



Pinal County Comprehensive Plan Comprehensive Plan Workshops Summary Report

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In November 2008, four “Comprehensive Plan Workshops” events were held throughout Pinal County. The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan Workshop was to bring together residents and stakeholders from around Pinal County to review the October 2008 draft Comprehensive Plan, receive feedback and to answer any questions regarding the Plan.

Coolidge (Central Arizona College), Gold Canyon, Maricopa, and SaddleBrooke hosted Comprehensive Plan Workshops; a total of 112 participants signed in at registration, though more attended the events. The following report summarizes the results of these four events. An additional 50 participants attended the Development Forum earlier in the month; while content presented was similar at the Development Forum, attendees were principally from the development community. Specific meeting summaries for each Workshop event are available as an appendix to this executive summary.

The Comprehensive Plan Workshop was the seventh round of public involvement activities for the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan process. Participants of the Workshops were provided the *Our Vision, Our Plan, Our Future* Plan handout and a feedback form (see appendix).

The presentation provided an overview of how the Comprehensive Plan addressed each of the seven Vision elements developed earlier in the process by residents. After this thorough review of the Plan, participants were encouraged to ask questions. Attendees were encouraged to reflect on each of the seven Vision elements and elaborate on any goals the Plan should consider.

A Plan on the Right Path

Participants overwhelmingly endorsed the direction the Comprehensive Plan is taking the County. Several participants commented on the quality of the presentation, and noted the value of a long-range planning effort. While some were attending their first Comprehensive Plan event, others had participated throughout the process, many commenting on how the ‘fingerprints’ of the thousands of participants are evident within the Plan.

Residents are anxious for the adoption and implementation of a Plan they are proud to call their own.

Vision²

Overall, most participants thought the Plans goals, objectives and policies address the Vision elements created earlier in the process. A few concepts participants suggested adding or strengthening within the Plan, including:

- Encouraging green industry, conservation practices and renewable energy;
- Creating sustainable industry and employment opportunities;
- Identifying unique governance and financing strategies;
- Providing healthcare facilities throughout the County;
- Developing a 4-year college or university.

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Our Vision, Our Plan, Our Future



While the October 2008 Draft of the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan is over 300 pages long, this brief handout highlights some of the key concepts in the Plan. Below you will see the resident-created Vision statement as well as some of the implementation mechanisms identified in the Plan. We encourage you to review the plan in its entirety by visiting www.PinalCountyPlan.com.

Comments will be accepted on the October 2008 Comprehensive Plan through December 22, 2008.

Sense of Community Pinal County is a collection of unique communities, each of which has something special to offer residents and visitors. Balancing emerging urban centers and Pinal County's rural character is important to residents; ensuring that the threads of Pinal County's history, heritage, and culture are woven into its future is what makes Pinal County unique from other regions. Ensuring that places exist for people to gather and for communities to showcase the diversity of places, people, lifestyles, cultures, and opportunities will help to define Pinal County's identity.

Land Use Principles

- Create jobs near where people live
- Foster compatibility between land uses
- Encourage a mix of land uses and a range of housing choices
- Encourage a balance between conservation of the natural environment and development
- Collaborate with municipalities, Native American communities and agencies

Growth Area Principles

- Provide a strategic 10 year planning horizon
- Identify areas suitable for mixed use development
- Encourage land uses that are supported by multimodal transportation
- Conserve natural resources and open space

Cultural Resources Principles

- Identify and encourage protection of archeological, historic and cultural resources (such as Casa Grande Ruins National Monument)
- Encourage education and outreach

Land Use Implementation

- Provides planning guidelines including buffering and encouraging of a rural lifestyle
- Encourages flexibility to address future needs
- Provides three levels of mixed use activity centers
- Identifies character planning areas
 - SR 79 Context Sensitive Corridor
 - US 60/SR 79 Hospitality and Tourism Corridor

Growth Area Implementation

- Identifies four Growth Areas
 - Gateway/Superstition Vistas
 - West Pinal
 - Red Rock
 - Tri-Communities

Cultural Resources Implementation

- Pursues preservation programs to protect countywide assets
- Encourages nominations to the State and National Historic Register
- Explores adaptive reuse of cultural resources or historic structures rather than demolishing or significantly altering sites

Mobility and Connectivity Ensuring that Pinal County has adequate transportation corridors and a variety of multimodal transportation options addressing all populations is essential for moving goods and people throughout the County and State with minimal affect on Pinal County's native wildlife. Offering multiple mobility and communication options to effectively connect communities and activity centers throughout the County will reduce congestion and improve air quality while enhancing the area's quality of life.

Multimodal Circulation Principles

- Develop a balanced transportation system to meet long term needs
- Provide a comprehensive system of roads, rail, bus transit, airports, bicycles, trails and pedestrian amenities
- Integrate land use and transportation planning
- Minimize impacts of transportation (including noise and other environmental considerations)

Multimodal Circulation Implementation

- Identifies new roadways to support future land uses and right of way needed for system development
- Encourages proactive (instead of reactive) transportation planning
- Considers impact of proposed development on transportation network
- Designates a Pinal County commercial airport with commerce-related employment
- Supports a Phoenix-Tucson intercity passenger rail system
- Provides a pedestrian, bicycle and equestrian circulation network that connects activity centers, parks and open spaces

Economic Sustainability Expanding opportunities for residents to live, work, learn, and play in close proximity promotes long-term economic viability. Pinal County desires activity centers that serve current and future residents' needs offering higher-density housing, services, businesses and employment opportunities, including high-tech and environmentally-friendly employers who champion Pinal County's conservation philosophy. The creation of a full range of quality jobs that allow residents to start their career, raