: jmregent@cox.net

ADDRESS: 981 S. Florida Springs Ct.
Green Valley, AZ 85614

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Issue #1 - Water. The aquifer is already depleted and dropping 2-4 feet a year. Due to the test pumping in Sahuarita people are already experiencing wells going dry and sand in what water they can access. Their property will be worthless. And this is only a test. Wait until they suck out 100,000 acre feet from the groundwater. Even CAP water will not be enough. Without water there will be no commerce, no life, no flora or fauna

Issue #2 - the Electric Line - Without Electricity the mine can not function. Permits must be obtained from the corporate commission. This whole area is against this mine. We will fight it at Corporate Commission.

Issue 3 - We live here. You don't. What right to you have to intrude your destructive mine on us

NAME: June Worthman

EMAIL: junesRag@cox.net

ADDRESS: 81 E. Santa Chalice Dr. Green Valley 85614

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COMMENT: WHY IS THIS EVEN A CONSIDERATION, THIS IS DISGUSTING. THIS IS OUR LAND NO!

Your maps purposely do not show all the developments in the vicinity of this mine including Corona de Tucson, Green Valley, Sahuarita.

THE SURFACE WATER quantity & quality in Davidson Canyon & Cienega Creek will be affected. How will this water be protected. The wells in nearby developements have already been affected by the drilling of wells by Rosemont. What happens to these people. Will Rosemont compensate them?

What's the big rush to get USFS to approve this before the public & USFS has all the data of this mine.

NAME: SALLY JOHNSEN.

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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COMMENT:

Financial: The vast majority of the copper to be extracted is going to China - the majority of profit ($) is going to Canada the majority of work - (Refinement, manufacture of copper products, distribution etc. is going to be done in China. A much needed resource (Cu) by the U.S. is going abroad the jobs left here are mining + temporary.

Ecology -
Water - a sulfur plume already exists under the waste piles on the west of I-19 - as water is extracted on the East side it will draw the plume to the East and contaminate the present supply of water for Green Valley - Sahuarita. the Recharge is a iffy thing at best with the recharge being the first to be denied when CAP water dwindles so Recharge will not

(over)

NAME: STAN DIETZMAN

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begin untill the local water is gone or polluted -- There is a ton more that most officials know already but hope that the general public doesn't. Big business, developers wanting CAP for 100 yr. water plans to build more housing - their Lobby will speak louder - Property values (like mine) will go down to an unbelievable low

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COMMENT: It is inevitable that the mine will contaminate the ground water.

The outlook for ground water shortages is bound to occur with the mine pumping from 5000 to 8000 acre feet of water per year.

A mine should not be allowed to destroy thousands of acres of beautiful mountain area, wild animal habitat, pure water drainage belonging to the public (Coronado Nat. Forest, State trust land, BLM land) unless the public surrounding the area is in agreement. The public surrounding this proposed mine are certainly not in agreement with the destruction of their (public) land.

Why should we even consider allowing a company to use their property as a mine when their property amounts to a mere 995 acres and they need 3400 acres of beautiful public land to make the mine work.

NAME: Carl L. Robinett

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COMMENT:

What about truck traffic & dust/
air pollution from the dust?

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GV 85614

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COMMENT: This was requested by Bev Everson

How is the EIS process dealing w/ acid rock drainage associated w/ land disturbance and mining?

With summer monsoon rains, seasonal water inputs will occur. Moisture content will vary, and humidity cell studies should be mandated in waste rock evaluation.

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GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85614

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COMMENT:

How will you Protect the ecology of streams in Area To avoid a Mutation the water Level

Will you put a clay Layer underneath the Tailing To avoid migration of contaminants

will you Put a drainage system around the Tailing To collect any Hazardous waste?

NAME: Thomas Miller

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ADDRESS: 202 Abrego Green Valley 85614

Chair, Environmental Committee, GVCCC

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COMMENT: The mining law should be changed and I will lobby congress to do that. It is outrageous that a canadian company should be able to confiscate public land for their profit. We are already losing to much desert land to development. The water table is dropping and the current mining opperations use too much already. I hope the forest service does what it can to prevent this disaster.

The pit will go down 2,000 feet - what will happen to the water table?

The tailing pile will be twice the size of the current one in green valley which dwarfs the surrounding hills now.

NAME: Claudia McKay

EMAIL: NewVIC@aol.com

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COMMENT: We shouldn't give up U.S. mineral rights for the profit of a foreign (Canadian) company!

Water table is already low + will only get lower. This will impact Green Valley residents directly.

How much will trucking traffic increase + where will it go?

Since they are not actually using the mineral rights from public land, why should the Mining Act of 1872 apply to their proposal. And if the Mining Act doesn't apply, the Forest Service shouldn't have to entertain their proposal.

How much of an eyesore will the tailing site be in 25 or 50 years?

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Why does the mine need to use clean/fresh/virgin water? Why can't they use gray water? Wouldn't everyone win if they piped gray water from the cities, used it, recharged it, + ADDED to the fresh water supply.

I'm afraid for our collective health if we are forced to drink recharged mine refuse.

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COMMENT: THE TAILINGS ~~FROM~~ FROM THE MINE ARE GOING TO BE MIXED WITH POLYMERS TO KEEP THEM FROM BLOWING AROUND. POLYMERS ARE PLASTICS THAT ARE MADE FROM OIL AND THEY DO NOT DEGRADE. SO 30-50 YEARS FROM NOW WE WILL HAVE THIS HUGE PILE OF DUST AND PLASTIC? HOW ABOUT MIXING THE TAILINGS WITH SOMETHING ELSE? SOMETHING THAT WILL BIO-DEGRADE AND STILL PERFORM THE DUST RETENTION FUNCTION.

NAME: GREGORY TANKO

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 513 W. CHARDIN DR
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COMMENT: ASSUMING THAT THE MINING OPERATION WILL BE 24/7 OR CLOSE TO IT, WHAT ABOUT LIGHT POLLUTION? ARIZONIA IS THE ASTRONOMY CAPITAL OF THE U.S.A. WHAT ARE THE PROVISIONS TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF LIGHT POLLUTION BY THIS MINE? THE COLOR OF LIGHT USED IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE ASTRONOMY INDUSTRY HERE. THIS MINE NEEDS TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR TO THE ASTRONOMERS.

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NAME: GREGORY TANKO

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COMMENT: I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT WATER UNTIL I FOUND OUT THAT GREEN VALLEY IRRIGATES GOLF COURSES WITH TAP WATER, HOT WATER PUMPS, AND DUAL GRAY WATER SYSTEMS ARE NOT PART OF THE GREEN VALLEY, OR PIMA COUNTY CODES. WHY NOT? WATER CONSERVATION MUST NOT REALLY BE AN ISSUE HERE. APPARENTLY IT IS OK TO GIVE THE MINE ALL THE CLEAN WATER IT WANTS AND GET DIRTY WATER IN RETURN

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COMMENT:

I am deeply concerned about the negative effect the proposed Rosemont project will have on the resident and migrating wildlife in the affected area. Scenic route 83 will also suffer.

I am a resident of the Wrangler Ranches area of Pima County, 12 miles West of the Arizona Mission Mine Complex, where we have a small bed and breakfast. People come from all over the world (literally continents) to see the birds of Southeastern Arizona. Even in Russia, they have heard of the "beautiful drive on the Santa Rita Mountains." A world treasure is at stake.

And, where are the future expansions of Rosemont going to be? Their prospectus and sales materials to investors show huge areas to be mined that are not noted on the current plan

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COMMENT: I am currently an employee at Asarco Silverbell. I Am also a member of the USW937. With that being said I know how technology, and new methods do not impact the enviroment in ways of old. I see how, on a daily basis, my company goes to extremes to be enviromentally correct, and that it is possible to have a low impact by following government guidelines and just plain caring! I also understand that the property is to be a union enviroment. That should be important to anyone who is in my position or is a parent or grandparent. Thanks to the contract I work under which was negotiated by the UNION I can afford as a Married man with 3 children to be the only source of income. My wife can stay at home at our new house in Rancho Sahurita and raise my children. My contract has given me, a 35 yr old man a good wage and the best benifits in town!

NAME: Troy Worrell

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Sahuarita Az 85629

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COMMENT:

I believe water is a critical issue, both quantity and quality.

Also critical are the impact on the water table and subsidence as it falls.

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My main concern is water!

The water level on the G.V.-Sahuarita side is going down to a point that house floors are beginning to crack. The proposed mine is located on the other side of the mountains. Why not take water from the Davidson valley?

The second concern is blasting with noise and dust formation which may cause asthma in people.

Also, the tailings would be visible from Rt 83, never a pleasant view.

I sincerely hope that the project will not materialize!!

NAME: Max Appel

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2) AS THE PIT WILL BE LOCATED CLOSE IF NOT INTO THE CREST WHAT WILL PREVENT IT FROM BECOMING PART OF THE MINE AND MAKE IT FULLY VISIBLE FROM GREEN VALLEY AND BEYOND

3) VERY CONCERNED WITH THE WATER PROTECTION OF CIENEGA CREEK AND DAVIDSON CANYON. BUT EVEN MORE WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF WHAT IS A BEAUTIFUL AREA IN THE SANTA RITAS

4) THE PLAN CALLS FOR US TO DRINK CAP WATER AND ROSEMONT TO USE THE AQUIFER?!

5) WHAT ABOUT SAFETY ON ROUTE 83 HEAVY TRUCKS EVERY 10 MINUTES ARE A DANGER TO ALL. ALSO THE 83 CAN NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED A SCENIC ROAD.

6) WE TELL THE SCHOOL CHILDREN THE NATIONAL FORREST IS THEIR LAND ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE IT DESTROYED?

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COMMENT: I have many concerns @ this mining proposal –

- How will it affect water quantity in the region
- How will it affect water quality, esp. in Cienega Creek, etc.
- How will it affect nearby property values?
- How will it affect the economies of communities such as Sonoita & Patagonia?
- How will it affect air quality?
- How will it affect recreational use in the Santa Rites?

These are a few questions that need to be addressed.

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COMMENT:

1. Southern Arizona has had a number of unfortunate experiences with mine operators who went bankrupt before reclaiming waste and cleaning up. How will the government ensure that Rosemount does not do this?

2. The water in the acquifer that ~~pr~~ serves Green Valley and neighboring areas is currently declining by ~~three~~ 4 to four feet per year. The Rosemount mine will contribute to accelerating this decline. What will be done to ameliorate this problem?

3. How will the pool of water mixed with sulphuric acid be processed + reclaimed without polluting ground water?

4. We have had unfortunate experiences with dust from tailings blowing over sections of Green Valley and with sulphate plumes contaminating public water supplies. How will Rosemount prevent these problems?

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COMMENT: My major concerns are:

1. Water: I don't see how it's justified for the Rosemont Mine to use groundwater.

2. Economics: I think the Sonoran Institute study shows a net economic loss to this project. Please address all issues from the December 2007 Report (available at www.sonoran.org)

3. Sky Island Status: The biodiversity of this magnificent sky Island is already under threat by climate change + drought. We must not hasten their destruction. Please include all intangible benefits in your EIS as well as concrete costs and benefits.

NAME: Laurie Jurs

EMAIL: planetjurs@mac.com

ADDRESS: 3550 West Calle Uno
Green Valley, AZ 85614

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COMMENT: Tetra tech - good answers -
Lance Newman - Rosemont Mines
S Africa
Stillwater Montana platinum
Washington Group
oxide + sulfide 2011
↳ 2011

Escrow - concurrent reclamation + vegetation
management 17%

NAME: Judi Dippold

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 212 N Crescent Bell Dr
Green Valley, Ariz 85614

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COMMENT: Water! more precious than gold etc. Please consider future generations.

NAME: Marilyn Cregg

EMAIL: meandjs@gmail.com

ADDRESS: 2009 Esteo
GV Az 85614

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COMMENT: Every development is a threat to the biodiversity of the Sonoran desert and its water resources. As a homeowner in Green Valley I want to protect its unique environment from further degradation. I am particularly concerned about the water resources and the threat that within a decade or two Green Valley could be well on its way to becoming a ghost town. Maybe the next generation will even worry about Arizona becoming a ghost state when mining & population have devastated the quantity and quality of the water throughout the state. We have already been threatened with the sulfate plume ~~that is~~ from Phelps-Dodge that is percolating toward the Santa Cruz aquifer and our public water supply. We don't need more threats to our resources. Leave something for future generations! After all this is public land and the majority does not want another mine.

NAME: KAYRI MEALY

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 164 E. EL VIENTO
GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85614

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COMMENT: I am opposed to this project and believe the Forest Preserve should set a precedent and refuse to allow this mine to

1. Use Forest Preserve land to be covered with its tailings AT ALL.

2 Deprive Forest Lands of ~~the~~ good water by using our aquifer for its commercial ~~purp~~ purpose thereby making it poisonous

3. Create dust polluting the air and coating the foliage with dust, affecting their photosynthesis and ~~at~~ ~~absorp~~ absorption of moisture, such as it is,

4. Drawing down the groundwater will cause subsidence that will affect the area on both side of the Santa Ritas, ~~which~~ already is being affected by ~~to~~ water loss are the people whose wells are [redacted] near the Mine's test wells,

I want you to look into all these issues,

NAME: MARY SCHOTT REBENNING

EMAIL: maryprepo aol.com

ADDRESS: 1030 W. Camino Velasquez

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COMMENT: If This proposed Rosemont copper project goes thru How Much water will be needed how much will be taken from the water table in acre ft per Day. We already have Pecan farm (45%) golf course (5%) + a copper mine 45% we get 5% it does not sound like ther is any left.
They can dig it out and send it to Canada (use their water or Japan and use their water

NAME: Harry Repenning

EMAIL: HairyRep@Yahoo.com

ADDRESS: 1030 W Camino Velazquez
Gen Valy, AZ 85614

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COMMENT:

Our organization will send detailed written comments.

Thank you,

Carolyn Campbell

NAME: Carolyn Campbell, representing Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection

EMAIL: Carolyn@sonorandesert.org

ADDRESS: 308 E University #120
Tucson, AZ 85705

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COMMENT: all business wanting to start up in an area need to adhere to many regulations set forth by local - State, & Federal regulations. These regulations have been put in place to supposedly protect the people & area as a whole.

No business can operate without the necessary resources. Rosemonts mine needs water. They Have none. So they have bought a few acres 28 miles away, in a community where every one is on a private well. average water depth is at 280 ft. Rosemont has drilled 3 wells to Date (more proposed) at a depth of nearly 2000 ft. With in 500 ft of some residential wells. Their yearly needs approach that of Tucson. There is little doubt about what will happen. Without water our community - Homes - lifsaving & history will be gone.

NAME: ELTON K. Ongley

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 16231 S. Country Club Rd.
Sahuarita, AZ. 85629

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COMMENT:

The Pima County Board of Supervisors has failed to adequately plan for future sanitary landfill needs. A major landfill will close in less than one year without any replacement plans. In fact, the county does not have funds to close the existing landfill as required by environmental regulations. Is it possible to encorporate a sanitary landfill with the waste rock landfill that is proposed for the Rosemont Copper Project? This may help solve the issue of future landfills.

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COMMENT:

Would like to see County Supervisors on board with Forest Dept.

Would like to see "geologists + economists" not hired by Augusta to have input into Forest Dept. decision

What right has Augusta to "mine" our groundwater. Should be forced to use CAP water.

Does the Forest Service "care" about our real estate values?

NAME: Chuck Young

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ADDRESS: 2148 W. Calle Casa Lindar
Green Valley

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COMMENT: Biological diversity is critical for short + long-term human existence. Water is critical for both also. The mine seems destined to destroy both! Can we not have one pristine place left in this country for enjoying a walk away from dust + noise?! What about ~~[illegible]~~ reserving an area for bolstering the human spirit? Let's do something for the majority for a change, not just for a few rich CEO's! Why must destruction of beautiful places be a priority rather than a last-ditch effort? It is time to listen to the majority if we are a democracy. After all this is public land!!!

NAME: SALLY HAUENS

EMAIL: ~~[illegible]~~

ADDRESS: 164 E. EL VIENTO
Green Valley, AZ 85614

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COMMENT:

Will our voices count, regardless of our numbers?
Will you place people above profit?
Why would this mine be allowed when we are obviously running out of water?
Does our community need the toxicity this mine would release?

Please, do whatever you can to prevent this from happening. Please, do whatever you can to prevent this beautiful area from being destroyed.
Thank you for protecting the Santa Rita mountains from mining.

Carolyn Anderson

NAME: Carolyn Anderson

EMAIL: Caranderson7a@yahoo.com

ADDRESS: 939 S. Las Lomas Circle
Green Valley AZ 85614

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COMMENT: The Rosemont Mine will be an ecological and fiscal disaster for our area. Our long range economy will be (and is now) tourism and depends on maintaining the beauty and uniqueness of the Sonoran Desert and Madera Canyon and the Santa Ritas.

Our water table is dropping precipitously and, based on history of mining, we cannot trust Rosemont to be responsible stewards of the land and water, no matter what they say now. We cannot allow them to pump out our aquifer and "replace" it with polluted water

Our national forests should belong to the people and the people do not want mountains of mine tailings. They want scenic beauty and crystal clear streams, healthy wildlife and places for recreation

NAME: Merry Archer

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 939 Las Lomas Circle
Green Valley, AZ 85614

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COMMENT: Water! Water! Water! The proposed Rosemont mine site is already causing problems for specific homeowners near the test wells and is already causing a significant amount of ground water being taken out of the G.V. acquifers.

It is not possible to deplete the G.V. acquifers and not face serious water issues if Rosemont is allowed to complete their project. If the Forest Service had any integrity they would oppose this mining operation. Unfortunately they most likely have no way of opposing it because of our archaic water laws in AZ.

NAME: Kathi Skytta

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Green Valley, AZ. 85614

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COMMENT: If the people of Green Valley/Sahuarita ever go on water rationing or restrictions will the Rosemont Copper Company go on water rationing or restriction also?

NAME: Daniel L. Sullivan

EMAIL: dasulle@cox.net

ADDRESS: 2300 W. Calle Balustre
Green Valley, AZ. 85614

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COMMENT:

If copper is a natural resource and must be mined to access it, we must allow the mining! Maybe those who do not want the mine can ~~offer~~ pay for importing it from other areas.
For God sake its a natural resource!

NAME: Gary E. Sinner

EMAIL: jsinner@earthlink.net

ADDRESS:

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COMMENT: QUESTIONS ABOUT EIS PROCESS

1. When will the list of folks working on the EIS process be available? ~~will their exp~~
2. Will the experience & qualifications of the EIS workers be available to the public?
3. EARLIER PRESENTATIONS HAD ROSEMONT REQUESTING that the USFS CONDUCT EXTENSIVE HYDROGEOLOGIC STUDIES AND MODEL(S). Is that still the case? If so, who are your ARD people?

NAME: JOHN SONDEREGGER

EMAIL: jsonder@yahoo.com

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GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85614

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COMMENT:

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THANK YOU

NAME: ROBERT A. PRICE

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Immediate concerns:

1) Environmental impact - eyesore
2) Depletion of water supply
3) Disruption of wildlife habitat
4) Desecration of a scenic/pristine area
5) Local tax impact to support schools/services?
6) Future expansion once initial proposal accepted - could turn into even larger eyesore.
7) Interference with observatory

L.T concerns:

1) Pollution - ground water supply/air
2) Economic projections are based on current high commodity prices
3) Higher traffic - heavy trucks
4) Clean-up after extraction completed - historically - corporate responsibility deficient

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COMMENT:

I do not want the copper mine because we do not have enough water for a mine.

NAME: Emaline Hannuan

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: Gray Valley.

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COMMENT:

I totally oppose any mining operations in the Rosemont area because:

1) It will destroy natural beauty that will take 50 to 100 yrs to be restored
2) We do not have enough water for such an operation
3) the traffic on 83 will be increased to the danger point
4) It will interfere with the wildlife corridor.
5) Monies from the operation can never substitute for the ugliness open pit mines leave - the noise, traffic and heavy use of water utilized.
6) Lights used to do night work will have adverse effects on Mt Hopkins telescope!

NAME: Marie H. Drummond

EMAIL: ViewpT1@cox.net

ADDRESS: 461 W. Camino del Poso
Green Valley, AZ 85614

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COMMENT: I am concerned about the impact of any mining/development in the Green Valley area that affects ~~our~~ our water. (potable)

I want to see some evidence of responsible management to the projected growth in southeastern Arizona in the coming years ~~in regards~~.

NAME: Pat Mason 063062

EMAIL: cedarma@wemason.com

ADDRESS: 3411 S Placita del Esconces
G.V. 85614

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COMMENT: Water is much too valuable & essential to life. If the mine will require VIRGIN water – as opposed to, say, gray water, I oppose it!

NAME: Sherry Tanko

EMAIL: tanko@ticon.net

ADDRESS: 513 W Chardin Dr.
GV 85614

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COMMENT:

We are concerned about ~~the~~ the impact to our water supply as well as pollution to the ground water. We live in Sahuarita. This mine will negatively impact our property value and possibly make our land uninhabitable.

NAME: Al + Beverly Karsch

EMAIL: ABKarsch@msn.com

ADDRESS: 17564 So Kolb Rd.
Sahuarita AZ. 85621

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COMMENT: HORÉ A CONSERVATION ETHIC OVERCOMES DESIRE TO MAKE MONEY

NAME: JOHN RIDER

EMAIL: j.rider@worldnet.att.net

ADDRESS: 1683 W BALTUSROL DR
GREEN VALLEY AZ 85614

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COMMENT: As an avid hunter, I am concerned for the hunting ground I have hiked and hunted since I was a boy. Wild life is subject to water shortages, loss of fodder, decreased range, blasting, traffic perils, and the result is loss of traditional hunting range in this area. Hunting is a money-making enterprise for this area. Short term benefits may come from mining the area, but the long term loss of game will lead to depletion of financial revenue that hunting has traditionally provided.

NAME: Jeffrey B Stephens

EMAIL: tajb0111@hotmail.com

ADDRESS: 4344 Laker Ave

Lincoln, NE 68508

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1) Unique flora/fauna in area?
2) Unique nesting/breeding sites for rare birds?
3) How will Sahuarita residents be compensated & provided water when mine pumping drops or degrades their wells
4) If water is pumped from Santa Cruz aquafer will it be returned to Santa Cruz aquafer?
5) Will the mine pay for the water it uses?
6) What will be the traffic impact on Sahuarita roads?

NAME: Linda Sparks

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 2209 W Gramercy Dr.
GV 85614

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COMMENT: I am extremely concerned about water resources in the Santa Cruz Valley. We are in the midst of a drought and the water table is dropping while nobody seems to know how low it can go before we run out of water. On top of this the current Serrita Mine's Sulphate plume is poluting the acquifer and now they want to build another mine to make all of these matter much worse. Isn't drinking water for the people who live here more of a concern than more copper? Until someone does a study to prove we have sustainable water for the current mine, the pecan groves, and the people living here now, I think its foolhardy to approve another huge draw on our acquifer PROVE THE WATER EXISTS FIRST!

Second, the mine is on private property. Augusta only wants the Forest Service land to use as a DUMP! That violates the Forest Service rules.

NAME: David G. Ellerbrake

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 1769 W. Acacia Bluffs Dr
Green Valley, AZ 85614

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Third. Augusta isn't even a U.S. Company, so why should the Forest Service be required to assist a foreign company when all of profits will go overseas?

Fourth: Mines are ugly and not an asset to Forest Service land.

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COMMENT: I am concerned that our area is being exploited like a 3rd world country. Our natural resources - water, the Santa Rita Mountains - would be demolished to benefit a company that is owned by the Canadians + Japanese

There seems to be no regard for the local community in this process -

1. There is no accurate estimate of how long the water in our aquifer will last - yet this mine would extract our pure water and put back polluted water

2. Our economy is no longer what it was in the 1800's - Now - beautiful mountains are our important resource - attracting tourism and people who want to live in a beautiful area

3. There is NO way to recover what will be taken away by the mine - to allow it here will to sell our future for a song!!

NAME: Laura Ellerbrake

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 1769 W. Acacia Bluff
GV 85614

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COMMENT: The area where the purposed Rosemont Mine Project is going to take place is not a pristeen forested area. It has been a mining area scince the 1870's and trucks were hauling ore out of the area as late as the 1950's. The mine operation will in no way hinder the birders from practicing their hobby because Madera Canyon is the main birding area. At one point in time the area was used by the Army Air Corp for target practice and dummy bullets can be found scattered through-out this area. The mining company has agreed to spend their own money to bring in a pipeline to recharge the aquafer. They also have agreed to clean up the area and return it to its natural enviroment. I highly in favor of this mine.

NAME: Robert P. Ezzo

EMAIL: rpezzo@copper.net

ADDRESS: Hc 70 Box 3330 Sahuarita, AZ 85629

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COMMENT:

I think this mine will be an asset to our area,

NAME: Rachel Ezzo

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: HC 70 Box 3330
Sahuarita AZ 85629

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COMMENT:

The negative impact on water resources and the horrendous pollution which is sure to follow are reasons enough to prevent implementation and the invasion of a pristine natural environment. the health consequences to humans and all other species would be irreparable and unconscionable. Again, our greatest concern relates to the squandering of precious water resources and the impact of air pollution on an already-taxed environment in close proximity to densely populated areas. We simply do not need another mining operation to increase the complexity of existing problems related to mining operations in Pima County.

NAME: Hugh / Lynne Beykirch

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In money - what comes to U.S.
The waste water (TOXIC) will percolate into the ground & water supply
What happens to the forest
What restoration will the mining company do?
What will become of tailings & rock debris
What will happen to the open pit were when mining is terminated?
* Against the entire project - insult to environment, forestry, water supply

NAME: KUPFER

EMAIL: SRKDDS@Verizon.NET

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COMMENT:

In the future please formally convene the gathering with some part of welcome to those who have come to participate in this process.

NAME: Conny Swacha

EMAIL: conny swacha@yahoo.com

ADDRESS: 727 W. PARAISO PLACE
GREEN Valley, AZ 85614

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I don't believe a mining law of 1872 ~~is~~ should be relevant today. Congress has a bill pending which would change the law. Probably it would prevent Rosemont Copper from developing the mine. Don't go forward to allow a foreign country to deplete our water supply, contaminate the soil and water and damage our natural environment

NAME: Mabel Johnson

EMAIL:

ADDRESS:

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COMMENT:

I am concerned about the depletion of our water table if this mine is approved. I've been told that the mine will use 1/2 the amount of water Pima County uses / year. Our table is dropping several feet / year and pumping is getting more difficult. Now CAP water ~~is~~ is lessening in quantity. The settling lake will contaminate our soil and future water supply.

NAME: Jeanette Blank

EMAIL: gjblank@cox.net

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Green Valley, AZ 85614

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COMMENT:

The damage to the bird and animal habitat is enormous!

NAME: Keith Seibers

EMAIL:

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COMMENT: One aquafir is down about 65-70%. Water usage for the Rosemont mine is one of the problems for this entire area.
The destruction of forest land is unforgivable — We are really seeing the distruction of the desert — this — the most unique desert in the world

NAME: LEILA SHAPIRO

EMAIL: leilaps1@cox.net

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CR VALLEY

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COMMENT: The rosemont Mine will not fit in with "multiple use" National Forest land. Mining ensures that there will be only one use - extractive mining. The public (owners of the land) will be barred from trespassing on the property. Mining activity will make the land unfit for any future use and very likely pollute + degrade surrounding land + water. The Forest Service should not be a conduit for United States mineral profits to be shuttled to Canada; the USFS should stand up and fight to protect/preserve the very land that they have been charged by the people of the United States of America to manage for the highest use!! Important habitat, watersheds + "down stream" water quality depend upon the FS to make a responsible decision!

NAME: Douglas W. Moore

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Cortaro, Az 85652

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Water depletion of wells by Augusta
Dust particles everywhere in G.V.
Traffic of heavy trucks on roads
Using our Forest land as "dumping ground"
Destroying an irreplaceable mountain
Keeping promises - need guarantees
Reclamation funds
How can they (Augusta) guarantee Cap water + time Cap water will be available - river drying.
How will Forest Service carry out the residents concerns + demands. If 1000 people are against the mine, does the Forest Service (of 1000 more employees) decide what goes or doesn't go.
How will the mine keep visitors coming to our wilderness area.

NAME: Lorraine Young

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COMMENT: I would like to address the issues and funding as it relates to clean up and restoration of the proposed mining site. all across our country their are polluted areas and eyesore sites that are never cleaned or restored. also when it is time to restore these areas people are told that the funds are insufficient, naturally these ~~sights~~ sites are never cleaned or restored.

Guarantees and assurances are seldom followed. what stop that here.

we know that they will pollute and destroy. Is their anything that can be done to stop the mining company or assure that their pollution will be cleaned. I thought the mining law states a viable use. what proof is there that this is a viable use!

NAME: Daniel L. Sullivan

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Green Valley, AZ. 85614

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COMMENT:

Water: what is the impact on our water deficit in our acquifer?

Water: will this further pollute our acquifer?

NAME: TOM CARDOZA

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 622 N avenida Cipres
Green Valley, 85614

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COMMENT: I believe no thought about the safety issues for the Public have been adequately addressed. Ore trucks on US 83 vs. tourists, motorcycle riders, bicyclists without local rescue services is a serious problem. The only rescue squad in Corona de Tucson is responsible for accidents between I-10 and the Rosemont Junction turnoff – and fear that this could be disasterous for traffic safety. The using of 5,000 – 8,000 acre foot of water is ~~unbo~~ undoubtably a potential for disaster too.

NAME: Bruce Whitehouse

EMAIL: deadchief@hotmail.com

ADDRESS: 139 Camino del Emperador
Corona, AZ 85641

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COMMENT: I am very disturbed that we can have non United States companies taking our minerals out of our ground and making a profit. Only U. S. Companies should be the only ones allowed to do this with permission.

Also Water Shortage!!

NAME: Marion Summers

EMAIL:

ADDRESS: 1870 W. Camino Del Zanco
Green Valley, Az 85614

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COMMENT: I HOPE THE MINE PROJECT IS STOPPED AIR - QUALITY — WATER - SHORTAGE AND DISTRESS OF THE BEAUTY OF THE AREA WILL FOREVER BE AFFECTED

NAME: PAUL SUMMERS

EMAIL: MANIONPAUL @ AOL.COM

ADDRESS: 1870 W CAMINO DEL ZANCO
GREEN VALLEY AZ 85614

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COMMENT:

I have enjoyed the Helvetia/Rosemont area for the last 37 years and my recreational activities will be severely impacted by this mine.

I have personal experience working in an open-pit copper mine and I know for a fact that the environmental damage will be worse than what has been predicted.

I do not ~~believe~~ believe that piling waste rock and tailings materials are an acceptable use of prime public lands this close to a major metro area.

I live in Sahuarita Heights near the Rosemont wells and am greatly concerned about permanent damage to the aquifer. I also own 10 acres in the Helvetia area where I plan to retire some day and I am greatly concerned about the dust, noise, odors and other undesirable effects that will result from the mine.

NAME: ALAN F. VESTERDAL

EMAIL: al@vesterdal.net

ADDRESS: 17355 S. COLUMBUS BLVD.

SAHUARITA, AZ 85629

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I am concerned about depletion of our water supply as well as water pollution. In Green Valley we currently run a 40,000 AF deficit of water recharge to our water source. We are also dealing with a sulfate plume caused by the local mine.

I am concerned that we are destroying a unique environment – the Sonoran desert. I actually hike in the proposed pit area (actually near it since it is "roped off").

I am concerned that the beauty of this area will be destroyed if this mine goes through. Witness the miles & miles of tailings near Green Valley.

NAME: CONNY SWACHA

EMAIL: Connyswacha@yahoo.com

ADDRESS: 727 W. PARAISO PLACE
GREEN VALLEY, AZ 85614

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COMMENT: The people who live in Corona de Tucson, to the North of the proposed mine site fund through our property taxes the only emergency services between the mine and the City of Tucson. We will be paying for the services required when 20 ton ore trucks smash into passenger cars, motercycles, school buses, etc. Augusta Resources has assured us they will provide First Aid for their employees. We the tax-payers of the Corona de Tucson Fire District will pay for personnel & equipment for assistance to injured people on US 83 & the other roadways used by these trucks. Our District responses give us a pay back of about 35%. Our firefighters will be risking their lives on that road and we will have the moral responsibility for their well being

NAME: Sandra McPherson WHITE HOUSE

EMAIL: deadlass14@msn.com

ADDRESS: 139 W Camino del Emperador
Corona de Tucson, AZ 85641

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COMMENT: I have been a resident (full year around) the last 5 years. Last Spring I became sick (for 2 months Mar + April '07) and in May '07, I was put in the hospital + found to have blood clots in my lungs and 2 months later set up for an 8 hr lung operation in San Diego at UCSD.

I believe the blood clots were formed by dust from mines behind us or polluted water in our area (using Community Water of GV since Feb. 05).

I think the owners of the mines in Green Valley should have to live in the dust + poor water of their own mines. Why should we see our scenery destroyed forever and have more health problems in this "Great" Place of retirement! Money hungry people don't care for others who are hurt by their greed.

My husband + I were campghosts at Bog Springs in 04 + hate to see our beautiful Madera Canyon area ruined!

NAME: S. Jean Bazer

EMAIL: sjbazerz@aol.com

ADDRESS: 1550 S. Camino del Sol
GV AZ 85614-1708

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I've seen the ruined areas in Colorado where Canadians there bought up the land for $500 an acre to mine it. What a blight on the land.

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COMMENT:

See accompanying statement

RWLyons

NAME: Robert W. Lyons

EMAIL: boblyons@triconet.org

ADDRESS: 1132 W. Mtn. Stone Drive
Green Valley, AZ 85614

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More than a month ago, along with many of you, I received this card from Friends of Rosemont, a rather optimistic name, incidentally. One of the first words that caught my eye was **Resourceful**, and whoever created the card certainly was that. The possible but not necessarily the probable benefits of the mine operating in this part of Arizona were spelled out.

I responded by letter soon after, and I appreciate being given the opportunity to read several short paragraphs from that letter.

Your following of the "Dark Skies" guidelines is a nice gesture, but not allowing the Rosemont Mine at all will do far more toward preventing the problem than partially controlling it.

Operating under the guidelines of the various acts you list is all well and good, but adhering to these guidelines will do nothing to prevent the land in the vicinity of the mine from looking like a disaster area. Recognizing goals and achieving them are two very different things.

When Rosemont abandons its intention to develop and operate a mine in this area, my wife and I will express an interest in an alternative plan. When we learn that such a mine will be located in an unpopulated, remote area of Canada and will have no negative impact on the physical environment or on any living thing, our interest will become active support. Until then, we will continue to wonder how many friends of Rosemont not including current or prospective employees actually exist.

Our bottom line is simply this: "Will the preservation of the landscape and water resources honor the legitimate wishes of the public or those intent on advancing the profit motive?

277 words

[redacted]

Casa Paloma I Homeowners, Inc.
P. O. Box 411
Green Valley, AZ 85622

December 30, 2007

To: Ms. Jeanine A. Derby, Forest Supervisor
USDA, Coronado National Forest
300 W. Congress
Tucson, AZ 85701

Re: File Code 2810, your October 19, 2007 letter to Jamie Sturgess, Rosemont Copper
Subject: Rosemont Plan Of Operations

This letter supplements my letter of November 12, 2007 opposing approval of the Rosemont Mine. Several comments are proffered for your consideration prompted by recent events.

Drilling of new test production well for Rosemont Mine on a 50 acre site in Sahuarita Heights resulted in objections from Pima County, ADEQ, Farmers Investment Co. (FICO), and local residents. FICO's attorney Snell & Wilmer have filed a formal objection with the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) and state that *"pumping levels proposed by Rosemont could cause an additional 150 feet of drawdown over a 20-year period"* and that *'this additional drawdown may cause a migration of a sulfate plume from mining operations located to the west of FICO"*

Since my previous comments, the Upper Santa Cruz /Providers and Users Group (USC/PUG) has been formed with a mission of creating broad-based, long-term solutions to achieve sustainability in our aquifer. Pima County Supervisors offer to facilitate and support this group in their efforts. The Green Valley Community Coordinating Council also supports this group and have notified by letter both Pima County and USC/PUG of their support. (GVCCC is a de facto governance entity with 60 Homeowners Association members and 20 local Institutional members. See http://www.gvccc.org)

The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) scheduled a Town Hall fact-finding meeting in Green Valley on December2, 2007 on the pipeline Letter of Intent between Rosemont and Community Water Company. The attendance was about 400 and lasted 4 hours. No actions were taken but the ACC expressed concern on how this would affect the other water companies who are regulated by the ACC.

We believe that your October 19, 2007 letter to Jamie Sturgess needs to be supplemented to request sufficient information to determine the impact of water withdrawal on our Upper Santa Cruz Aquifer before a NEPA analysis can be made. No governmental agency should be in a position to approve a plan that will knowingly cause harm to our community in time of crisis and while mitigating plans are proceeding.

We believe that the guidelines in 36 CFR 228A Part C are sufficiently clear to require a comprehensive hydrological study of our USC aquifer to determine the impact on our community. We do not believe sufficient information is available to proceed with a PDEIS. Since Rosemont is already starting to drill wells in the USC aquifer, we believe a comprehensive study is fully justified.

Respectfully,

s/ Dick Shuman

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March 19, 2008

To: Ms. Beverly Everson
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Subject: Rosemont Copper Project EIS
Comments submitted at the March 19, 2008 Open House in Green Valley

I am enclosing as part of this submittal the December 30, 2007 and November 12, 2007 letters previously submitted to Jeanine Derby by USPS and Email. It is intended that these become comments for the Rosemont Copper Project EIS.

In our November 12, 2008 letter we requested that your October 19, 2007 letter to Jamie Sturgess regarding Rosemont MPO be supplemented to request sufficient information to determine the impact of water withdrawal on our Upper Santa Cruz Aquifer before a NEPA analysis can be made. No governmental agency should be in a position to approve a plan that will knowingly cause harm to our community in time of crisis and while mitigating plans are proceeding.

We believe that the guidelines in 36 CFR 228A Part C are sufficiently clear to require a comprehensive hydrological study of our USC aquifer to determine the impact on our community. We do not believe sufficient information is available to proceed with a PDEIS. Since Rosemont is already starting to drill wells in the USC aquifer, we believe a comprehensive study is fully justified.

I would also like to request at this time that I be placed on your notification list at the Email address shown below (I was previously told I would be placed on your notification list).

Respectfully,
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Re: File Code 2810, your October 19, 2007 letter to Jamie Sturgess, Rosemont Copper
Subject: Rosemont Plan Of Operations

Dear Ms Derby,
I am sending the attached letter by postal service. This letter supplements my November 12, 2007 letter to you.

Several recent events prompted this letter, which leads me to ask that Rosemont Copper Company be requested to conduct a comprehensive study of our Santa Cruise Aquifer and the impact that the pumping will have on it and other water users.

Under no circumstances should a large water consumer such as Rosemont Mine be approved while Our Green Valley Aquifer is in a state of crisis and mitigating plans are proceeding.

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Re: File Code 2810, your October 19, 2007 letter to Jamie Sturgess, Rosemont Copper
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This is an appeal that the Rosemont Mine not be approved. As a matter of basic justice and fairness, no governmental agency should approve a plan that will knowingly cause harm to our community in time of crisis and necessity.

The Green Valley aquifer does not have a sustainable water supply given current pumping rates in the Upper Santa Cruz River Basin. The deficit between pumping and recharge is approximately 40,000 Acre Feet (AF) excluding the Rosemont Mine. The level of the aquifer is dropping between 2 and 4 feet annually. No comprehensive plan exists to achieve sustainability. Central Arizona Project (CAP) water is our only possible source of renewable and sustainable water. The Rosemont mine will consume 5000 AF from our aquifer that otherwise could be available to mitigate our crisis.

Our crisis is now being recognized by the water stakeholders in our valley and by state and local governments, and by citizen's action groups. The stakeholders consist of water providers, agriculture, mining and golf courses. A vision for mitigating our crisis is underway based on successful experience in California establishing watershed authorities of collaborating stakeholders.

To substantiate our crisis and mitigation-in-progress, the following documents are attached.

- **MEMORANDUM dated October 2, 2007 from County Administrator C.H. Huckleberry to the Pima County Supervisors which is a comprehensive assessment of our crisis with recommendations for mitigation possibilities.**
- **An invitation from Peggy Bonthron, Citizens Water Action Coalition, to local stakeholders that describes our intention of forming a "Green Valley-Sahuarita Water Basin Planning Group" in January 2008.**
- **A list of comments that should be considered.**

Under no circumstances should a large water consumer such as Rosemont Mine be approved while Our Green Valley Aquifer is in a state of crisis and mitigating plans are proceeding.

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Re: File Code 2810, your October 19, 2007 letter to Jamie Sturgess, Rosemont Copper

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Dear Ms Derby

I placed in the mail today a letter of opposition to the Rosemont mine, and also am sending this Email attaching the letter and its attachments.

Under no circumstances should a large water consumer such as Rosemont Mine be approved while Our Green Valley Aquifer is in a state of crisis and mitigating plans are proceeding.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 2, 2007

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Re: **Long-Term Green Valley Water Supply**

Introduction

Green Valley is located in the Upper Santa Cruz Basin near the edge of the Tucson Active Management Area. The primary source of water for Green Valley is from groundwater within the Santa Cruz Valley. Two sources of renewable supply are in the vicinity of Green Valley. One source, reclaimed water, is fully committed to golf course irrigation. The other renewable water source is Central Arizona Project (CAP) water. The CAP delivery system terminates at Pima Mine Road, ten miles north and down-gradient of Green Valley (from the intersection of Continental and Interstate 19). Cooperative and coordinated efforts are needed to deliver CAP water to Green Valley.

Attached are two documents prepared by staff. Attachment A is a report entitled *Evaluation of Sustainable Water Supply Options in Green Valley*, which summarizes the current and projected water use in the Green Valley area and evaluates the costs of water supply options based on an equitable share of capital costs according to water use. Attachment B is a water supply issue paper describing desired outcomes and potential solutions to the groundwater overdraft problem in Green Valley.

Sustainable Water Supply

The Green Valley area does not have a sustainable water supply given current groundwater pumping rates in the Upper Santa Cruz River Basin. The water table in Green Valley has been declining in past years, and is expected to decline even faster as water demands, through population growth and other factors, continue in the Green Valley area. In addition, large planned urban growth in the Santa Cruz Valley within Santa Cruz County will also cause water levels to decline faster than they have in the past, hence the need for increased awareness and planning associated with long-term water supplies for the water users in the Upper Santa Cruz Basin within Pima County.

Even though certain Green Valley water providers have very limited (5,000 acre-feet) contracts for CAP water, this water is not physically available since the delivery facilities do not exist.

Pima County Not a Water Provider, But a Provider of Reclaimed Water

Pima County is not a water provider. Therefore, the County has no financial interest or responsibility in securing long-term water sources or providing necessary infrastructure for the treatment and transmission of these water sources.

As the second largest wastewater reclamation entity in the state, we do have a secondary role in water supply, but only as it relates to the treatment of sewage and the conversion of same into reclaimed water. In 2006, the Green Valley Wastewater Treatment Facility treated approximately 2,000 acre-feet of effluent and produced 1,600 acre-feet of Class A+ reclaimed water. Under an effluent reuse agreement approved in 2001, Pima County delivers reclaimed water to Robson Ranch Quail Creek. This water is recharged by Quail Creek to replace groundwater pumped for turf irrigation. The remaining effluent, about 400 acre-feet, is discharged into percolation basins at the County's facility where it ultimately recharges the groundwater. Pima County should address the direct use of reclaimed water at Quail Creek, in lieu of recharge and recovery, in future negotiations for renewal of the effluent agreement in 2013. The County should also implement wastewater treatment modifications so that the entire plant is producing Class A+ reclaimed water that is suitable for turf irrigation.

Pima County's Regional Flood Control District has had a large role in constructing flood detention basins that have, in at least one case, operated as the state's largest urban stormwater harvesting facility (Kino Environmental Restoration Project). The District also has authority to construct and operate groundwater recharge facilities that also have flood control benefits.

Because Pima County is not a water provider, we can only facilitate, offer advice and encourage the various water users and water providers in the Upper Santa Cruz Valley Basin within Pima County to cooperate in their endeavor to secure a more permanent and stable water supply. Because we are a provider of renewable water derived from the treatment of sewage, we are directly interested in the beneficial use of this resource to reduce groundwater overdraft.

Rosemont Mine Pipeline Extension a Detractor to the Problem of Water Supply

Recently a great deal of controversy has arisen over the proposal of Rosemont Mine to pay for a Central Arizona Project pipeline extension from the Pima Mine Road recharge site to a recharge site in the general service area of Community Water of Green Valley. It is unfortunate that this proposal received so much publicity and caused so much controversy within the Green Valley community because it is simply irrelevant to the permanent solution of securing the long-term water future of the Upper Santa Cruz Valley Basin within Pima County.

A new mine, without question, should be prohibited from using groundwater, particularly when other, lower quality water sources are available. In fact, all mine water consumption, whether new or existing, should be from a lower water quality or non-potable water source. The proposal by Rosemont to pay for a 20-inch pipeline extension to convey Central Arizona Project water to a recharge facility within the Community Water service area does more harm than good, particularly when studies sponsored by the Arizona Department of Water Resources indicate that such a pipeline would only serve one small segment of the Upper Santa Cruz Valley water users. Past studies indicate that the size of a pipeline that would convey Central Arizona Project water for direct use or recharge for the entire Upper Basin would need to be at least 72 inches in diameter. Hence, discussion of only a partial solution, a 20-inch pipeline, is counterproductive, and spending money for such a limited solution would be a waste of resources.

Who Uses Green Valley Water

In the attached report, Evaluation of Sustainable Water Supply Options in Green Valley, Table A indicates that in 2006, nearly 76,000 acre-feet of water was consumed in the area, with the largest single use for metal mining, which consumed approximately 35,000 acre-feet, or 46 percent of the total, followed by agriculture at nearly 30,000 acre-feet, followed by municipal water providers at 6,700 acre-feet and golf course use at 4,500 acre-feet. Of this data, what is surprising is that metal mining is the largest consumer of groundwater in the area, and that metal mining and agriculture combined account for 85 percent of the groundwater used in 2006. Another surprising statistic is that golf course irrigation in the Green Valley area almost equals potable water provided to residential or commercial use in Green Valley. These use allocations do not change dramatically over time. Projected use in the year 2025 increases to approximately 95,000 acre-feet, with metal mining consuming 57 percent of this use at 54,000 acre-feet per year. Combined with agriculture, which drops significantly to 16,257 acre-feet, mines and agriculture account for 74 percent of the projected water use in 2025. During this time period, municipal water use more than doubles to 16,300 acre-feet of water per year and golf course use grows modestly to 6,000 acre-feet per year. Mines and agriculture continue to dominate the water use in the Upper Santa Cruz Basin, even 20 years from now.

The True Cost of Water

In the attached report, funding the preferred alternative for a CAP water pipeline extension to the Green Valley area costs approximately $120 million. This cost has been allocated in accordance with actual water use. While such an allocation is instructive from an equity perspective, it does not reflect the state of existing water law in Arizona, which obviously significantly subsidizes mining and agricultural uses when considered in a modern water cost perspective from the reality of scarcity. The long-term true cost of water is substantially higher than the actual cost paid by a user sector, particularly mining or agriculture. If the cost

of extending the Central Arizona Project pipeline could be equitably distributed among each user in proportion to the user's volume of use, the municipal sector could easily pay for the pipeline extension by charging existing residential customers a surcharge of between $5 and $8 per month over a five-year period. However, such assumes that metal mining and agriculture pay their full cost associated with water usage. Due to grandfathered water rights and other factors, such is unrealistic, and it is likely the municipal sector will bear the single largest cost of extending the CAP water supply to Green Valley. However, the discussion does underscore how much mining and agriculture are subsidized in the state from the perspective of equitably sharing in the cost of future water supplies.

Options Available

To create a sustainable water supply in the Upper Santa Cruz Basin, contained in the attached report are a number of financing options and arrangements, including authorities and districts, that are available to facilitate the capital expense associated with extending a Central Arizona Project water delivery pipeline to the central Green Valley area. In the future, the County will ask the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to consider refined studies and to develop implementation and financing options for pipeline extension. In addition, an entity that should be primarily interested in facilitating such an extension would be the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District since, as indicated in Figure 1 of the report, there are a number of residential subdivisions in the Green Valley area that are members of the Groundwater Replenishment District. At present their replenishment obligation and hence recharge does little, if any, to hydrologically benefit the area of groundwater withdrawal. If CAP infrastructure (delivery and recharge facilities) was available in the Green Valley area, the Groundwater Replenishment District could replenish the aquifer in Green Valley.

The County will continue to provide a forum for discussing these important regional issues, including continuing to promote a regional authority to deal with water supply and reclamation issues on a Countywide and active management area-wide basis.

Conclusion and Recommended County Actions

The Upper Santa Cruz River Basin, centered in the Green Valley area, is in groundwater overdraft. Water supplies will become critical within the next ten years. One key concern for Green Valley is the limited availability of CAP contracts. The total water use is projected to be 88,000 acre-feet in 2015 and, unfortunately, two municipal water providers have only 5,000 acre-feet in CAP allocations. For this area to be sustainable, a mix of all available water resources must be used efficiently and effectively. These include groundwater replenishment, use of effluent, additional CAP supplies, storm water and water conservation. It is essential that the area obtain physical access to renewable supplies and use said supplies to augment groundwater imbalance through recharge or to supplement groundwater use by direct use of Central Arizona Project water. Mines and agriculture consume most of the groundwater and hence cause most of the groundwater overdraft in the Upper Santa Cruz

Basin. They need to financially participate in and become a partner in the long-term solution to sustainable water supply in the Green Valley area. The County can do little except facilitate a long-term solution to this problem, and continue to think outside the box of traditional sources and solutions, including the recommendations outlined below.

Recommendation

It is recommended the Board of Supervisors authorize the following actions, after holding a public hearing and inviting affected water users in the Green Valley area to offer comment and review on this report and its recommendations. I would recommend the Board of Supervisors hold a public hearing on this matter approximately 30 days after release of this report. At this time the recommended actions of the Board would be as follows:

1. Facilitate and assist Green Valley municipal water providers, as well as existing mine and agricultural water users, to cooperate in the extension and financing of a Central Arizona Project pipeline to provide both direct use of Central Arizona Project renewable water supplies, as well as recharge of same;

2. Ask the Central Arizona Project Groundwater Replenishment District, who has numerous member subdivisions in the Green Valley area, the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to assist in the planning and development of the Central Arizona Project pipeline delivery system extension for both direct use and recharge, while promoting multiple benefits, both environmental and recreational, associated with groundwater basin recharge resulting from Central Arizona Project water recharge;

3. Encourage existing groundwater users, both mines and agriculture, to make direct use of renewable Central Arizona Project water supplies in lieu of groundwater pumping;

4. Support new state and federal legislation and regulation requiring any expansion of existing or any new mining activities to use only renewable water supplies in their operation;

5. Authorize the Regional Flood Control District to provide necessary matching funds for any federal agency study to extend the Central Arizona Project transmission system to or through the Green Valley area, provided one use of Central Arizona Project water supply is for the purpose of floodplain recharge with resulting environmental riparian benefits.

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Attachments

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Suzanne Shields, Regional Flood Control District Director
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Frank Postillion, Principal Hydrologist, Regional Flood Control District

Evaluation of Sustainable Water Supply Options in Green Valley[1]

October 1, 2007

I. Introduction

The Green Valley area does not have a sustainable water supply given current groundwater pumping rates in the Upper Santa Cruz River Basin. The magnitude of the groundwater overdraft problem is likely to grow worse in the future as water demand in the area increases. A collaborative effort among Green Valley's major water users could change this outlook. One approach to creating a sustainable water supply in Green Valley involves extending the Central Arizona Project (CAP) pipeline at the terminus of Pima Mine Road to the northern portion of Canoa Ranch to allow recharge of the Santa Cruz River at various points along the way and direct use of CAP water by the mines and agriculture as a substitute for groundwater pumping. This paper discusses a preferred route for a CAP water line extension, presents one possible approach to distributing costs of the new line among the various water users (based on an equity model where users pay based on their proportional share of current or projected water use) and identifies various financing mechanisms that could be employed to provide Green Valley with a sustainable and renewable water supply.

II. Background

The Green Valley area lies within the upper Santa Cruz River Basin. The area is bisected in a north-south direction by the Santa Cruz River and the Interstate 19 Freeway corridor (see Figure 1). Major water users in this area have relied exclusively on the use of groundwater pumping to meet their water needs.[2]

The largest water users are the mines and agriculture, which consumed 85 percent of the groundwater used in 2006, according to Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR). Smaller users include municipal providers which together used 9 percent of the groundwater pumped in 2006 and golf courses which used 6 percent.

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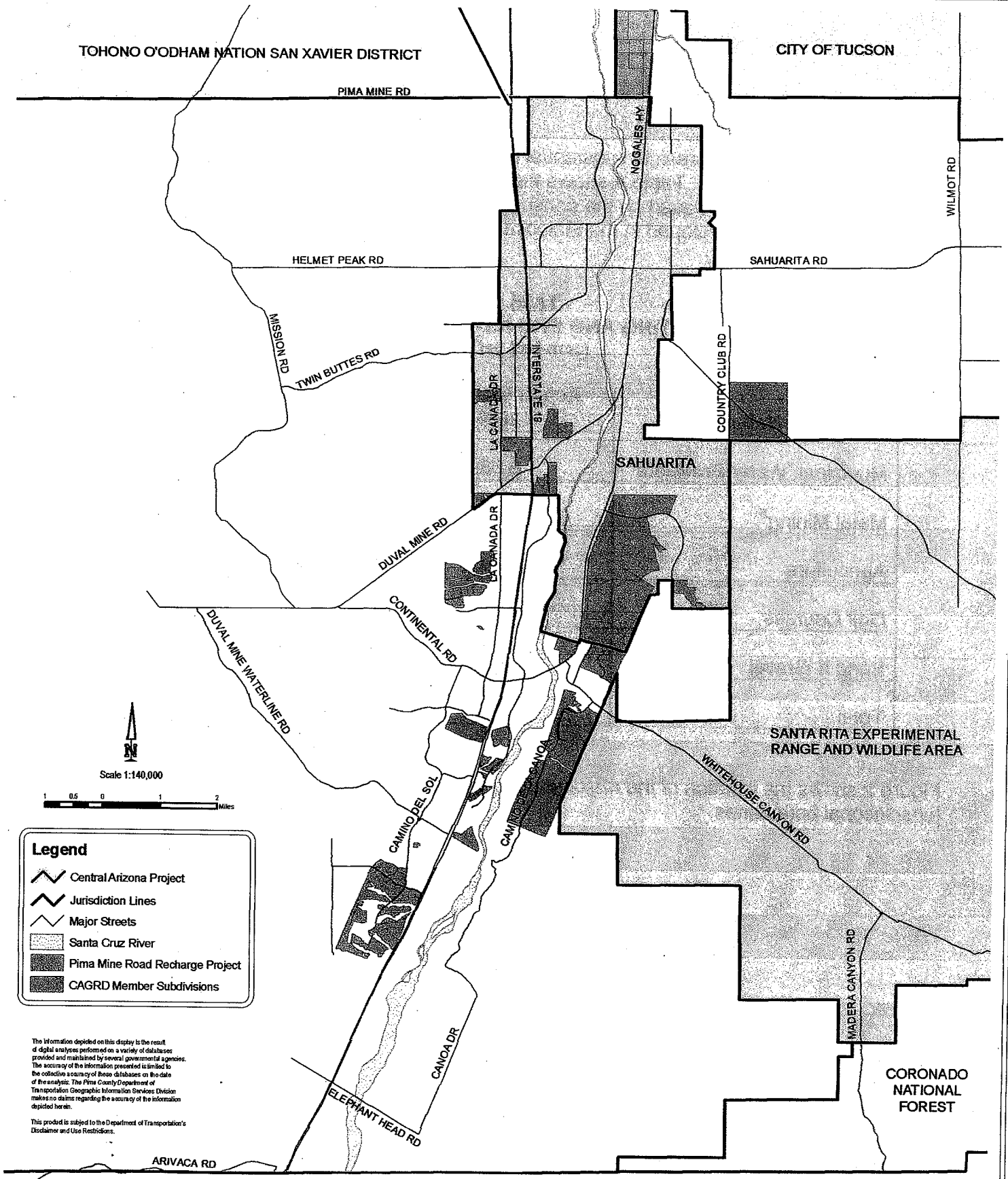
[2] *Sahuarita-Green Valley Area Central Arizona Project Water Use Feasibility Analysis and Delivery Optimization Study*, prepared by Malcolm Pirnie in association with Errol L. Montgomery & Associates, Inc., for the Arizona Department of Water Resources Tucson Active Management Area (1998), p. ES-1 (hereinafter referred to as the "Malcolm Pirnie" study).



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Green Valley Area - Location Map - Figure 1

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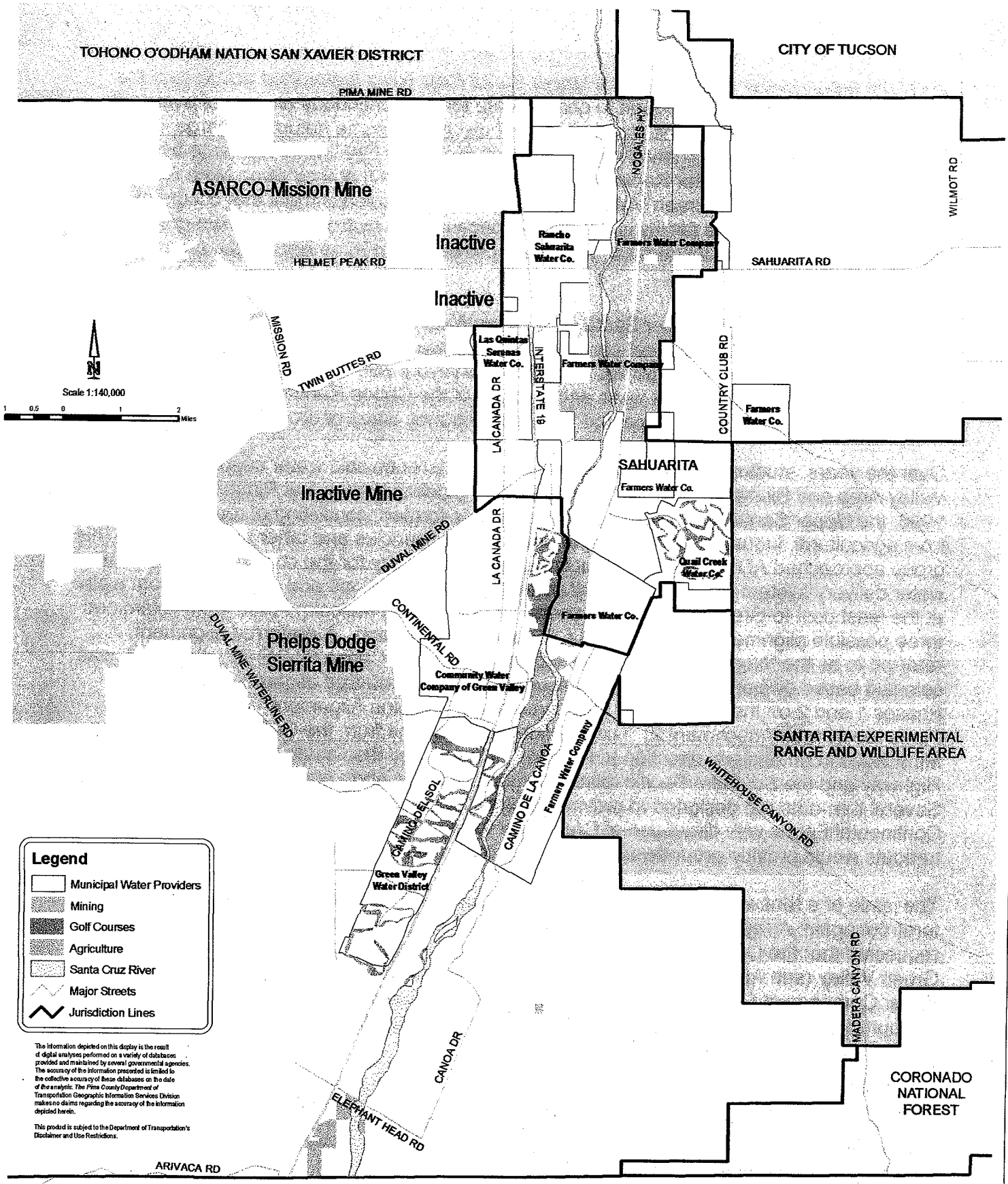
The Malcolm Pirnie study predicts substantial increases in water use in the Green Valley area over the next few decades. Table A shows the existing and projected water use of the major Green Valley water users based on the consumption rates reported to ADWR in 2006 and the water use projections developed in the Malcolm Pirnie study for the years 2015 and 2025.

TABLE A:
EXISTING AND PROJECTED WATER USE
(acre-feet per year)

Major Water Users	Actual Water Use 2006[2]	Projected Water Use[3] 2015	2025
Municipal Water Providers[4]	6,689	14,099	16,257
Metal Mining[5]	34,583	54,000	54,000
Agriculture	29,800	28,104	18,738
Golf Courses	4,435	5,599	5,599
Sand & Gravel	465	700	700
Total	75,972	102,502	95,294

Figure 2 shows the location of the major water users in the Green Valley area as well as jurisdictional boundaries.

[2] *The Malcolm Pirnie Study*, p. ES-1
[3] Projections are from Tables ES-10 and ES-11 in the Malcolm Pirnie study.
[4] Rancho Sahuarita, FICO, Quail Creek, Las Quintas, Community Water of Green Valley, Green Valley Domestic Water Improvement District
[5] Includes ASARCO and Phelps Dodge



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Green Valley Area - Major Water Users - Figure 2

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Very little groundwater recharge in the Upper Santa Cruz River watershed occurs and the rate of replenishment is not enough to compensate for the continuous amount of overdraft. Recharge that does occur is the result of effluent discharge, some natural recharge, incidental recharge (from irrigation and mining activities) and CAP water recharge by the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRD) at their Pima Mine Road recharge facility, north of Green Valley. Even the CAGRD replenishment that occurs at the Pima Mine Road recharge facility is not optimal because it is hydrologically down gradient of the areas of groundwater withdrawal, which lie upstream from Pima Mine Road (see Figure 1).

Groundwater levels in the Upper Santa Cruz River Watershed are now declining at an estimated average rate of two feet per year. If groundwater pumping continues at the present rate, it is highly likely that well owners and water purveyors will have to expend more resources to drill new or deeper wells and portions of the Canoa Ranch area's riparian ecosystem may be adversely impacted, particularly during times of drought.

Over the years, studies have examined ways to bring a renewable water supply to the Green Valley Area and Sierra Vista by extending the CAP pipeline terminus at Pima Mine Road.[6] In 1996, the Upper Santa Cruz Water Users Group was formed, consisting of representatives from agricultural, industrial and municipal uses; public agencies and other stakeholders. This group approached ADWR about conducting a feasibility study for the construction of a CAP water delivery system that would extend south of Pima Mina Road and deliver the most water at the least cost to Green Valley water users.[7] The resulting Malcolm Pirnie study examined three possible alignment corridors for a CAP pipeline extension. A preferred alignment, referred to as the "Nogales Highway/Old Nogales Highway–Canoa (N-3/S-3)" alignment, was selected based on both cost and non-cost criteria.[8] The preferred alignment is shown as Phases 1 and 2 on the Figure ES-3 ("Recommended Pipeline Alignment") of the Malcolm Pirnie report (see Attachment 2). The pipeline would extend from the CAP terminus at Pima Mina Road in an easterly direction to Nogales Highway and then south along the Old Nogales Highway and the Southern Pacific railroad alignment to the north end of Canoa Ranch. Several turn-outs are designed to provide Phelps Dodge and FICO's Sahuarita Farms and Continental Farms with direct use of CAP water for agricultural irrigation. Three additional turnouts would provide groundwater recharge into the Santa Cruz River.

The issue of a renewable and sustainable water supply for Green Valley is moving to the forefront again. A representative of the Groundwater Awareness League in Green Valley has requested that the County determine a method for resolving the groundwater deficit issue in Green Valley (see Attachment 1: letter from Nancy Freeman). In addition, the Community Water Company of Green Valley recently entered into a Letter of Intent with Augusta Resource Corporation (developers of the proposed Rosemont Mine) that would allow

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[6] The Bureau of Reclamation studied the possibility of extending the CAP water pipeline from Pima Mine Road to Sierra Vista in order to offset groundwater pumping and to provide for future water use in that community. However, the proposed alignment did not extend south of Sahuarita Road and thus, it could not effectively serve most of Green Valley's major water users. See *Augmentation Alternatives for the Sierra Vista Sub-watershed*, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (June 2007).

[7] Malcolm Pirnie study, pages ES-1 and ES-2.

[8] Non-cost criteria included utility conflicts, right-of-way acquisition, traffic impacts, commercial and industrial impacts, residential impacts, institutional impacts, ecological impacts, archaeological impacts, environmental impacts and floodplain/floodway impacts. Malcolm Pirnie, ES-14.

Augusta to fund a seven-mile extension of the CAP pipeline from Pima Mine Road to Community Water Company's well near Duval Mine Road.

III. Finding a regional solution to Green Valley's overdraft problem

The Green Valley area is situated in the southern portion of the ADWR Tucson Active Management Area. ADWR views the use of CAP water as a key component in achieving long-term water balance in the Tucson AMA.[9]

In addition, the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRD), which has several member subdivisions in the Green Valley area, has an obligation to replenish the groundwater pumped for these subdivisions with renewable water. (CAGRD subdivisions are shown in Figure 1.) Currently, the CAGRD is meeting its replenishment obligation by recharging CAP water at the Pima Mine Road and Lower Santa Cruz River recharge facilities. Clearly, it is more desirable that the replenishment take place closer to the areas where groundwater withdrawals are occurring.

The CAP pipeline extension preferred alignment ("Old Nogales Highway–Canoa") identified in the Malcolm Pirnie study would help secure Green Valley's water future. The pipeline would import a renewable water supply in the Upper Santa Cruz River watershed for the area's major water users for at least the next 20 years. This pipeline extension could potentially deliver 88,5000 af per year of renewable water, which is sufficient to meet the projected water needs of all major water users except ASARCO, during the projected peak use year of 2015. Because ASARCO's Mission Complex mine is located near the CAP water line terminus, ASARCO could theoretically be able to meet their water needs by constructing a mini-pipeline for direct service of CAP water.

The construction of the Old Nogales Highway–Canoa CAP pipeline extension offers several advantages, in addition to those described above: it recharges water in the area where it is being withdrawn so that localized groundwater balance occurs; it provides a renewable water supply for direct use by the two largest water users (mines and agriculture); and it provides sufficient excess capacity to allow for recharge directly into the Santa Cruz River at three locations.

The Old Nogales Highway-Canoa pipeline extension scenario could be further enhanced if additional recharge areas were created using tributaries to the Santa Cruz River. Consequently, it is recommended that the feasibility of providing additional recharge locations along the Santa Cruz River be studied and that the environmental consequences of an expanded recharge area also be evaluated. It is also recommended that the Malcolm Pirnie study be updated, as necessary, to reflect any changed conditions.

The Malcolm Pirnie study presents four separate water delivery and cost scenarios for the Old Nogales Highway-Canoa preferred alignment. The first three scenarios are shown in Table B below.

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[9] *Regional Recharge Plan*, **Arizona Department of Water Resources, Tucson Active Management Area (August 1998), page ES-1.**

Scenario 1 would deliver water to Sahuarita Road and the FICO Sahuarita Farm only, with volumes from 13,000 to 24,000 acre-feet per year, depending on the year delivered.

Scenario 2 would deliver water farther south but have only one recharge turnout location and a total delivery of 59,000 to 65,950 acre-feet per year.

Scenario 3 would deliver the highest projected water supply to the major water users at a total estimated cost of $120 million (in 2008 dollars), or $167 per acre-feet of water delivered.

TABLE B
PREFERRED OLD NOGALES HIGHWAY – CANOA ALIGNMENT (N-3/S-3)

Malcolm Pirnie Preferred Alignment Scenario[1]	1998 Capital Cost Estimate[2]	Projected Cost in 2008 Dollars Based on 3% Annual Inflation	Estimated Water Delivery in 2015[3] (acre-feet)	Estimated Unit Conveyance System Costs in 1998[4] ($/AF)	Estimated Unit Conveyance System Costs ($/AF) in 2008 Dollars Based on 3% Annual Inflation
Scenario 1	$23.0 M	$30.9 M	19,700	$59	$79
Scenario 2	$72.1 M	$96.9 M	65,950	$139	$187
Scenario 3	$88.9 M	$119.5 M	88,500	$124	$167

[1] Scenario 4 is excluded from the table because it includes a regional treatment facility at Elephant Head Road for municipal use and does not provide the same level of groundwater recharge as Scenario 3.
[2] Based on estimates from Malcolm Pirnie study, Table ES-12
[3] *Based on projected water demand estimates from Malcolm Pirnie study, Table ES-11*
[4] Based on capital, O&M and replacement costs over a 30-year pay off at 3% interest. 2015 is the highest water use year projected by the Malcolm Pirnie study, Table ES-13.

Scenario 4, which would extend the pipeline to Elephant Head Road and include the construction of a treatment facility, is not included in Table B because it is not considered as optimal as Scenario 3 for the following reasons: (1) it does not deliver any more water than Scenario 3; (2) it costs $18 million more (in 1998 dollars) because it involves five more miles of pipe and the construction of a treatment facility; and (3) any groundwater recharge that occurs south of the Scenario 3 pipeline extension (near the north end of Canoa Ranch) would not be as beneficial because the water table in that area is already fairly high (ground water levels are 30-90 feet below surface there compared to 200-400 feet below surface in the central portion of the study area); and (4) direct use of CAP by Phelps Dodge would significantly reduce groundwater pumping at their Canoa Ranch Well Field, thereby allowing groundwater levels to recover.

To implement Scenario 3, substantial additional CAP water allocations would have to be secured because current and pending allocations in the Green Valley area only total about 5,000 acre feet.[10] However, options do exist for securing additional CAP water, including allocations held by the State Land Department, using non-Indian agriculture priority water allocations, or entering into agreements with Indian Nations who are not currently using their

[10] *Water Resource Availability for the Tucson Metropolitan Area*, Sharon B. Megdal, Water Resources Research Center, July 2006.

CAP allocations.[11] Additionally, the CAGRD has replenishment obligations for its member subdivisions. The CAGRD is responsible for acquiring renewable water (currently CAP) for its member subdivisions.

IV. Funding the CAP water line

Tables C and D are examples of how an equitable cost-sharing formula might be applied to fund the Scenario 3 version of the Old Nogales Highway-Canoa CAP water line extension. Costs are distributed among all current groundwater users in Green Valley based on their proportional share of groundwater use. Under the equitable cost-sharing model, a water user that pumps one acre foot of groundwater must pay to recharge one acre foot of groundwater or, alternatively, use one acre foot of CAP water as a substitute for groundwater. Two model scenarios were created to show the minimum and maximum costs each user might expect to pay under the lowest volume and highest volume water delivery scenarios (the cost per acre foot decreases as water delivery volumes increase).

Table C shows how much each water user would pay based on their actual 2006 water use, which is the lowest volume of water use expected to occur over the next 20 years. Under this scenario, agriculture would pay the highest amount of capital costs (about $53 million) and Phelps Dodge would pay the next highest amount (about $47 million). Municipal water providers would collectively pay about $12 million. When municipal costs are spread out among an estimated 27,600 residential customers, each household would pay a one-time cost of $434 or $36.17 per month *for one year.*

TABLE C:
COST DISTRIBUTION BASED ON EQUITY MODEL
FOR LOWEST WATER DELIVERY

Green Valley Area Ground-Water Users	Lowest Projected Water Use in AF (see Table A)	Percentage of Total Groundwater Use in 2006	Projected Phase 3 Capital Costs in 2008 (see Table B)	User's Equitable Share of Capital Costs For Phase 3 Alignment
Municipal Water Providers	6,689	10%	$120 M	$12.0 M[2]
Metal Mining[1]	26,690	39%	$120 M	$46.8 M
Agriculture	29,800	44%	$120 M	$52.8 M
Golf Courses	4,435	7%	$120 M	$8.4 M
Total	68,079	100%	$120 M	$120.0 M

[1] Includes Phelps Dodge only. ASARCO is excluded from the calculation because they have access to CAP at the terminus and could construct a mini-pipeline for direct service.
[2] The cost is $36.17 per month per customer for one year, based 27,600 residential customers at 1.8 people per unit and 120 gallons per capita a day.

[11] See http://www.cap-az.com/static/index.cfm?contentID=22

Table D shows how much each water user would pay under the highest water delivery scenario, which is projected to occur in 2015 in the Malcolm Pirnie study. Under this scenario, Phelps Dodge would pay the highest amount of capital costs (about $55 million) and agriculture would pay the next highest amount (about $38 million). Municipal water providers would collectively pay about $19.2 million. When municipal costs are spread out among a 2015 estimated 67,200 residential customers, each household would pay a one-time cost of $286 or $23.81 per month *for one year.* Note that in the year 2015 scenario, agriculture is no longer the largest groundwater user. That is because over time, agricultural land is expected to be converted to residential and commercial developments and other municipal uses.

TABLE D:
COST DISTRIBUTION BASED ON EQUITY MODEL
FOR HIGHEST WATER DELIVERY

Green Valley Area Ground-water Users	Highest Projected Water Use in AF (see Table A)	Percentage of Total Groundwater Use in 2015	Projected Phase 3 Capital Costs in 2008 (see Table B)	User's Equitable Share of Capital Costs for Phase 3 Alignment
Municipal Water Providers	14,099	16%	$120 M	$19.2 M[2]
Metal Mining[1]	40,000	46%	$120 M	$55.2 M
Agriculture	28,104	32%	$120 M	$38.4 M
Golf Courses	5,599	6%	$120 M	$7.2 M
Total	88,502	100%	$120 M	$120.0 M

[1] Includes Phelps Dodge only. ASARCO is excluded from the calculation because they have access to CAP at the terminus and could construct a mini-pipeline for direct service.
[2] The cost is $23.81 per month per customer for one year, based on 67,200 residential customers at 1.8 people per unit and 120 gallons per capita a day.

The equity model shown in Tables C and D does not recognize the state of existing water law or grandfathered rights to groundwater use. However, it is instructive in identifying the costs that water users would incur if their share of groundwater over drafting was the only factor considered in developing a financing mechanism. Hopefully, this information can serve as a baseline for initiating a community dialogue about each water user's appropriate, fair-share contribution to finding a regional solution to Green Valley's overdraft problem.

V. Additional Financing Options & Arrangements

Under state law, a variety of development authorities and special districts can be used to help fund the cost of a CAP water line extension to Green Valley. Two separate authorities, the Water Infrastructure Authority (WIFA) and the Greater Arizona Development Authority

(GADA), provide financial assistance to public agencies and special districts to construct water infrastructure projects. In addition, various water districts could potentially be formed to build, operate and maintain a CAP water line extension for Green Valley water users. The water districts would assess fees and charges to the water users within the district to pay for the CAP water system. A summary of statutory financing options and water district arrangements is described below.

Water Infrastructure Authority (WIFA)
Established under ARS 49, Chapter 8, the Water Infrastructure Authority is an independent State agency that can finance construction, rehabilitation and/or improvement of drinking water, wastewater, wastewater reclamation and other water quality facilities. WIFA offers a borrower below market interest on loans for one hundred percent of eligible project costs. WIFA operates as a revolving loan program. Funds are capitalized by contributions from the state and U.S. Congress. The Drinking Water Revolving Fund is available for eligible publicly and privately-held drinking water systems. Publicly-held community drinking water systems includes cities, towns, special districts, domestic water improvement districts, co-ops and nonprofit associations. The borrower must demonstrate legal, financial, technical, managerial and institutional capability and must obtain the legal approval of its constituents to undertake a loan agreement with WIFA.

Greater Arizona Development Authority (GADA)
GADA was created by the State Legislature under ARS 41, Chapter 10, Article 8, to assist local and tribal governments and special districts with development of public infrastructure. GADA leverages its funds to lower the costs of financing and help accelerate project development for public facilities owned, operated and maintained by political subdivisions, special district or tribal governments. GADA offers low interest loans and grants to help accelerate projects. GADA also provides competitive grants for project development such as engineering planning, design review and feasibility studies.

Domestic Water Improvement Districts (DWID)
ARS 48, Chapter 6, enables formation of a domestic water improvement district to provide water services. A DWID can assess user fees for the operation, maintenance and replacement of the water system and can impose connection fees. The district may issue revenue bonds or enter into loan agreements or accept financial assistance to construct, acquire or improve drinking water facilities. The district may file a property lien for nonpayment of user fees. The district is formed when a petition, signed by a majority of the persons owning real property or by the owners of fifty-one percent or more of the real property is filed with the clerk of the county board of supervisors and the board of supervisors holds a hearing and approves the formation of the district.

Irrigation and Water Conservation Districts
Under ARS 48, Chapter 19, Irrigation and Water Conservation Districts can construct, acquire or improve a drinking water facility. It can establish tolls or charges for service of irrigation, domestic water electricity and other commodities. A district is formed when a petition signed by a majority of the resident owners and filed with the board of supervisors of the county in which the greater portion of the proposed district is located and a majority of the votes cast are "yes" votes. The district can issue general obligation bonds or revenue bonds or enter into a loan agreement with WIFA and can levy taxes or fees to meet its debt obligations.

Community Facility District

ARS 48, Chapter 4, Article 6, defines Community Facility Districts which may enter into contracts and expend monies for any public infrastructure purpose with respect to the district. It may enter into agreements with landowners and the municipality or county for collection of fees and charges from landowners for public infrastructure purposes and can enter into contracts and agreements to obtain credit enhancement or liquidity support for its bonds. Each owner has the number of votes or portions of votes equal to the number of acres or portions of acres rounded upward to the nearest one-fifth of an acre. Formation of the district must be approved by a majority of the votes cast at an election. The governing body appoints the initial directors. The District is a tax levying public improvement district.

Multi Jurisdictional Water Facilities Districts

ARS 48, Chapter 34, defines Multi Jurisdictional Water Facilities Districts that may enter into contracts and expend money for any water related facility consistent with the district's general plan. It may construct, operate, maintain and repair water related facilities, except for facilities that are customarily used to serve individual customers of municipal water providers. The District can establish and charge and collect user fees, rates or charges for the use of water related facilities or services. It may enter into grants and loans with any federal, state or local entity. The district may not engage in retail sale of water, exercise the power of eminent domain nor use district monies to acquire water rights. The requirements for forming a water facilities district are 1) the governing body of each municipal water provider approves holding an election on the issue of formation of the district, 2) if a municipal water provider is a private water company, the governing body of each city, town or county in which any participating portion of the service area of the private water company is located approves holding an election on the issue of formation of the district, 3) an election is held, and 4) a majority of those persons voting approves the formation of the district.

VI. Conclusion

Pima County supports the development of a sustainable and renewable water supply in the Green Valley area in order to ensure an adequate and safe water supply for residents and as part of its commitment to preserve the County's significant riparian habitats. With the collaboration and cooperation of all major water users in the Green Valley area, a renewable water supply for Green Valley can be realized and the replenishment of the Upper Santa Cruz River Basin can begin.

Attachment 1-Letter from Nancy Freeman, Groundwater Awareness League

Nancy Freeman
Groundwater Awareness League, 188 Calle del Ano, Green Valley, AZ 520/207-6506

The message from the County has been you people in Green Valley are responsible for your water problems—you deal with it. I beg to differ. The fact is Green Valley residents were not informed that with the 1980 Groundwater Code that 50,000 a.f. of groundwater were grandfathered—this is against a natural recharge of some 25,000 a.f. which means that water mining was going on since Sierrita/Duval mine started pumping for operations in 1970. The County has continued to permit development, in spite of the fact that no one has ever done a study to determine the subsidence risk. Since I gave the Board a presentation in March, 2006, I have been asking for such a hearing on the issue. When nothing had been done this March, I started another campaign and was joined by many Green Valley residents, to ask that the County do a study or request the Bureau of Reclamation to do a study. Then the final word came from Chuck Huckleberry—the County was not going to give us a hearing or to do anything about studying the subsidence factor or determining some methods of relief from the continued 31,000 a.f. of groundwater deficit. The deficit in Sierra Vista is only 4,000 a.f. and we know the assistance they are getting at every level of government.

The current misrepresentation of the CAP pipeline is simply a neglect of looking at the facts and figures and facing in the reality. Because of the law suit in the early 1970's by FICO against water depletion by the mines, in 1983, PAG completed a study done by PAG and Army Corp of Engineers. They published an excellent report—with comprehensive data on mining waste pollution and water depletion. In the report, recommendations were specifically listed, including water balance study for all mines. That was in 1983, in 2002, when the follow-up report came out, none of these recommendations were even mentioned. As a matter of fact, The Sierrita/Duval mine numbers were left out—they were not easy to obtain—and the total dissolved solids and hardness levels of Community Water Wells were also "mysteriously omitted [page C-4 & C-5]. It was clear that the Feds and county had paid for another expensive report that was put on the shelf and ignored.

At this time, there is a potential additional water user that is exempt from needing to have water rights by state law (showing us how invalid a 100-year certificate is). They propose to pump 5,000 to 7,000 a.f. [I believe it will be more] of groundwater near Sahuarita Road and I-19. Although it is not mandated that they do so, they are recharging that amount of water in Marana now, and hopefully in the future near where they are pumping groundwater. There is a logical reason for this: FICO grandfathered rights. If you have forgotten about their 1970's law suits, a copy of the final disposition of the case is on the Groundwater Awareness League website. Statements such as "we don't want that pipeline to Green Valley" are downright misleading and uninformed. Did you talk to the CAP Board, did you talk to ADWR, or did you talk to the Bureau of Reclamation to get the easily available facts? Did you talk to the Forest Department to find out if having a recharge facility to replace the groundwater pumping would effect their decision on the permitting of the mine? I am sorry that some of the board members have preferred to divert the public's attention from the real issue of focusing on the stopping the mine. False accusations causing divisions among us are not going to do it. Let's get on task.

Attachment 2-Figure ES-3: Recommended Pipeline Alignment

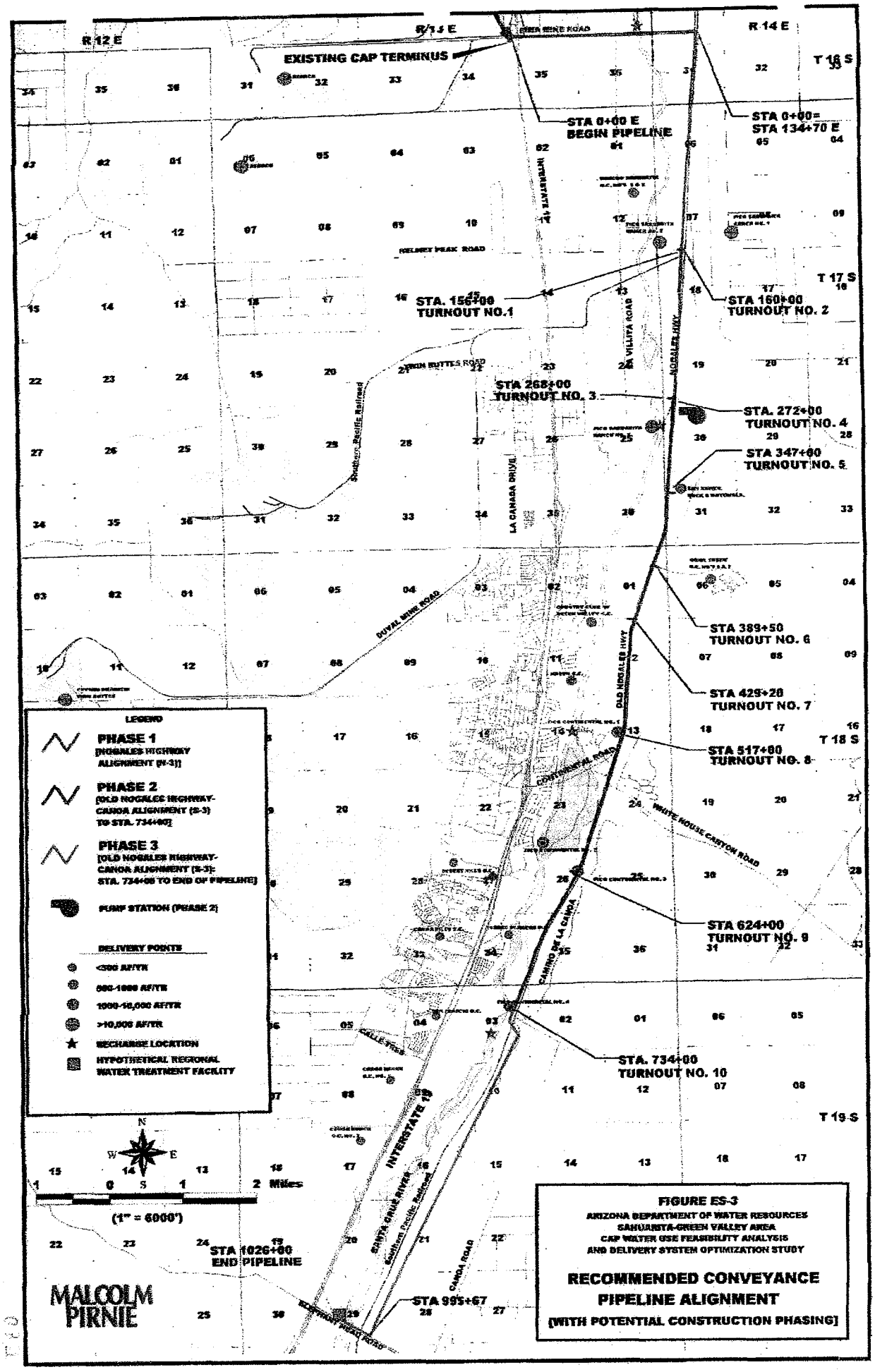

FIGURE ES-3
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
SAHUARITA-GREEN VALLEY AREA
CAP WATER USE FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS
AND DELIVERY SYSTEM OPTIMIZATION STUDY

RECOMMENDED CONVEYANCE PIPELINE ALIGNMENT
[WITH POTENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PHASING]

Attachment B

Water Supply Issues for the Southern Tucson Basin[1]
(Sahuarita-Green Valley-Canoa)
Pima County Regional Flood Control District

August 24, 2007

Problem Statement

- In the Green Valley area more groundwater is withdrawn than replenished. Major water users are agriculture, mining and municipal.[2]
- There is currently no sustainable water supply for the population and the environment. This is complicated by water and air quality problems from past mining activities. Green Valley needs to remain a livable, sustainable community.
- Local water providers' CAP allotment of 5,000 acre-feet is not sufficient to eliminate groundwater depletion

Desired Outcomes:

- Share water resources among municipal, agriculture, mining and environmental interests
- Balance the groundwater aquifer with the addition of new renewable water supplies
- Agricultural and mining land uses will eventually transition to residential development. The area should plan for changes in land uses and the related water demand changes
- Achieve community consensus based on a common set of facts.

Potential Solutions:

In general there should be minimal new development located in Conservation Lands System. Planning for post-mining redevelopment of Sierrita mine complex and Park Development Corporation lands should be considered. Other potential solutions are:

1. Groundwater Replenishment
   - Over the next 20 years progressively eliminate mining demand on groundwater beginning with PD wells in upper Canoa Ranch area
   - Install interceptor wells and increase the pumping volume at Sierrita wells. Balance groundwater recoveries of sulfate plume at existing ASARCO wells, and install interceptor wells at base of tailings at ASARCO ponds, and recycle.
   - Implement proposed water resources regional plan policies, so the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Board of Supervisors have water resources information on Comprehensive Plan amendments and rezoning requests that will result in increased groundwater pumping before increased land use intensity decisions are made.
   - Include zoning conditions in new development requiring water conservation, rainwater harvesting and graywater systems.

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[1] Prepared by Kathleen Chavez, P.E., Water Policy Manager, Pima County Regional Flood Control District
[2] Nancy Freemen, Green Valley Awareness League-6/19/07.

2. Effluent
   - Build a wastewater scalping plant and recharge effluent at Canoa Ranch
   - Terminate any City of Tucson claims on Green Valley and Arivica Junction effluent
   - Research the effluent IGA with Quail Creek to determine the amount of effluent that can be delivered to local golf courses to replace groundwater pumping
   - Locate turf facilities in close proximity to wastewater treatment facilities to minimize infrastructure costs
   - Require Quail Creek to convert effluent recharge ponds to a multi-purpose recharge facility with vegetation on side slopes and access to public as a condition of effluent IGA renewal
   - Commit excess effluent produced at the Green Valley WWTF to future uses by County.
   - Build a small reclaimed delivery system for excess Green Valley effluent to facilitate direct use. As a reclamation delivery system from the Green Valley WWTF is built, golf courses would convert to reclaimed water.
   - Convert GVWWTF percolation ponds to multi-purpose recharge facility with access to public.
   - Consistent with the Golf Course Zone Ordinance, no new golf courses permitted unless they directly irrigate with reclaimed water

3. CAP
   - Expand the CAP recharge capacity of Pima Mine Road by buying or condemning ASARCO gravel pit
   - CAGRD pays for new recharge capacity and buys and recharges CAP at the new gravel pit and helps finance a CAP delivery system to the mines.
   - Direct CAP use by mines with groundwater savings mechanism
   - Green Valley municipal water providers would acquire a portion of CAP water from the San Xavier District and recharge and recover it imposing water fees to finance a portion of the cost.
   - Pecan groves in the floodplain would be irrigated with CAP, not groundwater. Any remaining pecan groves outside floodplain would be converted to urban development with density no greater than 4 RAC, unless there is a renewable and potable water supply
   - Develop replenishment projects upstream near Canoa—(Very costly to do this with CAP, but adds water resources at the upstream end of the TAMA basin)
   - Abandoned ASARCO tailings would be rehabilitated for dust and erosion control using native plants, initially irrigated with high sulfate groundwater. A portion of the area would be redeveloped for intensive municipal/commercial use initially using groundwater, but transitioning to CAP with time. This area might include a CAP water treatment plant to produce potable quality water.
   - Infrastructure built from the existing CAP would supply redeveloped areas with potable water, along with Sahuarita, a portion of TW service area and northern Green Valley.

4. Stormwater
   - Build check dams to increase storm run off recharge and cease scouring washes. This may not be feasible unless there is a pristine watershed that could be directed into a recharge a pit in the mines without increasing the contamination problems.
   - Minimal floodplain encroachments on Santa Cruz River to allow for stormwater from tributaries to continue to infiltrate.

Bureau of Reclamation Participation[3]

- Funding for general planning studies is obtained in one of two ways; internal request or external request.
- An external request is done through a congressional authorization under Title XVI, in which a member of the Arizona delegation would request general planning studies monies be included, much as was recently done recently for H.R.1503 the Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project. Any constituent, water provider, local governmental entity can make the request. Funding is currently for the FY09 budget cycle.
- An internal request is done through BOR staff which consists of funding for a general planning study in the agency budget. This type of request would be accompanied by support letters, so the BOR can show there is local support. The BOR is working on the FY10 budget cycle.
- The general planning study could define the problem, collect data, screen alternatives and recommend solutions. Funding to implement the recommended project would require additional Congressional authorization and appropriation. Funding includes a federal share and a local share.
- The Bureau may have limited funding for the Water Resources Research Center to assist.

ADWR Study

In 1998 an ADWR study[4] investigated alternatives to deliver CAP water to major water users in the Sahuarita-Green Valley area. Findings included:

- Four scenarios range in cost from $23 to $116 million to deliver from between 13,000 and 81,000 acre-feet per year of CAP water to the area.
- Implementation will require a long-term commitment by water users, CAP water allocation holder and other sponsors to be successful
- Most of the major water users exhibit seasonal demand variations and the conveyance system must have sufficient peaking capacity to serve season demands.
- The four scenarios provide a versatile range of conveyance parameters. As delivery quantities and locations are better defined, the preliminary design can be refined to match the anticipated CAP deliveries
- Artificial recharge could reduce conveyance system costs and system-wide delivery costs.
- Approval to tie in to the CAP Reach 6 Pipeline should be pursued.
- Conditions affecting the use of CAP water should be updated periodically.

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[3] Personal telecon with Eric Holler, Bureau of Reclamation-6/20/07.

[4] *ADWR Sahuarita-Green Valley Area Central Arizona Project Water Use Feasibility Analysis and Delivery System Optimization Study*, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. September 1998

Recommendations:

- Form a stakeholders group to evaluate options, identify study needs and recommend actions. The group should consist of water providers (including Community Water of Green Valley), the mines, Farmers' Investment Corp., the development industry and citizens.
- The charge to form the group should come from the Board of Supervisors; staff could recommend strategies to improve water sustainability and mitigate water problems. Additional information needs should be identified. Financing opportunities for infrastructure also should be identified
- Since the ADWR study was conducted many factors have changed; the study did not consider land use, water quality, other water supplies or financing options.
- A well defined scope is needed. It would include a broad survey of water supply, water use, and water quality and how land use relates to these.

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November 8, 2007

To: LIST OF GREEN VALLEY WATER STAKEHOLDERS
LIST OF CONCERNED CITIZENS AND LOCAL GROUPS

Dear (LISTED)

As many of you know, the Citizens Water Action Coalition Group of Green Valley has been researching and discussing the serious drawdown of groundwater in this basin that we all use. The basin from where we draw our groundwater is basically North of Tubac, South of Pima Mine Road, and East of the mining properties, and West of the Santa Ritas. In this basin, there is more groundwater being withdrawn than replenished. There is currently no sustainable water supply for the population, business and environment. We have been in a drought situation for the past twelve years, and from all indications we may experience another 10-12 years. The time has come for all of us that are using this groundwater basin to come together and save our community.

As we began studying the sustainable water supply for this basin, we became more and more alarmed that nothing was being done to address our looming water crisis. The attached two pages outline the annual water uses for 2006 for this basin, and the users. It also outlines the current available water recharge. We have a deficit of approximately 40,000 AF annually. If we continue at this current rate, we will all face a water crisis probably within 10 years.

Some of the providers and users have said, "We have our wells and water rights, leave us alone." You all must remember that we are all pulling groundwater from the same basin. When it is gone, IT IS GONE.

In the late summer, the Water Coalition made a recommendation of uniting all the water providers and the major water users for this basin. We are at a plateau in protecting the precious water supply for our basin. There cannot be protection for just one water need. Good decisions requires that the community come together to look at problems, define what is important, and determine which assets they will expend and which they will protect and conserve.

We recommend the formation of a "Green Valley-Sahuarita Water Basin Planning Group." This group could consist of the water companies, pecan grove, mines and the golf courses. This would allow the group to research and

define problems in the basin. We must maintain local control of our concerns and needs before we branch out into a more regional approach. If we do not know and understand our local groundwater problems, we will never be taken seriously or be able to secure funding from the State and Federal government. We will always be on the bottom of the pecking order when it comes to funding. The group can gather planning and project data by using existing data where available or by generating new data. One plan that should be implemented immediately is the possibility of a voluntary water conservation plan that everyone could sign up and be a part of, maybe all agreeing to conserve 30% of our groundwater supply annually until we can determine how to recharge the groundwater basin. Saving today is delaying a more looming problem in possibly 10 years.

The Water Coalition has asked Green Valley Community Coordinating Council (GVCCC) to convene the first meeting of this basin planning group. It is hoped that the first meeting can be scheduled the third week of January 2008. We ask that you consider joining and attending this most important meeting for the basin. Please call Mr. Russ Symes at GVCCC, 520-648-1936 and tell him that you and your organization will attend this meeting. The date has not been set as yet. If we want to sustain the viability of this groundwater basin, it is going to take all of us working together.

The Water Coalition has scheduled a meeting for **November 30, 2007 at the Green Valley Library from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm**. We are very fortunate to have Mr. Herb Kai from Marana to present information on his Groundwater Savings Facility. He will provide valuable information on how to seek government financial aid and how we could possible structure the water planning group for this community. We encourage all of you to attend this meeting. Mr. Kai is now serving his third term on the Marana Town Council. He has served on the Cortaro Marana Irrigation District Board, the Southern Arizona Water Users Association and the Department of Water Resources. He has served on the Arizona Central Project Board, and his wife Diana is currently serving of the Board. So you can see that this will be a meeting that we all should not miss if we care about this community and hope to have a sustainable water supply for the future.

Sincerely,

Peggy Bonthron,
Program Coordinator

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COMMENTS TO CONSIDER

Rosemont Mine Plan of Operation submitted for approval (MPO)

The MPO contains assertions that imply that although they have no obligations regarding the Green Valley Aquifer, they are making commitments that are satisfactory to the community and helpful to the crisis. This is not true. These are statements and implications designed to gain approval from the Forest Service without addressing the crisis or defining the damaging effects; and they assume that no changes will occur in regulations or rule-sets. For example -

The Mine Plan Of Operation Item 2.8.5 Recharge Plan states -

"Rosemont Copper has no legal obligation to replace any of the water it will produce for the operation of the mine." ... "However Rosemont has made a commitment to the local community to utilize CAP water to recharge 105% of the total water production over the life of the project. The recharge will be within the Tucson AMA, and as close to the water production as possible."

"Although construction and operation of a nearby recharge facility is not required by law, regulation, or any contractual obligation, Rosemont Copper is committed to recharge available CAP water at groundwater storage facilities close to its production wells to lessen impacts of mine water production on local water users."

The assertions regarding "no legal obligation" or "not required by law, regulation, or any contractual obligation" overlooks the fact that "law, regulation, or contractual obligation" can and do change over time in the face of crisis and necessity.

The fact that the Upper Santa Cruz Basin is in a state of crisis, and that citizens, stakeholders, governmental and water experts are in the process of planning for a comprehensive solution to mitigate the crisis, must and will prevail over existing and traditional water management practices that are not effective and are blocking necessary changes. For example –

Pima County Memorandum dated October 2, 2007 (enclosed)

In the near future, the current water activities must be folded into a comprehensive plan to achieve a sustainable water supply. Our community should not be stampeded by actions that are irrelevant or damaging to our long range goal of sustainability. The use of water for the Rosemont mine is damaging to our future sustainability plans.

Pima County Supervisors are scheduling a Hearing in November 2007 in Green Valley on a Memorandum regarding "Long Term Green Valley Water Supply", submitted by County Administrator C. H. Huckelberry on October 2, 2007. This is a comprehensive assessment of the water crises in the Green Valley/ Sahuarita area and provides conclusions and recommendations that can lead to a sustainable water supply in the future.

The Memorandum recommends that Pima County "Facilitate and assist Green Valley municipal water providers, as well as existing mine and agricultural water users, to cooperate in the extension and financing of a CAP pipeline to provide both direct use of CAP renewable water supplies, as well as recharge of the same."

Re: File Code 2810, your October 19, 2007 letter to Jamie Sturgess, Rosemont Copper Subject: Rosemont Plan of Operations

This letter recognizes a need for more groundwater information, and on Page 2 is the statement: "There is *sufficient information provided for the west side of the project area for the CAP water, pipeline routes, production wells, etc., but very little groundwater information is included on the mine site itself."* However, the lack of a sustainable water supply constitutes crises for our community and needs to be addressed in a comprehensive manner to avoid knowingly making a decision that will harm our community. Pumping water from our Green Valley Aquifer provides the water supply for the Rosemont Mine. The ability of the mine to replace it with CAP water is not established in view of current efforts to achieve sustainability.

Community Water Company (CWC) of Green Valley Pipeline

In all likelihood, USDA has been made aware of contractual negotiations between Augusta Resource Corporation (ARC) and CWC. This may be proffered as mitigating action to gain community approval and to overcome

overwhelming objections to the Rosemont Mine. This is a diversionary matter toward gaining USDA approval, and has no bearing on achieving sustainability. For example, The Pima County Memorandum states on Page 2-

> *"Rosemont Mine Pipeline Extension a Detractor to the Problem of Water Supply*
> *Recently a great deal of controversy has arisen over the proposal of Rosemont Mine to pay for a Central Arizona Project pipeline extension from the Pima Mine Road recharge site to a recharge site in the general service area of Community Water of Green Valley. It is unfortunate that this proposal received so much publicity and caused so much controversy within the Green Valley community because it is simply irrelevant to the permanent solution of securing the long-term water future of the Upper Santa Cruz Valley Basin within Pima County.*
> *A new mine, without question, should be prohibited from using groundwater, particularly when other, lower quality water sources are available. In fact, all mine water consumption, whether new or existing, should be from a lower water quality or non-potable water source. The proposal by Rosemont to pay for a 20-inch pipeline extension to convey Central Arizona Project water to a recharge facility within the Community Water service area does more harm than good, particularly when studies sponsored by the Arizona Department of Water Resources indicate that such a pipeline would only serve one small segment of the Upper Santa Cruz Valley water users. Past studies indicate that the size of a pipeline that would convey Central Arizona Project water for direct use or recharge for the entire Upper Basin would need to be at least 72 inches in diameter. Hence, discussion of only a partial solution, a 20-inch pipeline, is counterproductive, and spending money for such a limited solution would be a waste of resources."*

Ratifying Vote By CWC Members

The Authority of CWC to make a final pipeline decision is being challenged without a "ratifying" vote of the CWC membership as described below. Members are preparing to petition for such a vote if necessary. A major concern is that CWC will lose rights of control and water resources.

CWC should make no legal or contractual obligations with ARC without a complete disclosure of the terms and a fair ratifying vote by the membership. This is necessary because the CWC power structure appears fixed on course of action that ignores the broader implications important to its members and to the Larger Community. Indeed, they have stated publicly that they are bound by and restricted as a utility to avoid considerations outside the narrow aspects of their business. The members of the CWC cooperative are not bound by a narrow viewpoint and better able to make evaluations for themselves and for the Larger Community.

Procedures in the CWC Bylaws provide for ratifying votes by the members at annual meetings, or by Special Meetings of the members that can be called by the President of the Board, or any three members of the Board, or by petition by 20% of the members. The most accommodating method would be by the Board, with the issues framed fairly and acceptably before the meeting with input from concerned members. No proxy voting should be allowed except by individual vote on specific issues. If a petition becomes necessary, a petition committee will be formed and will work with CWC management to fairly frame the issues. Our community should not be stampeded into actions that are irrelevant or damaging to our long range goal of sustainability.

The Pima County Memorandum comments that the 20 inch pipeline proposed by CWC is only a partial solution and is counterproductive because past studies require at least a 72 inch diameter (Exclusive of Rosemont). Spending money on such a limited solution would be a waste of money.

CWC should participate in this collaborative effort involving the entire community. CWC should not rush into a venture with ARC which is diversionary at best and severely damaging to our community at worst if the Rosemont mine is approved.

Socioeconomic

Rosemont Mine is opposed by a Pima County Resolution and the vast majority of communities, towns, citizens, and homeowner associations in Pima County. Important objections are to its deleterious effects on the riparian and recreational areas in the scenic Santa Rita Mountains. The negative economic effects it will have on tourism and residential development are far greater than the its negligible contribution to the local economy.

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Subject: NEPA Scoping Comments for the Rosemont Copper Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

References:
(a) Tucson Electric Power Company Sahuarita-Nogales Transmission Line Final Environmental Impact Statement, DOE/EIS-0336, January 2005

Enclosures:
(1) "Vail to Valencia 115 kV Upgrade Project" UES handouts, February 2008
(2) "Rosemont Project Mine Plan of Operations, section 2.7 and Appendix C", 11 July 2007.
(3) "Appendix G, Arizona Planned HV transmission additions" from the ACC Fourth Biennial Transmission Assessment for 2006-2015, page 152, 30 January 2007.
(4) "Vail Area 138 kV System Project" TEP handout, April 2007

Summary.
These comments concern the environmental impacts associated with the energy requirements for the Rosemont Copper Project. The electrical energy requirements for this project fail to contain cumulative environmental impacts in both Santa Cruz and Pima Counties. None of options presented by Rosemont are in the public interest as the assumptions are erroneous. In particular, the preferred electrical transmission line (Vail to Nogales) does not exist. A Comprehensive Environmental Certification (CEC) Application has not been submitted to the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (Siting Committee) that will have significant issues to decide before a Vail-Nogales transmission line could be approved. The Line Siting Committee has 12-months to recommendation approval, modify or deny a CEC Application to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) that may also approve, modify or deny the CEC Application. Many unresolved issues remain before any electricity can be provided to Rosemont Copper, as total environmental effects are assessed by the Line Siting Committee and in this EIS. It is unknown if the ACC and/or the Line Siting Committee are "cooperating agencies" in this EIS; however, if not, then resultant decision conflicts might result.

Background.
At present, the UNS Electric, Inc. (UNSE) Santa Cruz service area has a single 115 kV transmission line from the Nogales Tap substation in southern Tucson that goes through four substations to be distributed to its customers. Santa Cruz County is serviced by three utility companies. The Sulphur Springs Valley Rural Cooperative service area services to

the east of the Santa Rita Mountains and the TRICO Rural Cooperative service area in the western parts of Santa Cruz County. UNSE has the largest service area primarily the Santa Cruz Valley, to the east of the Santa Rita Mountains.

UNSE operates four distribution substations on its 115 kV transmission line, the Kantor substation east of Amado, the Cañez substation in central Rio Rico, the Sonoita substation in southern Rio Rico and the Valencia substation serving the Nogales distribution area.

Reliability Problem Mitigation.
On 2 November 1999, the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) approved ACC Decision No. 62011 that mandated a second transmission line to be operational by 31 December 2003. This was to correct reliability problems in the Santa Cruz service area. On 15 January 2001, the ACC modified and then approved a Siting Committee CEC for a two-circuit 345 kV line from Sahuarita via a new "Gateway" substation in Nogales to terminate at Santa Anna, Sonora, Mexico using a "western" corridor. The ACC disapproved "central" and "eastern" corridors. A Department of Energy (DOE) Presidential Permit was required to cross the US-Mexican border. The Final EIS for this project was completed and published in the *Federal Register* in March 2005 (reference a). The Coronado National Forest (CNF), in this reference, disapproved the "western" corridor. Thus, without ACC-CNF agreement, this "second" transmission line to the Santa Cruz service area, has no approved routes. A NEPA Record of Decision (ROD) has not been issued for this project.

In late 2004, due to the changing circumstances and situation, the ACC re-opened Decision No. 62011 to resolve the remaining reliability issues in the Santa Cruz service area. Hearings were held for five days in August-September 2005. To date, the ACC Administrative Law Judge has not submitted to the Commission a Recommended Opinion and Order (ROO). During these hearings, most of the ten intervenors agreed that upgrading the existing 115 kV to a "double-circuit" configuration meets the ACC-mandated second transmission line mandate and provides adequate electricity to meet the future needs for Santa Cruz service area for several decades.

In February 2008, two local meetings were held by UES to discuss a proposed "Vail to Valencia 115 kV Upgrade Project". For the handouts see enclosure 1. This proposal is a single-circuit 115 kV to 138 kV upgrade from the Nogales Tap in Tucson to Nogales about 60 miles to the south. A new line is proposed to be constructed from TEP's Vail substation in eastern Tucson to UNSE's Nogales Tap substation in southern Tucson. As of this date, neither TEP nor UNSE have not applied to the Siting Committee for a CEC. The CEC permit is required by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) 40-360 to 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-201 to R14-3-113.

Companies.
There are several companies involved. Until 11 August 2003, Citizens Communications Company owned and managed Santa Cruz service area assets as a public service company in Arizona when UniSource Energy Inc. (UNS) acquired this company. UniSource Energy is a holding company for three public service companies. The largest is Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP) that has service areas in Pima and Cochise Counties, and is an Arizona public service company. UniSource Energy created a holding company, called UniSource Energy Services (UES) to oversee two public service companies; UNSE

has service areas in Santa Cruz and Mohave Counties and UNS Gas, Inc. (UNSG) with service areas in five Arizona counties.

Due to IRS bond tax restrictions, TEP is allowed to serve customers only in Pima and Cochise County and UNSE in Santa Cruz and Mohave Counties. Both UNSE and TEP have this two-county service area restriction.

The existing 115 kV transmission line is owned and operated by UNSE and is the only source of imported power to this service area. This line is not owned by TEP; however, in January 2000, Citizens (now UNSE) and TEP signed a Project Development Agreement (PDA) whereby TEP would manage and build the Sahuarita-Nogales-Mexico dual-circuit 345 kV transmission line and a Gateway substation system.[1] UNSE has contracted with TEP to perform most transmission line functions for UNSE; however, as a UNSE ratepayer, separation of these two public service companies is critical when it comes to determine "rates" for each company. When the separation of these two public service companies is not clear, costs might become mingled, to the detriment of both companies. The ACC makes decisions for rate cases and demands each company account for all expensed.

The Rosemont Copper Electric Plan.

On 11 July 2007, Rosemont Copper submitted the "Rosemont Project Mine Plan of Operations" (reference c). Section 2.7 of this report is titled "Electrical Power Supply" with Appendix C containing an Electrical Load Summary (enclosure 2). It should be noted that the connected load for Rosemont Copper is 133 kV (enclosure 2, Appendix C) while at 138 kV transmission line can carry 100-120 MW, thus at least two 138 kV or one larger capacity transmission line is required for Rosemont Copper.

This "electrical plan" shows a "Preferred Electrical Supply Transmission Supply Route" in Figure 1 below, which is from the Mine Plan of Operations. Four options were proposed. Each will be discussed below, as one reads Section 2.7. Option Four is the "preferred" route.

[NB: most of the answers below will be determined during Siting Committee proceedings]

Option 1 – Interconnection with TEP Line Serving Santa Cruz County (section 2.7.1).

Q-11. Why isn't UNSE indicated at the owner of the 115 kV line?

Q-12. There is NO existing Vail-Kantor line (as there are no transmission lines between Vail and the Nogales Tap substations), so how can a 115 kV Vail-Kantor line be upgraded?

Q-13. There are significant customer/ratepayer costs for changing from the DOE Western Power Administration (WAPA) 115 kV line to a 138 kV TEP line originating at Vail. Has the impact of this customer cost been assessed which impact UNSE Santa Cruz service area customers?

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[1] A proposed new Gateway substation west of Nogales with have double-circuit 345 kV transmission lines to/from Mexico and TEP's South substation in Sahuarita and a single-circuit 115 kV line to/from the Valencia substation in central Nogales.

Q-14. What is the cost of this new substation and will UNSE Santa Cruz service area customers pay for a new 138 kV switching station on this UNSE-owned 115/138 kV line?

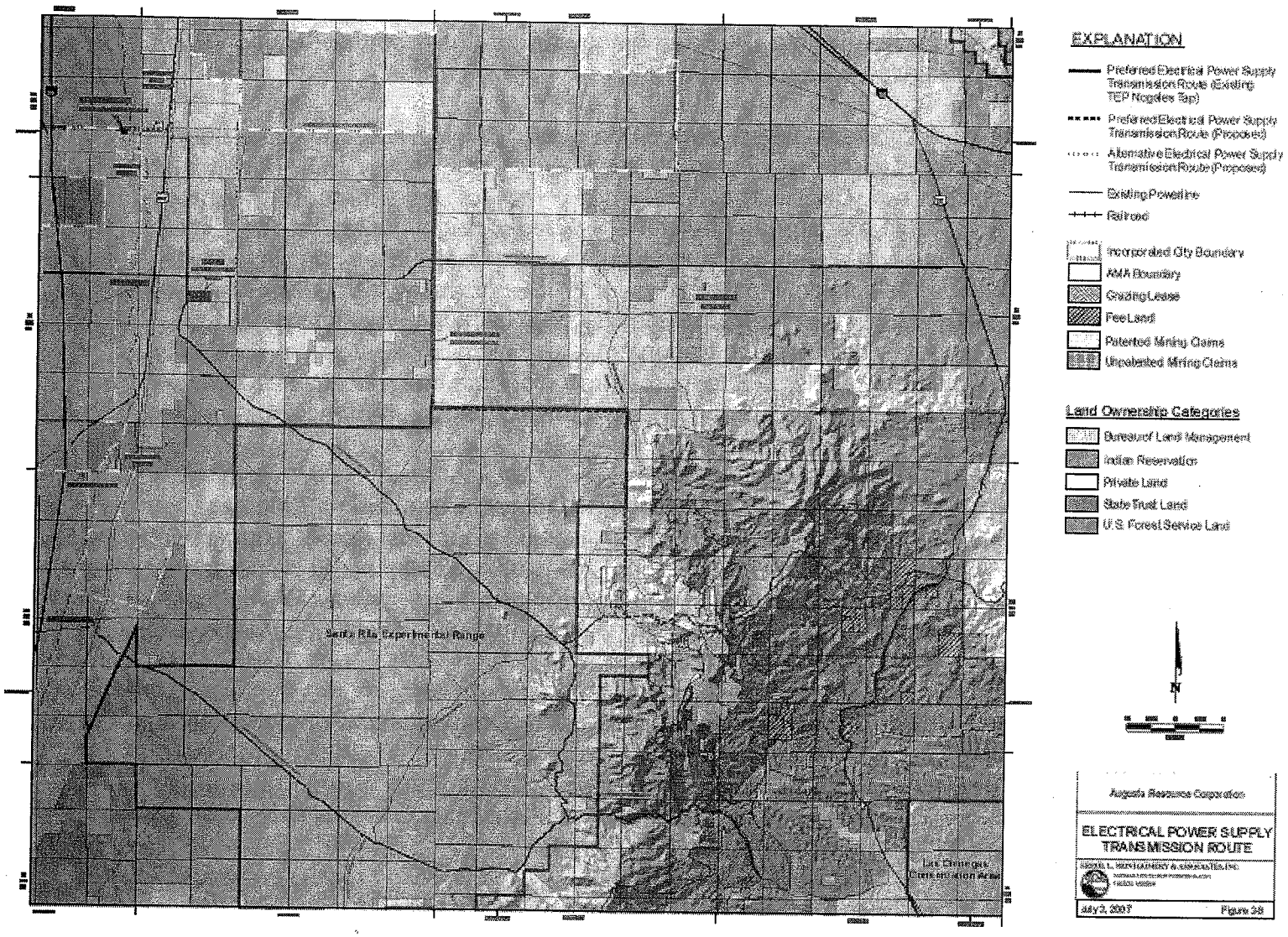

Figure 1. - Transmission Line Options for Rosemont Copper Electrical Supply.

Q-15. What does "partially borne by TEP" mean in terms of specific rate increases for UNSE Santa Cruz service area customers?

Q-16. Why even consider this option for 75 MW of power if it does not provide the 132 MW of power required by Rosemont Copper?

Option 2 – Interconnection with SWTC Sahuarita 230 kV Substation. (2.7.2)

Q-21. What are the cost differences between Options 1, 2, 3, and 4?

Q-22. If the project will overload the existing 345/230 kV Bicknell transformer, can a new transformer be acquired, and at what additional cost?

Q-23. Has this option been "noticed" to TRICO customers by Public Notices in the appropriate newspapers?

Q-24. TEP is not involved for this option. Will TEP manage this SWTC project as TEP will have no role if this option is selected?

Q-25. What will be the costs borne by TRICO ratepayers for Option 2?

Option 3. Interconnection with TEP South 345/138 kV substation. (2.7.3)

Q-31. Higher voltage transmission lines have less line loss, thus transmit electricity at lower cost per mile than a transmission system at a lower voltage. What are the life-cycle cost differences between a 138 kV, 230 kV, and 345 kV transmission systems to support Rosemont Copper?

Q-32. Why is TEP the service provider, when TRICO (SWTC) might be able to provide lower cost services to Rosemont Copper?

Q-33. What is the cost per mile for 138 kV and the cost the appropriate 138 kV transformers?

Q-34. Is the only problem with this option is the 12 miles length of the line?

Q-35. The TEP South substation is inside the 100-year flood plain. Due to its criticality for Tucson's power, it should be required to meet the 500-year flood criteria. How will TEP meet the potential floods that routinely occur on the Santa Cruz River that is adjacent to the South substation (reference a, Appendix C, Figure 2, p. C-4) which shows it is inside the 100-year floodplain?

Option 4. Interconnection with TEP South Line to the TEP Vail-Kantor Line. (2.7.4)

Q-41. What happens if the Line Siting Committee CEC specifies a different alternative than the Vail Kantor 138 kV line?

Q-42. What are the specific relationships (agreements) between UNSE (who owns the existing 115 kv line) and TEP?

Q-43. Will UNSE ratepayers pay any costs for the Rosemont Copper installations?

Q-44. Are two lines, one from South substation and one from Vail being proposed by this option (the two sources)?

Q-45. Since UNSE requires two circuits, based on the reopened ACC Decision 62011 hearings in 2005, how will a third circuit for Rosemont fit on these UNSE utility poles?

Q-46. What are the mean time between failure (MTBF) and mean time to repair (MTTR) (both are common reliability engineering measures) for each option being proposed?

A Fifth Option, Line Siting Case No. 137 for the Vail 138 kV System Project.
This TEP proposal provides another option to provide power to Rosemont Copper. This project provides for double-circuit 138 kV transmission lines to go southwest from the Vail substation to a new Cienega substation in Phase 1 and a new Mountain View substation in Phase 2 to the south of Interstate 10, next to State Route 83 that goes directly to the Rosemont Copper mine (see enclosure 4).

Q-51. Will the proposed Mountain View substation be considered as a power source for Rosemont Copper?

Q-52. How much power will be available at the Mountain View substation, if Phase 2 is ever build, after servicing its distribution demands?

Q-53. When is the Mountain View substation to be operational?

Preliminary Power Flow Analysis. (2.7.5)

Q-61. Why was 2010 assumed for the power flow analysis since the proposed upgrade shows a Vail-Nogales line is not expected to be complete in 2012? (See enclosure 3)

Studies "show that the Vail substation could serve up to 75 MW of mine load if 20 MW of generation is on-line at the Valencia generation facility, or up to 100 MW, if the Gateway Project were in service." The power requirements for a mine are continuous, varying little during the 24-hour day.

Q-62. How can 75 MW + 20 MW meet the 133 MW Rosemont Copper 133 MW load requirements in Appendix C?

Q-63. The peak power requirements for the UNSE Santa Cruz service area is 75.4 MW reached on 28 June 2007. How will power be furnished to the Santa Cruz service area when over 75 MW or 100 MW of power is required?

Q-64. How can 100 MW from the Gateway meet the 133 MW load requirements?

Q-65. What authority does TEP have that require turbines to run in Nogales to furnish power for Rosemont Copper?

Q-66. At present, there is inadequate amount of natural gas to continually run the 65 MW of generation capabilities that exist in the City of Nogales so diesel fuel is used when natural gas runs out. What are the future natural gas and electrical demands for the Santa Cruz service area in 2015 and 2025 and how much local generation can be made available to continuously meet the additional power requirements for Rosemont Copper?

Q-67. The City of Nogales is an EPA non-attainment of compliance requirements for clean air. What are the projected air pollution impacts for 2015 and 2025 that running 20 MW to 65 MW of natural gas or diesel turbines in Nogales have on air quality in that city?

Q-68. Is there any basis to assume the Gateway Project will be on line in 2010 as TEP assured the Commission it would be online by 31 December 2003?

Q-69. Since when did the Gateway substation move from NW of Nogales (in reference a) to "near Sahuarita"?

Q-70. Why is there any impacts between the UNSE Sonoita substation and a Rosemont substation that require "pre-project" voltage levels to be corrected by shunt capacitors?

Q-71. Why are upgrades required to "certain SWTC facilities" to mitigate any impacts due to outages" if Option 4 is selected?

TEP has a significant portion of its power sold to mines, such as those in Green Valley. In 1996, for example, 925,000,000 MW-hrs were purchased by these mining activities, about 10% of the total retail sales of 9,201,000,000 MW-hrs. The Rosemont Copper mine will consume 1,165,000,000 MW-hrs (=133 MW x 8,760 hrs/year) when operating at full capacity demand of 133 MW/hr. TEP uses over 95% coal-fueled electrical generation plants, thus, for 133 MW of power, then about 250,000 tons of Carbon Dioxide (CO2), 830 tones of Nitrite oxides (NOx), and 250 tons of Sulfur Dioxide (SP2) will be required by TEP to furnish the electrical power necessary for Rosemont Copper.

Q-72. How will Rosemont Copper compensate for these 250,000 tons of CO2, 830 tons of NOx and 250 tones of SO2 that will be necessary to generate the electricity required for this mine?

Q-73. Will another source, with less coal-fueled electrical generation be assessed during the EIS process?

Q-74. How much water will be required for the coal-fired electrical generators required for the Rosemont Copper mine?

Q-75. Will Rosemont Copper also "recharge" the Tucson Aquifer to account for the water necessary to generate Rosemont Copper's electricity?

Description of Proposed Electrical Power Supply. (2.7.6)

Q-81. The existing 115 kV line or upgraded to 138 kV in Option 4 already transverses the Santa Rita Experimental Range (see Figure 1 above). Is this line to modified to avoid this range, contrary to Figure 1?

Q-82. TEP has a very poor track record in forecasting completion dates for its projects (as discussed above for its 345 kV project to Mexico). How can TEP confirm the date that a proposed Vail-Kantor transmission line and upgrades be completed since no application for such a line has been submitted to the Line Siting Committee?

Q-83. Can a "Vail-Kantor" 138 kV transmission line meet all the power requirements for Rosemont Copper?

Q-84. What is the long-term impact of the 138 kV line radiated electro-magnetic and electric fields on pipeline corrosion in the parallel fresh water pipeline route?

Q-85. Does the mean time between failure for the Option 4 11.6 mile transmission system exceed 300 years as required by the National Electrical Reliability Council (NERC), or its successor's reliability criteria?

Q-86. What is the impact of fire and smoke on the capabilities of the proposed UNSE 138 kV line to furnish power to Rosemont Copper?

Q-87. Is the 7.2 MW of power required for the well fields included in the loads in enclosure 2 (Appendix C) or is the total demand for Rosemont Copper over 140 MW (= 133 + 7.2)?

Some General Questions:

Q-100. Where is a detailed trade-off study comparing the four electrical supply options?

Q-101. Will any transformers for the transmission and distribution lines contain any PCBs or other toxic substances?

Q-102. What is the impact on Rosemont Copper if the electrical supply required can not be provided until 2012, 2015, or 2018?

Q-103. What was the basis to select TEP to be the power provider to Rosemont Copper compared to self-generated power using natural gas from the El Paso Natural Gasline that runs parallel to Interstate 10?

Q-104. How can UNSE have a double-circuit 138 kV line to Nogales if one circuit of that line is used for Rosemont Copper?

Q-105. In section 2.8.2 (Legal and Regulatory Considerations), the role of obtaining environmental capability certification from the Line Siting Committee and its approval by the ACC are omitted. Will this omission be corrected and considered?

Q-106. When will the CEC Application for the proposed TEP and/or UNSE and/or SWTC transmission lines be submitted to the Line Siting Committee?

Cumulative Effects involving Water and Air.
In the West, water is a dominate natural resource and must be considered comprehensively for all decisions. When performing the NEPA Cumulative Effects analyses, it is critical that the impact on the whole water cycle be considered for the project. A natural gas pipeline or transmission line has very little direct impact on water resources; however, each may have significant indicted impacts. A 100 MW transmission line that will

support another 50,000 families needs to consider the water resource impacts that the line will for these new families using this energy. At 200 gallons per day per captia, over 250,000,000 gallons are required.

Q-201. If the end users do not have that water available, where will it come from?

Q-202. How much water is required to generate that 100 MW, based on the logical generation anticipated for this community?

Q-203. If the community is already in an EPA non-attainment area, how will the additional "exurban" commuters change the quality of air?

Q-204. Both ends and intermediate points along the "system" must be assessed and extrapolated for the life-cycle of the project, usually 50 or more years into the future.

Anything less than a complete analysis of the above issues and related factors is an irresponsible, incomplete, and misleading environmental assessment. A complete, high quality, and informative environmental analysis is absolutely necessary for the many jurisdictional decision makers involved with the Rosemont Copper project.

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Enclosure 1

"Vail to Valencia 115 kV Upgrade Project"

UES handouts

February 2008

PROYECTO DE MEJORAMIENTO VAIL A VALENCIA 115kV

INFORMACIÓN ACERCA DEL PROYECTO

UniSource Energy Services (UES por sus siglas en inglés) planea renovar las líneas de transmisión de 115,000 voltios (115kV) a 138,000 voltios (138kV). Estas líneas se encuentran actualmente entre la subestación de Vail en Tucson y la subestación de Valencia en Nogales, Arizona (ver figura 1). Las líneas actuales son la principal fuente de corriente eléctrica que da servicio a Nogales, Arizona y otras comunidades que se encuentran a lo largo del Rio Santa Cruz al sur de Green Valley, Arizona.

Algunas de las actividades que se requieren para terminar dicha renovación incluirán ciertos cambios a la ruta de las líneas actuales. En el área norte del proyecto, cerca de Vail, se construirá un segmento de 4.5 millas de líneas de transmisión para interconectarlo con la subestación existente en Vail (ver foto A al reverso). Además, dos segmentos serán relocalizados (ver fotos B y C). Dichos segmentos se encuentran al sur de Tumacácori y al norte de Nogales. Estructuras con postes de acero serán levantadas en las áreas de construcción donde se ubicarán las nuevas líneas de transmisión. Los postes de madera que ya existen serán reemplazados con postes de acero.

La propuesta para renovar las 50 millas de líneas de transmisión necesita la aprobación de la Comisión Corporativa de Arizona (ACC por sus siglas en inglés).

NECESIDAD DE CONTAR CON LÍNEAS RENOVADAS

Con el proyecto se tiene la intención de cubrir la creciente demanda de electricidad en las áreas de Nogales, Arizona y Valle Santa Cruz, renovar y reforzar la distribución del sistema eléctrico actual de UES y mejorar la fiabilidad de la corriente eléctrica para uso de los clientes. Este proyecto se llevará a cabo de acuerdo con el compromiso de UES con la ACC para mejorar la infraestructura actual.

ANÁLISIS DEL MEDIO AMBIENTE

Con el propósito de obtener los permisos necesarios para llevar a cabo este proyecto, UES realiza estudios sobre el medio ambiente. Ya que dicha renovación requiere líneas de transmisión mayores a los 115kV, es necesario contar con la aprobación de la Comisión Corporativa de Arizona. Dicho proceso incluye la revisión por parte del Comité de Líneas de Transmisión y Planta Eléctrica de Arizona el cual evalúa el impacto ambiental y su compatibilidad por medio de su proceso Certificado de Compatibilidad Ambiental (CEC por sus siglas en inglés). La compañía Transcon Environmental colabora con UES para llevar acabo análisis del medio ambiente y actividades de compatibilidad.

CALENDARIO DEL PROYECTO

Los contactos con los residentes y propietarios de terrenos y con las agencias de gobierno iniciarán en diciembre del 2007 y los estudios del medio ambiente empezarán en la primera mitad del 2008. UES espera presentar la solicitud para el CEC en el verano del 2008, y si es aprobada, las actividades de renovación comenzarán en el 2010.

PARTICIPE Y ENVIENOS SUS COMENTARIOS

Su opinión nos interesa. Si tiene preguntas, dudas o comentarios relacionados con este proyecto, llame gratis las 24 horas a la Línea Telefónica para Información del Proyecto al (866) 403-6358.

VAIL TO VALENCIA 115kV UPGRADE PROJECT

PROJECT INFORMATION

UniSource Energy Services (UES) is planning to upgrade an existing 115,000 volt (115kV) transmission line to a 138,000 volt (138kV) transmission line between the Vail Substation in Tucson and the Valencia Substation in Nogales, Arizona (see figure 1). The existing line is the primary electrical line serving Nogales, Arizona and other communities along the Santa Cruz River south of Green Valley, Arizona.

Activities required to complete the upgrade would involve only a few changes to the existing transmission line route. On the north end of the project, near the Town of Vail, a 4.5-mile segment of transmission line must be built to interconnect with the existing Vail Substation (see photo A on back). Additionally, two segments are planned for relocation (see photos B and C). The two relocated segments are south of Tumacacori and north of Nogales. Steel monopole structures would be installed in areas of new transmission line construction, and existing wood poles would be replaced with steel monopoles.

The proposal to upgrade the 50-mile-long transmission line requires approval from the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC).

NEED FOR THE PROJECT

The project is intended to help meet growing electricity demand in the Nogales, Arizona and Santa Cruz Valley areas, upgrade and reinforce UES's current electrical distribution system and improve power reliability to current and future power users. This project is planned in accordance with UES's commitment to the ACC to upgrade the existing infrastructure.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

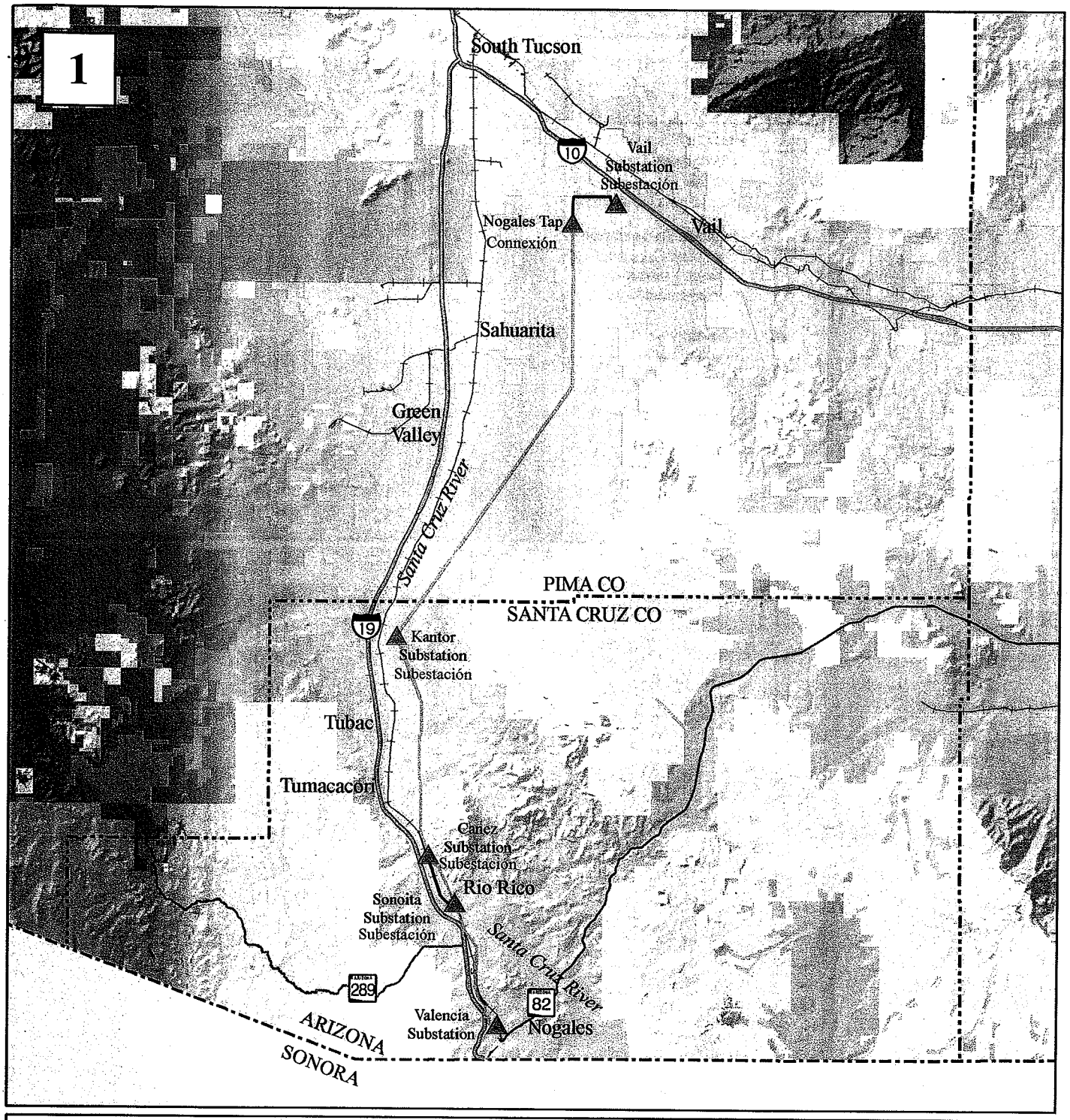
UES is conducting environmental studies in order to obtain the necessary permits for the proposed project. Since the upgrade consists of transmission lines greater than 115kV, approval by the Arizona Corporation Commission is required. This process includes review by the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee, which considers environmental impacts and compatibilities through their Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) process. Transcon Environmental is assisting UES with environmental analysis and compliance activities.

PROJECT TIMELINES

Public and agency contacts will be initiated in December 2007 and environmental studies will take place through the first half of 2008. UES expects to submit the CEC application in the summer of 2008, and if approved, upgrade activities would begin in 2010.

STAYING INVOLVED AND MAKING COMMENTS

We welcome your questions, comments and concerns regarding this proposed project. Please call the 24-hour toll-free Project Information Telephone Line at (866) 403-6358.



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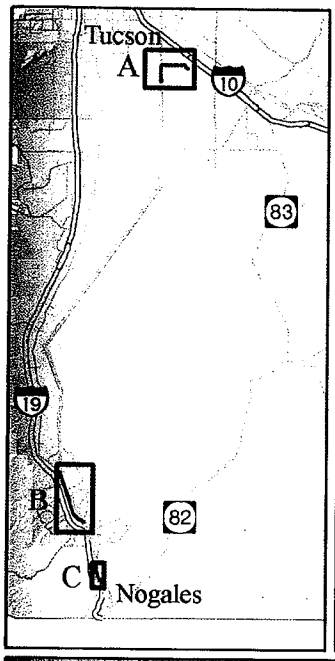

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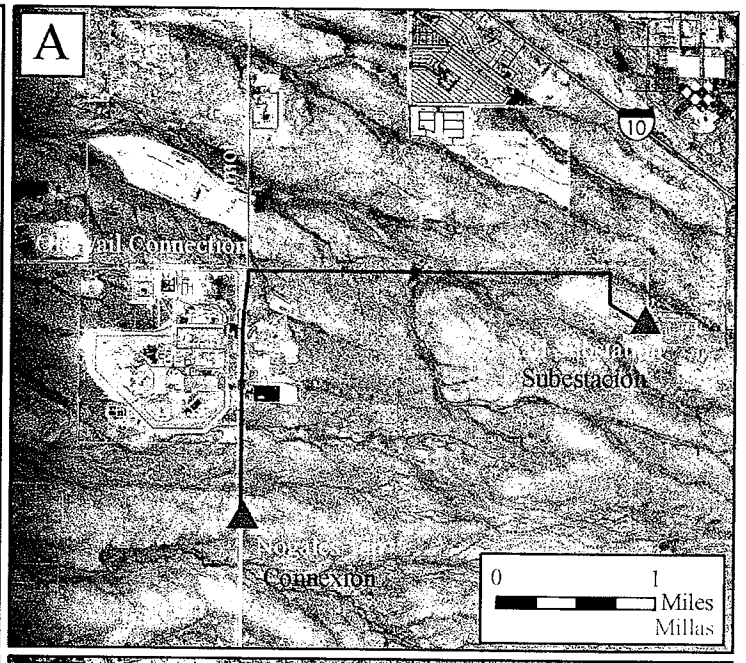
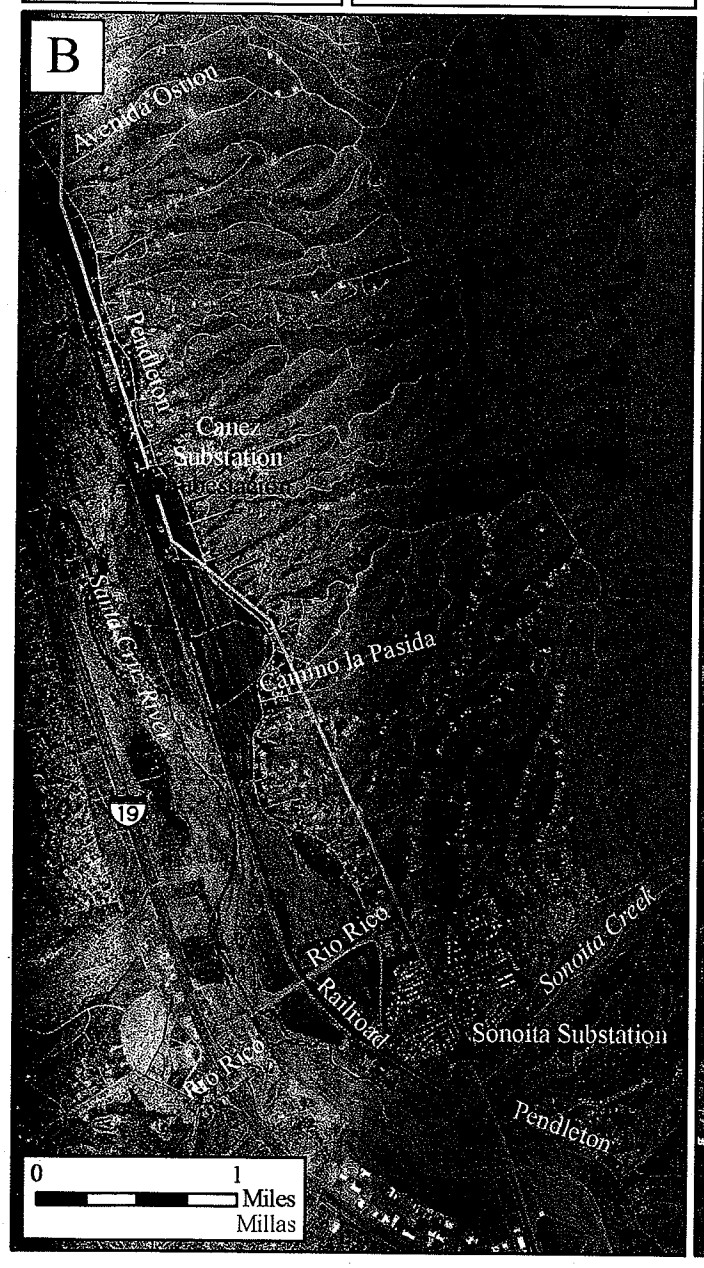
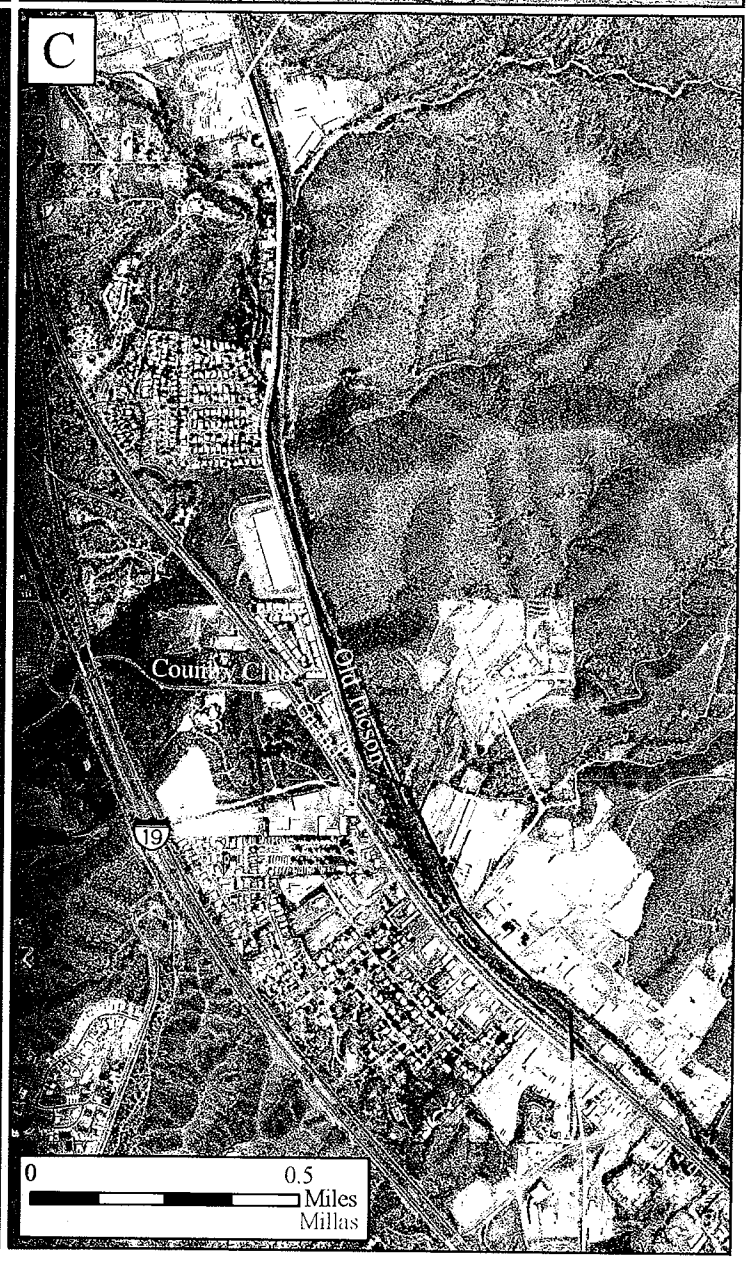






Enclosure 2

"Rosemont Project Mine Plan of Operations"

Section 2.7 and Appendix C,

11 July 2007.

2.7 Electrical Power Supply

The electrical power supply for the Project facilities falls within the Tucson Electric Power (TEP) and the TRICO service territories. The eastern area of the Rosemont Project, which includes part of the mine and all the process facilities, falls in the TEP service territory. The western area of the Project, including the balance of the mine and the fresh water pumping system, falls in the TRICO service territory. Because most of the Project's estimated electrical load and power requirements fall within TEP's service territory area, TEP will be the main electric utility service provider for the entire facility, including the fresh water system. A joint-venture business arrangement between TEP and TRICO will be negotiated and established to compensate both electric utility service providers. The arrangement will probably be based on a percentage of actual mine electrical load between each of the service territories. However, Rosemont Copper will receive one electric utility rate and bill with the breakdown of revenue between TEP and TRICO transparent to the project. This multiple service territory and provider agreement will be submitted, as required, to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) for review and final approval prior to implementation.

In addition to traditional electrical service from commercial providers, the Rosemont Project will also generate energy on site using solar technologies such as passive solar installations for appropriate applications, such as water heaters and fans, and photo-voltaic cell technology for supplemental electricity generation. By using the significant available surface area on facility roofs for the installation solar systems (approximately 300,000 sf), Rosemont will be able to enhance the overall energy efficiency of the operation.

The total connected load for the Rosemont mine and process facilities is estimated to be 133 mega watts (MW) and will require a minimum transmission voltage of 138 kV. Appendix C provides a summary table of the connected loads by mine process area as well as the demand load and estimated running load.

Four power supply options were evaluated to supply this load to the Project. Each is discussed below, followed by the proposed route.

2.7.1 Interconnection with TEP Line Serving Santa Cruz County (Option 1)

TEP currently has a 115 kV transmission line starting at the Nogales tap on the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) line and running south through the Santa Rita Experimental Range to Santa Cruz County and Nogales. This is the Vail-Kantor line that runs approximately 9 mi northwest of the project site. This option would require that the 115 kV Vail-Kantor line be upgraded to 138 kV and the connection moved from the Nogales tap on the WAPA 115 kV line to the Vail 345 kV substation. A new 138 kV switching station would be required to tap into this line with a new 138 kV transmission line running to the main substation at the plant site. The switching station was initially to be located along Santa Rita Road, which was in the vicinity of the fresh water pipeline and pumps. Step-down transformers at this switching station would distribute power to the pump stations at either 34.5 or 4.16 kV, on a three phase overhead distribution pole line.

Advantages of this option are that the cost for upgrading the Vail-Kantor line to 138 kV would be partially borne by TEP as part of a previously planned system upgrade of the system to improve service to Santa Cruz County. The new transmission line to the project site, at 9 mi, would be the shortest distance. The disadvantages are that the timing of the Vail-Kantor line upgrade to 138 kV may not meet the needs of the project schedule, and additional modifications to the TEP system may be required to ensure that 100-plus MW of power is available to the Project. This system option can currently provide only up to 75 MW of power for the Project.

2.7.2 Interconnection with SWTC Sahuarita 230 kV Substation (Option 2)

This option will connect to the existing SWTC 230 kV substation, located north of Sahuarita, and include a new 230 kV transmission line running south. It will parallel the existing SWTC transmission lines, until the new line reaches Santa Rita Road. At this point, the line will follow Santa Rita Road and the Rosemont Project's west access road to the mine's main substation.

The advantage of this option is that the Sahuarita 230 kV substation currently has capacity to provide the required 100-plus MW power load for the Project with improved reliability. The disadvantages are that the new 16-mi transmission line is the second longest, and there would be added cost for substation electrical equipment rated for the higher, 230 kV transmission voltage. Another disadvantage is the Project load will cause an overload on the existing 345/230 kV SWTC Bicknell transformer.

2.7.3 Interconnection with TEP South 345/138 kV Substation (Option 3)

This option will connect to the existing TEP south 345/138 kV substation located another four mi northwest of the SWTC Sahuarita substation described in Option 2. The new 138 kV transmission line will run east, then about 2.3 mi and then south about 5.2 mi to pick up the same alignment from Santa Rita Road to the mine site as illustrated in Option 2.

The advantage to this option is that the TEP South substation can provide the required 100-plus MW at a lower transmission voltage without affecting the 345/230 kV SWTC Bicknell transformer described in Option 2. The 138 kV main substation at the mine site would be less expensive at 138 kV than the higher transmission voltage in Option 2. The South 345/138 kV substation is also owned and operated by TEP, which will be the electric utility service provider for the project. The disadvantage is the new 138 kV transmission line would be the longest at 21 mi.

2.7.4 Interconnect the TEP South Line to the TEP Vail-Kantor Line (Option 4)

This option will connect the 138 kV transmission line from the TEP 345/138 kV south substation described in Option 3 with the TEP 138 kV Vail-Kantor line. They will join where the two lines cross at Santa Rita Road when the Vail-Kantor transmission line is upgraded to 138 kV service voltage. This will be the most expensive option; however, the two sources of electrical power will provide greater reliability for the mine.

2.7.5 Preliminary Power Flow Analysis

A preliminary power flow analysis was prepared for an interconnection option with the TEP system (Option 1) and with the SWTC system (Option 2). The power flow studies utilized a 2010 summer peak-load base-case prepared by the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC). The studies assessed the impacts on the system in southern Arizona for both normal and outage contingency conditions and for both pre- and post- project scenarios. Contingencies were simulated on the 345 kV lines into and within southern Arizona, and on all facilities in the area with an operating voltage greater than 100 kV.

The studies indicated that the Vail substation could serve up to 75 MW of mine load if 20 MW of generation is on-line at the Valencia generating facility, or up to 100 MW if the Gateway Project were in service. The Gateway Project is a new substation facility expected to come on line in 2010. The facility is located near Sahuarita. The studies also indicated that shunt capacitors at Sonoita and the Rosemont Project substation would be required to maintain pre-project voltage levels. Upgrades to certain SWTC facilities would also be required to mitigate any impacts due to outages.

The analysis of the SWTC substation at Sahuarita indicated that the SWTC substation could provide 100-plus MW of power to the mine; however, some upgrades to their facilities would be required to mitigate the impacts of outages. Shunt capacitors at Sahuarita and the Rosemont Project substation would also be required to maintain pre-project voltage levels.

2.7.6 Description of Proposed Electrical Power Supply

Based on the analysis summarized above, Option 4 is proposed, although the line routing has been modified to avoid traversing the Santa Rita Experimental Range. Recent discussions with TEP have confirmed that the Vail-Kantor transmission line upgrades will be completed in time to support the project and that the Vail substation can supply the 100-plus MW of power for the project. The source of power for the project is, therefore, based on tapping into the upgraded 138 kV Vail-Kantor transmission line as noted in Option 4. The tap will be made at the intersection of the transmission line and the northern boundary of the Santa Rita Experimental Range (Figure 2-9). A new switching station will be provided for the tap and a new 138 kV transmission line will run about 4 mi east, along the northern boundary of the Santa Rita Experimental Range. The transmission line will then turn south for another 4 mi until it intersects the west access road into the mine site. The new transmission line to the plant main substation is about 11.6 mi long and follows the proposed fresh water pipeline route from the well fields north west of the tap near Sahuarita, Arizona (see Section 2.8).

The proposed 138 kV transmission poles will be single 90 foot, two section, direct buried, steel supporting a vertical type, three phase line configuration, providing a minimum of 75 ft ground clearance for the transmission line. Pole spacing will be about 800 ft on level ground and less where required to maintain ground clearance on varying and steep topography.

A new substation would be located at the switching station with a single 138 kV to 4.16 kV or 34.5 kV, step down transformer, isolation switches, and circuit breakers to distribute electrical power to the fresh water wells and pump stations at either 34.5 kV or 4.16 kV, using a three phase, overhead distribution wooden pole line. As an alternative, electrical power for the well fields and fresh water pump stations could be fed independently from a separate source on the SWTC system which is in TRICO's service area. The estimated power load for the well fields and pump stations is about 7.2 MW.

Enclosure 3

"Appendix G, Arizona Planned HV transmission additions"

from the ACC Fourth Biennial Transmission Assessment for 2006-2015,

page 152,

30 January 2007.

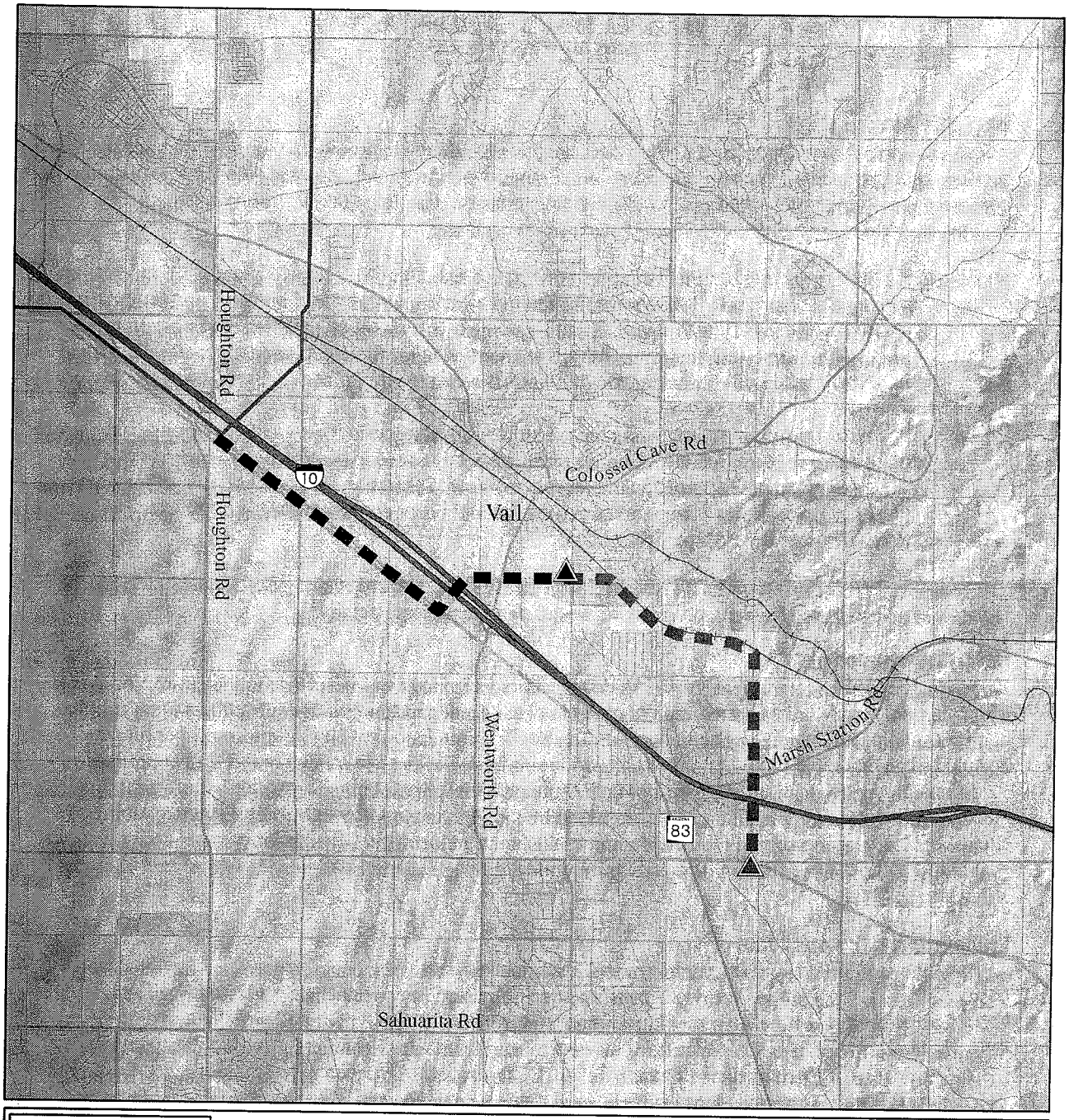
Status	Project	Justification	CEC needed
Construction start 2010	Vail - Wentworth 138 kV - two circuits	Required to serve load at the new Wentworth 138/13.8 kV Substation locate approximately 7.5 miles due east of the Vail Substation Circuit 1: utilize conductor that was installed in the past but left de-energized, install - 3.0 miles of new conductor east from Vail on existing structures to make connection to this existing conductor Circuit 2: tap the existing Vail-Fort Huachuca or Vail- Spanish Trail line	Yes
2011 completion			
Construction start 2009	Desert Basin-Pinal South 230kV line	Will provide capacity for the delivery of Desert Basin power plant output to the valley and allow for possible capacity expansion at the plant. Majority of line to be strung in vacant position of 500kV towers.	SRP will file a CEC application in Fall 2006 fort the tap or loop-in Desert Basin, but the authority for the portion of the line strung on the 500kV structures is provided for in Case No. 126 granted in 2005.
Construction start 2008	Western Parker-Davis 115 kV Upgrades to 230 kV (Reference Western Ten-Year Plan 2003 filing)	Expected to deliver lower cost energy via additional capacity over the upgraded 230 kV System, and to provide redundancy to bulk receiving stations.	No. Western will upgrade existing 115 kV facilities to 230 kV.
Construction start 2010	Jojoba loop-in of TS4-Panda 230kV line	This substation will be needed to serve projected need for electric energy for the growing communities in the areas of Buckeye, Goodyear, and Gila Bend.	Certificate of Environmental Compatibility issued 1 0/16/00 (Case No. 102, Decision No. 62960, Gila River Transmission Project).
Construction start 2010	Loop existing Irvington Station to Vail Substation #2 line through future University of Arizona Tech Park Substation.	To provide additional electric service to the south-central part of Tucson Electric Power Company's service area.	Yes
Construction start 2010	Thornydale to CAP Twin Peaks 115 kV Line	Provide for increased transfer capability and voltage support in Southern Pima County and to provide for anticipated load growth in the certificated service area of Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Yes
2012 completion			
Construction start 2009	Upgrade existing 115kV transmission line to Nogales	The upgrade of the transmission line increases transmission system reliability and provides additional load serving capacity to UNS Electric Santa Cruz Service Area.	
Construction start 2010	North Gila-TS8 230kV line	This project is required to serve the increasing need for electric energy in the city of Yuma. Additionally, improved reliability and continuity of service will result for the fast growing Yuma County.	An application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility has not yet been filed.

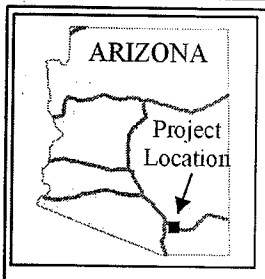
Enclosure 4

"Vail Area 138 kV System Project"

TEP handout,

April 2007





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- Proposed 138kV Transmission Line Phase II
- Proposed 138kV Cienega Substation
- Proposed 138kV Mountain View Substation
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- Existing 138kV Transmission Line (Vail to Fort Huachuca)
- Existing 345kV Transmission Lines
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- State Land

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Vail Area 138kV System Project

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VAIL AREA 138kV SYSTEM PROJECT
PROJECT FACTSHEET

PROJECT INFORMATION

Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP) is dedicated to providing its customers with safe, reliable electric service. In order to bolster system reliability in the rapidly growing Vail, Arizona area, TEP is planning to construct approximately 9 miles of 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and two 138kV substations southeast of Vail. Project activities would occur in two phases:

Phase 1: A 138kV transmission line would be constructed extending east approximately 4.6 miles from the existing Spanish Trail 138kV transmission line near Houghton Road and I-10 and terminating at a newly constructed 138kV power substation, which will be called the Cienega Substation. The proposed transmission line route for this segment would follow and parallel existing electrical lines. Project activities associated with Phase 1 would begin immediately following regulatory approval.

Phase 2: A 138kV transmission line would be constructed from the new Cienega Substation, extending to the southeast approximately 4.7 miles terminating at a second newly constructed 138kV power substation, which will be called the Mountain View Substation. Project activities associated with Phase 2, also requiring regulatory approval, would occur at a later date when the electrical needs of the area require additional facilities.

The proposed project substations and transmission line alignments are located on Arizona State Trust lands and private land. (See map on reverse side of page for project details.)

NEED FOR THE PROJECT

Presently, TEP's Los Reales and Vail 138kV substations provide electric service to the entire Vail Area. The community of Vail has grown rapidly over the past decade, pushing those substations to their limits, and it is anticipated that the population of this area will continue to grow into the foreseeable future. To accommodate this rapid growth, there is a need to reinforce the electric service in the Vail area (Phase 1). Additionally, current and future growth in the Mountain View area southeast of Vail require additional electrical infrastructure, including a transmission line loop in the vicinity to bolster service reliability (Phase 2). The project will upgrade and reinforce the current electrical distribution system, increase power reliability to current and future power users, and meet growing electricity demands in the Vail/Mountain View area.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

TEP will be required to conduct environmental studies and obtain the necessary permits for the proposed project. Because the proposed project consists of transmission lines greater than 115,000 volts (115kV), it will require approval by the Arizona Corporation Commission. The Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee will review this project for environmental compatibility through their Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) process. Transcon Environmental, an Arizona-based consulting firm that is highly experienced in this type of project, is assisting TEP with siting and environmental compliance activities.

PROJECT TIMELINES

Contact with the public and interested agencies begins this month (April 2007) and environmental studies will take place through the summer of 2007. The CEC Application will be submitted in late summer and construction of the project will likely begin in 2008.

GETTING INVOLVED OR MAKING COMMENTS

Your comments are welcomed and will assist TEP and the relevant agencies in making sound choices for the project. If you have questions about this information or the proposed project, please call the Project Information Phone Line at (520) 908-7358 or toll-free at (866) 374-8561.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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Elizabeth Webb
Vail AZ 85641
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How to Comment Effectively

To be effective, comments should be specific and factual. Remember, the purpose of this scoping is to identify significant issues related to the proposed operation, and issues to be considered in the Environmental Impact Process (EIS).

The format for commenting is up to you to choose. Comment forms are available, but not required. Send comments by mail, email, or hand-deliver to the Forest Service before the public scoping period ends on April 18, 2008.

Below are several tips for making effective comments.

- Be brief so the reviewer won't miss the point of your comment.
- Be specific so the reviewer clearly understands your concerns.
  - Statements such as "I am concerned about the amount of additional traffic this will cause" are useful in generating issues that can be analyzed.
  - Statements such as "Don't do this" or "I like this" are not useful in generating issues that can be analyzed.
- The better you understand the proposal, the more focused and site-specific your comments will be.
- Your comments must be realistic and feasible.
- Remember, this is the time to identify concerns AND opportunities.

The public comment period is the beginning of the EIS process and represents the foundation of the analysis. Your comments are an important input to the analysis of the social and natural environment.

March 19th 2008
Elizabeth Webb
Vail, AZ 85641

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Rosemont Copper Project EIS Initial Comments:

These are initial comments and I reserve the right to add additional comments within the stated scoping period which has now been extended.

Additional Comments:

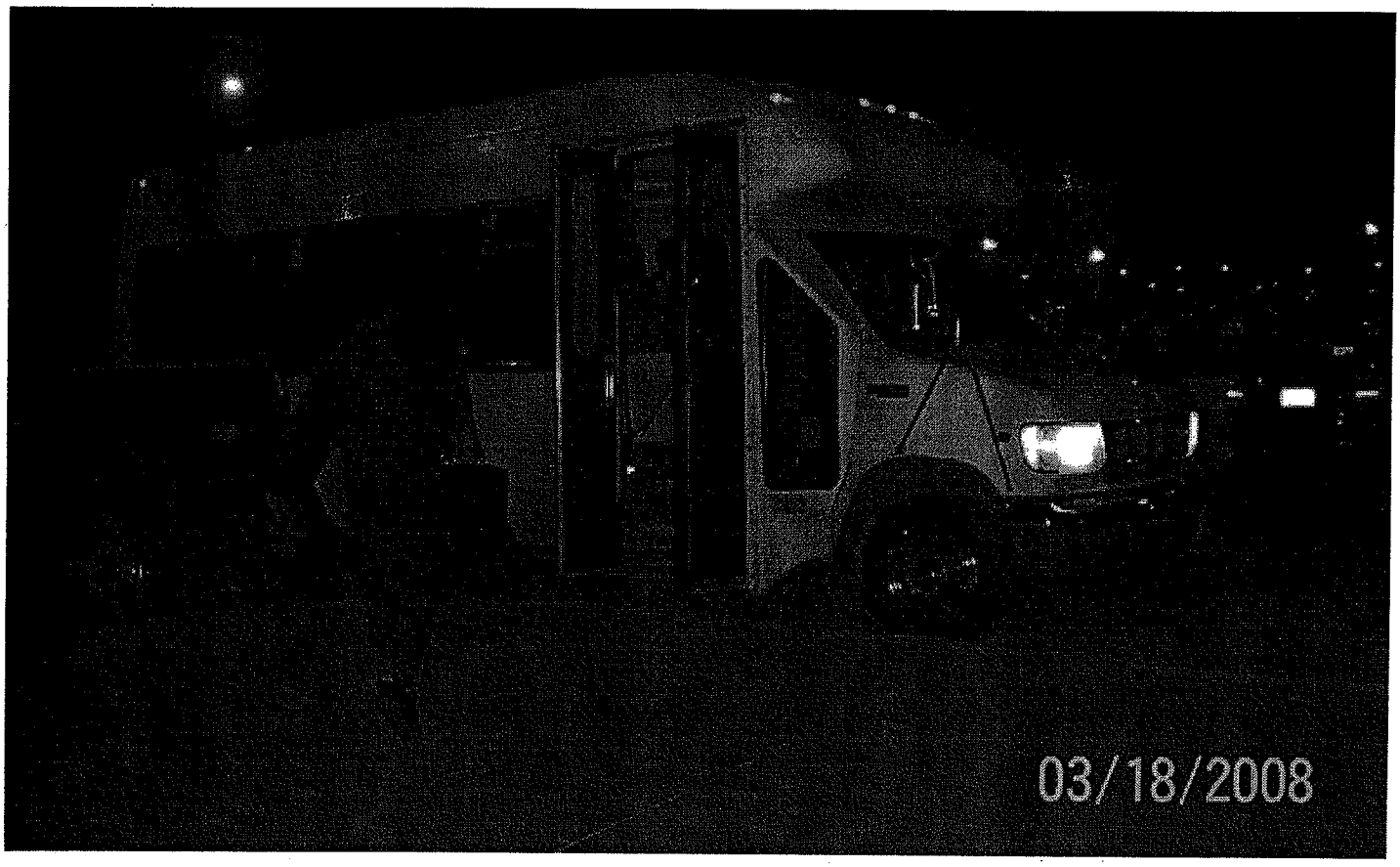
- Please change the format of the scoping meetings to round table or group discussion types or hearing style with recorded transcripts in addition to accepting written comments.
- It is important to the process for attendees to hear the comments of others.
- Please add additional meetings in areas which would be directly impacted, either positively or negatively-specifically Sonoita and Sahuarita.
- Please include information about impacts to astronomy interests.
- Please view the attached sheet to see the potential impacts upon a City of Tucson Planned Area Development (Las Estancia) within the Vail School District. This speaks to effects on increased traffic on local roads and transportation systems and effects of mining and processing vehicles on local roads and transportation systems heavily utilized by the same local school district that would be directly impacted by the same factors on Sonoita Highway 83.

Questions:

- What assurances that via this format (dropping our comment sheets into an unguarded open box near the exit door at the first public meeting at the Desert Vista Campus on March 18th 2008) our comments will be recorded and become part of the official record?
- Who are the agencies who have been asked to be Cooperating Agencies? Who has accepted and who has declined and what were the reasons cited?
- Where can we get a list of people who attended the public meetings?
- When and where can we get a copy of the comments?
- Why were young people bussed in to show support for the project? (see photo-second page)
- When will the electric providers apply for the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility with the Arizona Corporation Commission?
- What accommodations and outreach attempts have been made for low income and non English speaking members of the potentially impacted areas?

- What local leaders of Vail (Cienega Corridor to include Corona de Tucson, Rincon Valley, Rita Ranch, New Tucson, Civano, etc.), Sonoita, and Sahuarita have been contacted to be a part of the process?
- What local media outlets have been contacted to help facilitate the process? (meaning small papers and send outs such as the Southeast Side Connections)
- Why were the initial scoping meetings held during the Vail School District Spring Break? (As well as the U of A and Pima College spring breaks?)
- Has there been "on the ground, door to door" contact in the rural communities located east and west of Sonoita Highway 83 to involve the people in the scoping process?

Thank you,
Elizabeth Webb



LA ESTANCIA

PLANNED AREA DEVELOPMENT

Adopted:
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City of Tucson

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose and Intent

The La Estancia Planned Area Development establishes comprehensive guidance and regulations for the development of homes and associated support services on approximately 565 acres along the north side of Interstate 10 between Kolb Road and Wilmot Road. The Planned Area Development implements the City of Tucson General Plan by specifying policies and site development standards, which, when adopted, will replace the current zoning on the property. The plan is a regulatory guide for the future development of a sustainable, balanced community of residential, office, commercial, industrial and recreational uses that promote an aesthetically pleasing living environment by ensuring high standards of development quality. Where appropriate, the Planned Area Development allows for alternative uses for any given development area, which provides market-responsive development without burdening the City of Tucson with continual rezoning applications.

The proposed La Estancia development provides a complementary mix of uses, while filling the need for planned development in the Tucson area. The proposed development plan includes open space, recreational, residential, commercial, public facilities, and light industrial uses. Recreation areas are a key component of the Plan, with a large community park near the center of the development. The Julian Wash is proposed to be relocated to the northern portion of the project, and will be developed as a linear park. Linkages to and between the parks will be provided through sidewalks and bike lanes along roadways, and a greenbelt along the El Paso gas line.

This mix of residential, commercial, service and industrial opportunities will also support the current 4,000 employees as well as the projected additional 20,000 employees of the University of Arizona Science and Technology Park situated next to the project site. This location of residences near employment opportunities will help achieve air quality goals by reducing vehicle trips.

The La Estancia Planned Area Development seeks to create a livable community, providing open space and recreational opportunities, people-oriented neighborhoods, local services within walking distance of homes, and increased opportunities for social interaction and communication.

The La Estancia Planned Area Development is a regulatory plan which will serve as the zoning for the subject property. Proposed development plans, or agreements, tentative/final plats or parcel maps, and any other development approval must be consistent with the Planned Area Development.

1. Relationship to the City and Subregional Plans

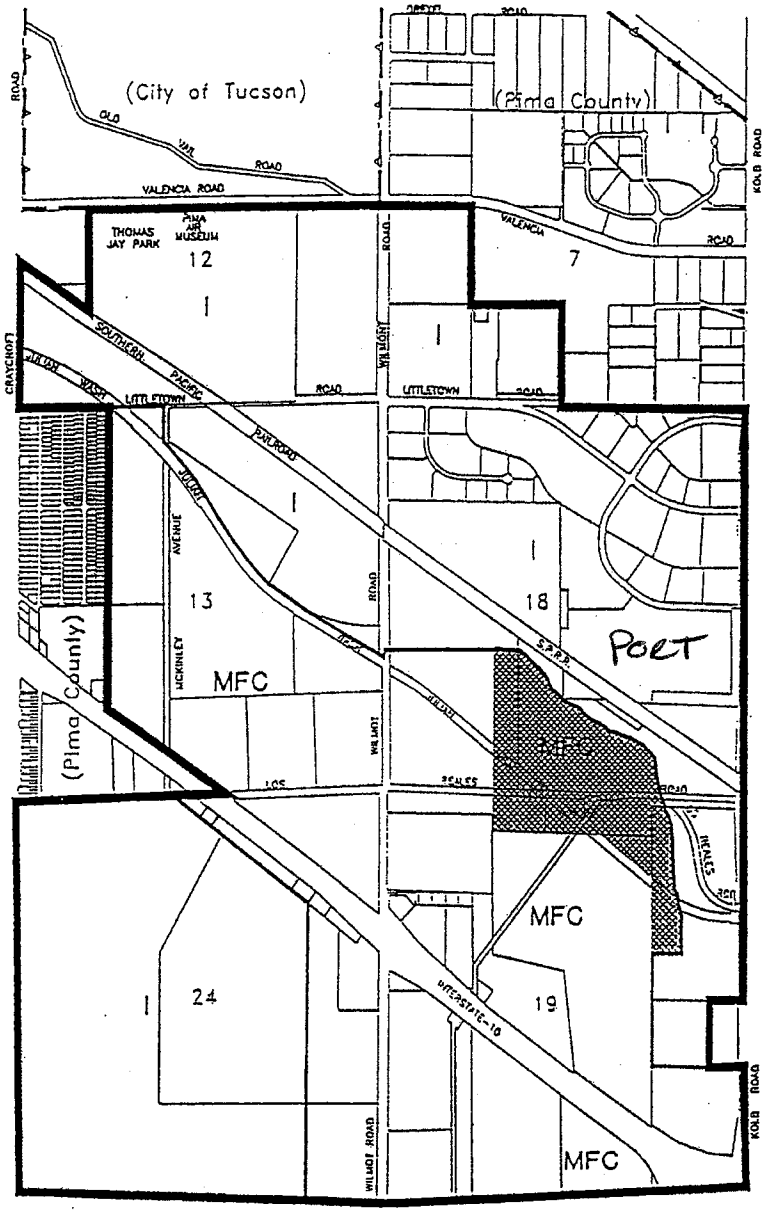
The primary objective of the La Estancia Planned Area Development is to implement the City's General Plan through the translation of the City's broader development policies into design concepts and development controls tailored to the plan area. All City policies, standards, criteria and procedures will be adhered to by this Planned Area Development, except where deviations are warranted to improve design quality, flexibility or harmony as specified herein.

This Planned Area Development/rezoning request is consistent with the goals and policies of the City's General Plan, General Plan* and Rincon Southeast Subregional Plan. Specifically, Policy 1.11 of the Land Use Section of the General Plan encourages the "support of master-planned development in areas that are not currently urbanized, such as in the southeastern part of the city, provided the proposed development reflects sensitivity to environmental resources, community innovations in design, and is phased or financed to meet infrastructure requirements." Policy 3.1 of the Commercial and Office Development Section of the General Plan and the Multifunctional Corridor guidelines within the Rincon Southeast Subregional Plan promote the integrated development of complementary nonresidential and residential land uses along major transportation corridors.

On July 6, 1999 the City Council approved an amendment to the Rincon Southeast Subregional Plan, changing the designation for a portion of the Planned Area Development from Urban Industrial to Multifunctional Corridor provided the Julian Wash and Los Reales Road are moved to the north boundary of the amendment site. This change is reflected in Exhibit I-A: Rincon Southeast Subregional Plan.

* *The General Plan* was originally adopted as the "*Comprehensive Plan*" pursuant to the Tucson *Zoning Code* and, subsequently, the Tucson *Land Use Code*. The term "Comprehensive Plan (CP)" was changed to the "General Plan" by Ordinance 9517, which was adopted by Mayor and Council on February 12, 2001. This change in title does not affect the content of the Plan.

EXHIBIT I.A: RINCON SOUTHEAST SUBREGIONAL PLAN MAP



Planned Land Use Categories

- I — Urban Industrial
- MFC — Multifunctional Corridor
- Annexation Area Boundary
- Map Amended Site to MFC Plan Designation, provided the Julian Wash and Los Reales Rd. are moved to the north boundary of the Amendment Site.

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2. Project Objectives

Objectives of the La Estancia Planned Area Development are to:

1. Create a sustainable integrated mixed-use community that encourages environmentally sensitive site design and provides recreation/open space amenities in conjunction with new development.

2. Foster current principles of planning and subdivision design that reflect a sense of community and neighborhood.

3. Set an example for future growth in this part of the Tucson community.

4. Utilize state of the art building techniques and design to conserve energy, water and non-renewable resources.

5. Develop land uses logically on the property (considering clustering, massing and intensity of scale), to achieve continuity of design and establish a sense of identity.

6. Encourage innovative and imaginative design that creates a unique community character, encourages interaction among neighbors and diminishes the dominance of the automobile.

7. Establish a distinct urban character by employing New Urbanism and Neo-traditional concepts and promoting ideals as set forth by the Livable Tucson Vision Program.

8. Assure compatibility of new development with the existing environment by using compatible land uses, density transitions, setbacks, and variations in building height and by providing visual and pedestrian linkages.

9. Provide for pedestrian and bikeway networks throughout the Project in conjunction with the roadways to interconnect land uses and reduce the need for auto-related trips.

10. Ensure coordinated, responsible planning through the use of cohesive procedures, regulations, standards and guidelines.

11. Provide a backbone infrastructure system and public facilities to support development in an efficient and timely manner.

12. Provide locations for regional transit centers to serve this portion of the community.

13. Provide for spine infrastructure to create a state of the art wired community and enable homes and businesses to take advantage of any new, enhanced communication opportunities.

B. Area Description and Location

La Estancia consists of approximately 565 acres of predominantly vacant land located on the north side of Interstate 10, between Kolb Road and Wilmot Road, south of the Union Pacific Railroad. The Project area is shown on the Location Map (Exhibit I.B).

The site is surrounded by a variety of land uses. Surrounding developments include the University of Arizona Science and Technology Park to the east and industrial uses to the east and north. To the south is Interstate 10; across the interstate is a proposed manufactured home community, the Voyager RV Resort and residential community. To the west is a new manufactured home community, vacant land, and a former truck stop being converted to a recreational vehicle service facility.

Since the property was acquired from several different owners, A.L.T.A. surveys were prepared separately for each acquisition. Copies of the surveys can be found in Appendix A. Tax code numbers and ownership information can be found in Appendix B.

C. Development Partnership

Certain elements of the La Estancia Planned Area Development require cooperation through a partnership between the developer and City of Tucson. The following issues will be mutually resolved during the block platting process prior to recording an acceptable block plat:

- Realignment of Los Reales Road and exchange of appropriate land ownership.
- Dedication of a community park for public ownership and maintenance in accordance with criteria listed in the Open Space and Recreation Plan (Section II.C) of this document.
- Removal of existing billboards. Current leases are on a month-to-month basis and may be terminated by the property owner with 30-day notice.
- Realignment of Julian Wash and exchange of necessary land ownership shall occur in the first phase of development at the expense of the property owner with approval from all affected public agencies.

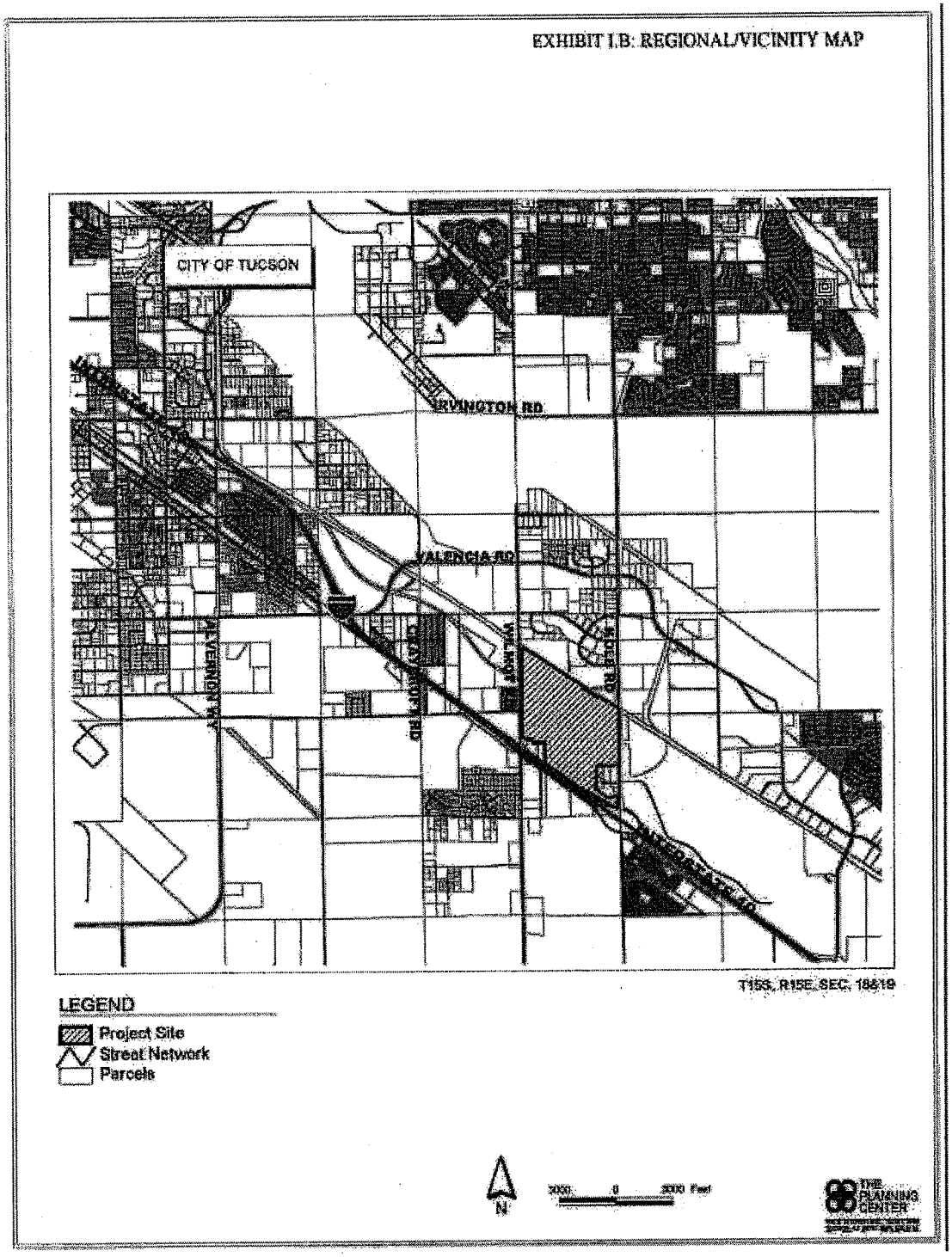
The remaining issues will be resolved at times agreed upon by the affected parties:

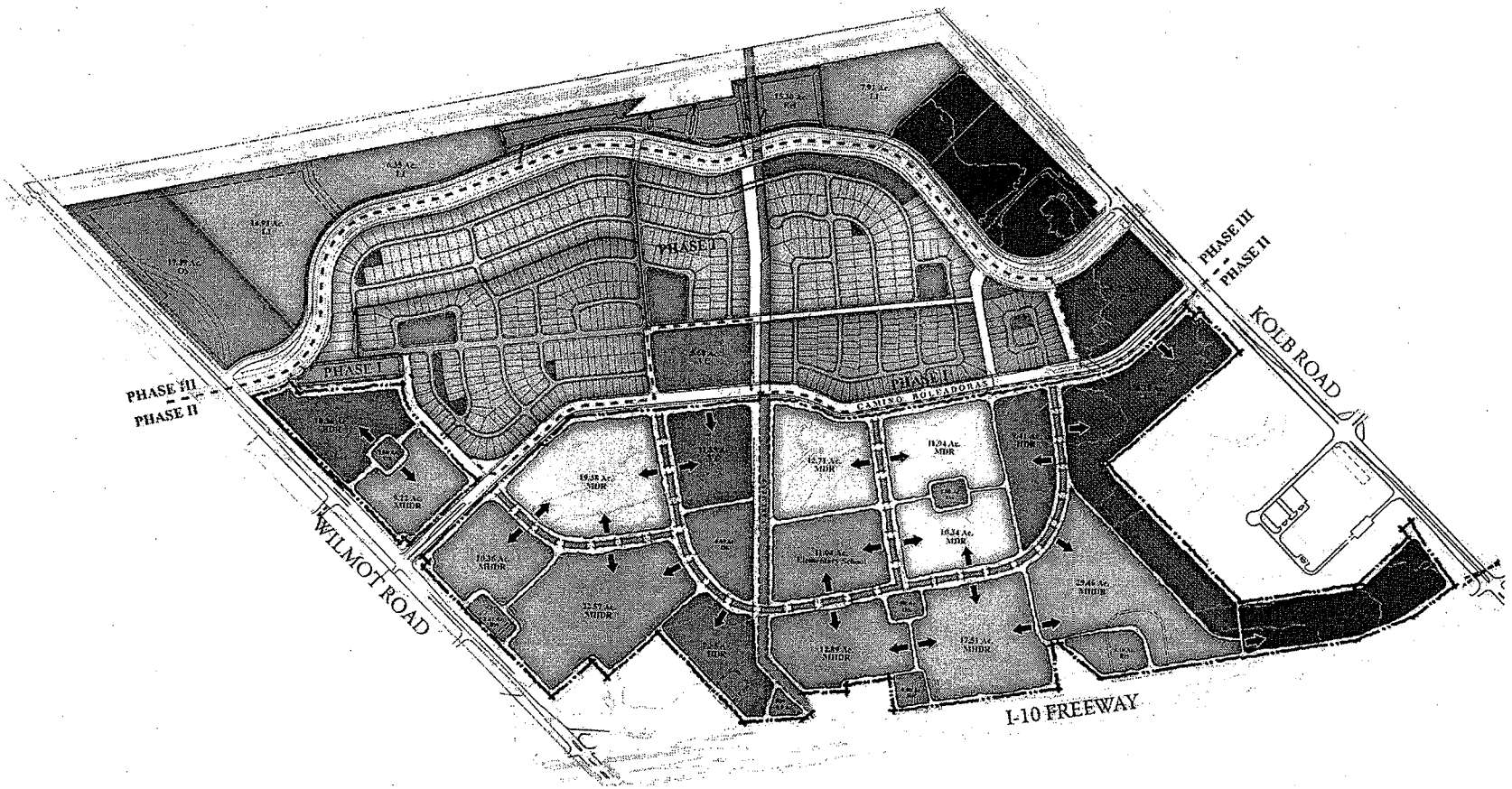
- Improvements to the Julian Wash linear park will be at the expense of the property owner. Design for this facility will be reviewed and approved by the City of Tucson and Pima County Flood Control District. Development of the park will occur in accordance with the phasing plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan (Section II.C) of this plan.
- Formation of a landscape improvement district for the upgrade and enhancement of Kolb Road from Valencia Road to Interstate 10. The entity to administer this district will be agreed upon by the City, County and private

owners prior to any capital improvements being performed on Kolb Road. Landscape improvements will be coordinated with other upgrade requirements for Kolb Road addressed elsewhere in this plan.

- Provision of land for up to two regional transit centers. The size and locations shall be mutually determined by the property owner, City of Tucson and Suntran. The timing for this dedication of property will by based on an overall assessment by Tucson, Pima Association of Governments, Suntran and other appropriate entities which demonstrates the actual need for such facilities.
- Realignment of University of Arizona Science and Technology Park entry to create signalized four-way intersection. This will be agreed upon by all affected property owners prior to required improvements to Kolb Road.
- Provision of land for and coordination with City of Tucson for a regional recycling center. This property will be made available rent free and coordinated with the appropriate city agencies at the time the need for such a facility is identified by the City.
- Make land available for future light rail and express rail service stations near the railroad based on any current or proposed long-range transportation plans. Land will be set aside upon a request from the appropriate planning agency within two years of the adoption of this plan.

EXHIBIT I.B: REGIONAL/VICINITY MAP





Land Use Summary - Phase I

Lot Color	Lot Size	Acres	Lot #s	# of Lots
	40' x 110'	54.37 Acres	523 - 664	142 Lots
	45' x 110'	92.01 Acres	107 - 330	214 Lots
	50' x 110'	29.62 Acres	331 - 522	192 Lots
	65' x 110'	11.04 Acres	1 - 106	106 Lots
	GRAND TOTAL	186.80 Acres	N/A	664 Lots

Land Use Summary - Phase II

Land Use	Density Range	Acres	Units (low)	Units (high)
MDR	5-10 DU/Acres	54.37 Acres	272 Units	544 Units
MHDR	6-22 DU/Acres	92.01 Acres	552 Units	2,024 Units
HDR	15-22 DU/Acres	29.62 Acres	444 Units	652 Units
School	Elementary School	11.04 Acres	N/A	N/A
VC	Village Commercial	17.06 Acres	N/A	N/A
C	Commercial	20.15 Acres	N/A	N/A
RC	Regional Freeway Commercial	18.91 Acres	N/A	N/A
Pk	Parks	8.63 Acres	N/A	N/A
Ret	Retention	7.81 Acres	N/A	N/A
	GRAND TOTAL	261.30 Acres	1,268 Units	3,120 Units

Land Use Summary - Phase III

LU Color	Land Use	Acres
LI	Light Industrial	29.10 Acres
C	Commercial	8.50 Acres
RC	Regional Freeway Commercial	20.31 Acres
Pk	Parks	17.19 Acres
Ret	Retention	15.30 Acres
	GRAND TOTAL	90.59 Acres

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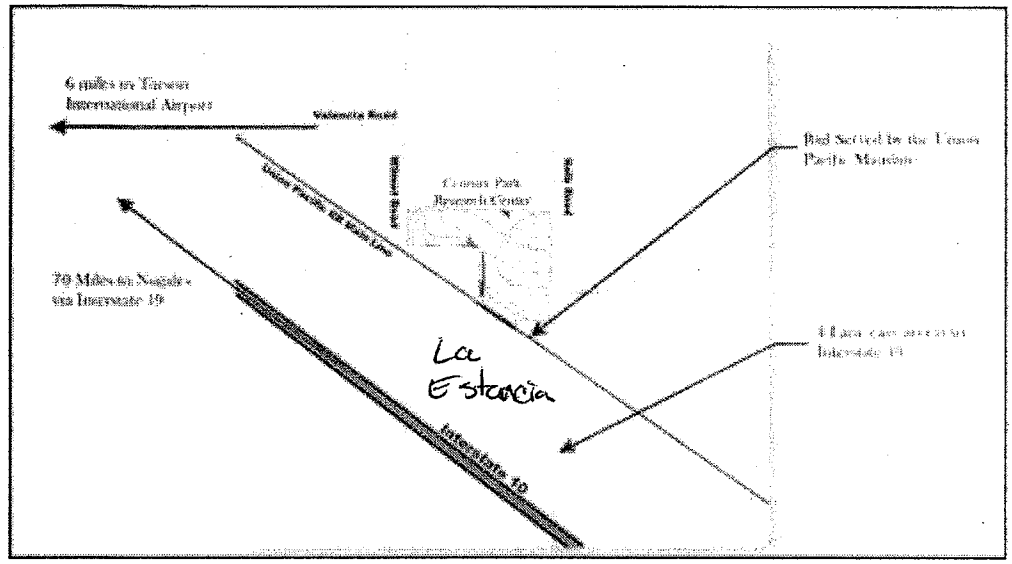
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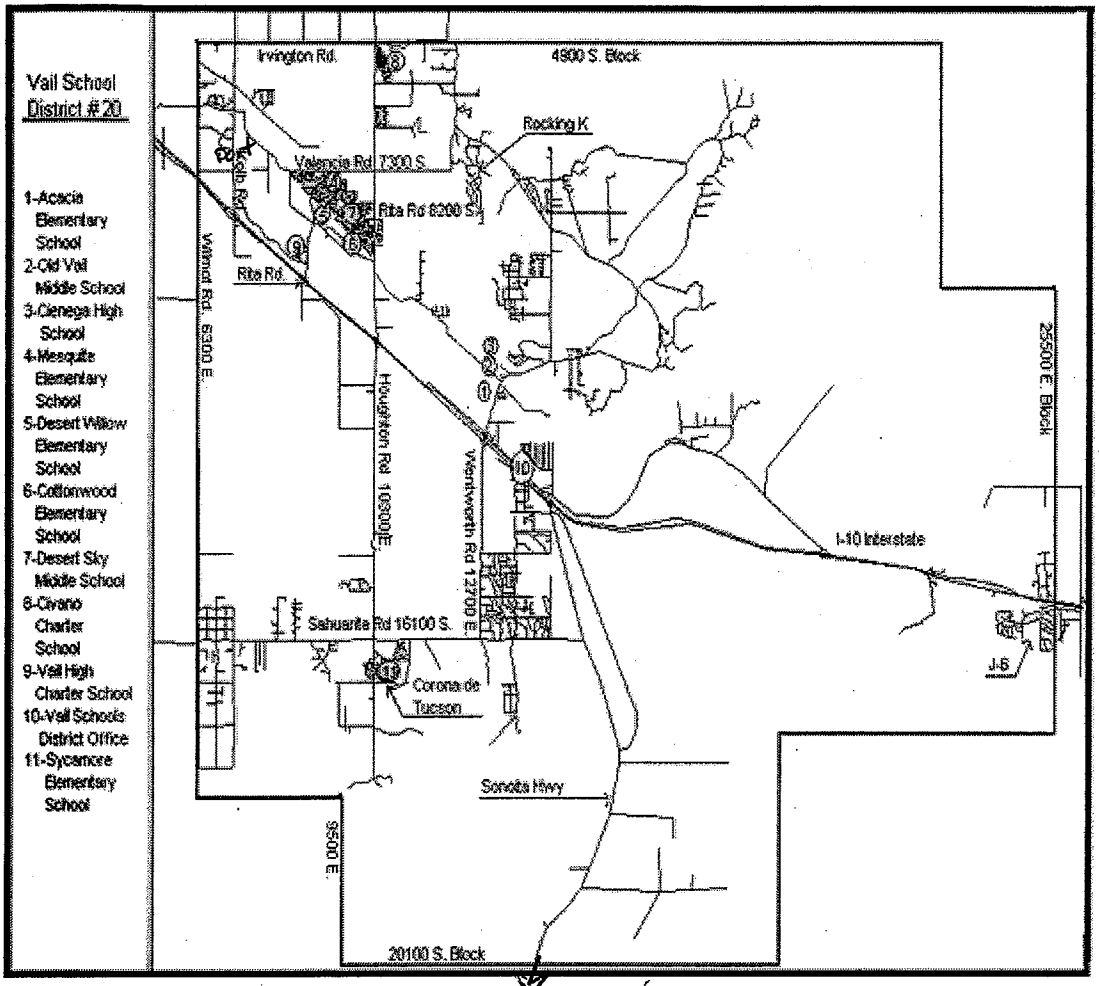

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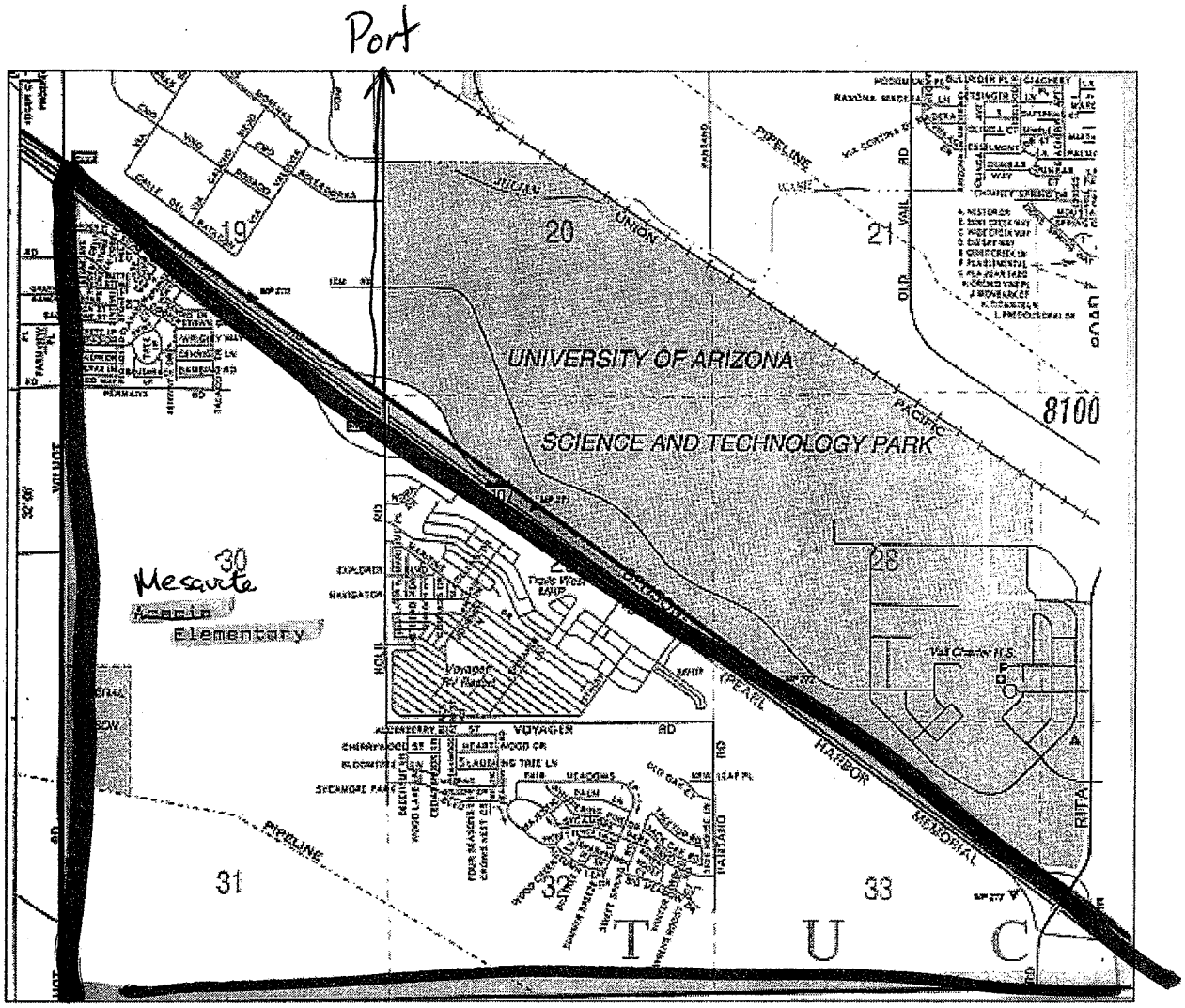

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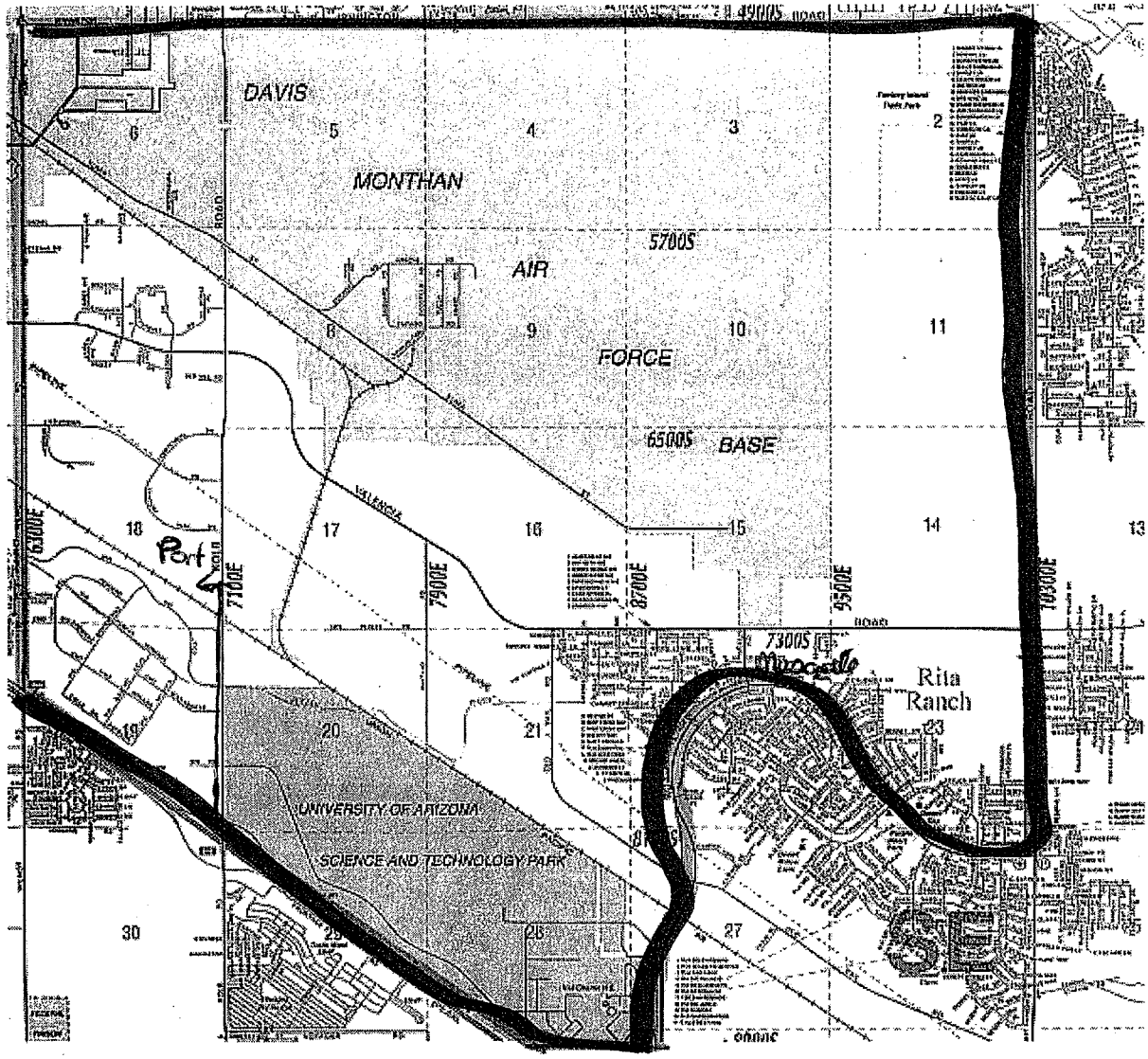

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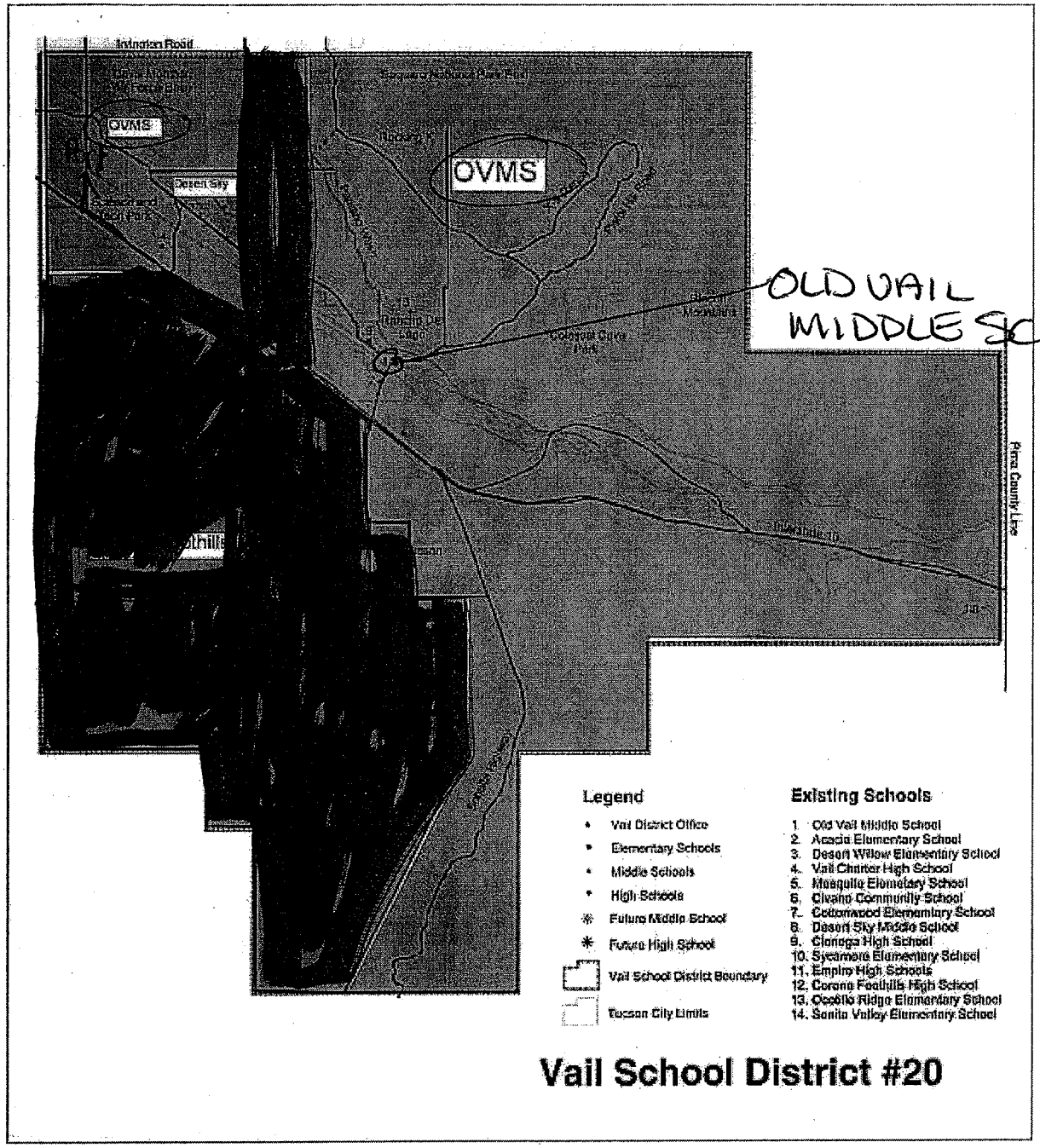

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March 18, 2008

Ms. Jeannine A. Derby
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Dear Ms Derby:

RE: ROSEMONT COPPER PROJECT EIS

I wish to express my strong opposition to the Rosemont Copper Project and to any revision of the Forest Plan to accommodate the Rosemont Copper Project. Once the National Forest Land is stripped and torn apart to serve the economic objectives of private business (a foreign one, at that) it can never be restored to its present beauty and usefulness, no matter what the "restoration plan" may be.

The Sky Islands of the Coronado National Forest are recognized all over the world as special areas for birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and insects. Scientist and birders travel thousands of miles to come here. In doing so, they spend money that supports the local economy. Many of us moved here from other parts of the country to be close to the beautiful Santa Rita Mountains, and we visit the Coronado National Forest regularly. Large-scale mining is incompatible with a scenic and environmentally important area.

Specifically, I believe the Rosemont Copper Project would negatively impact:

- Water quality in the areas downstream of the mine and its tailings despite efforts to contain toxic materials.
- The availability of water in wells and streams, affecting both wildlife, ranching, and humans. With water being perhaps the MOST CRITICAL issue facing our region in the future, we cannot afford to allow so much potable water to be used in this manner.
- Air quality due to truck traffic on dirt roads (observe Santa Rita Road in dry season) and to blowing dust from mine operations.
- Dark skies required by the multi-million dollar observatories nearby and enjoyed by local residents.
- Viewsheds enjoyed by residents and tourists both day and night. (See the lights from the Helvetia Mine which already creates a blotch on the mountain.)
- Recreational use of the National Forest Lands, both short-term and in the future.
- Wildlife and people due to the noise of mining operations for at least 20 years.
- Nearby residential areas both rural and semi-urban, due to the above concerns.

The Santa Rita Mountains are for more valuable to the people of this country as they exist now than as a short-term source of copper. Please do not succumb to pressure to spoil any part of them.

March 18, 2008

Sincerely,

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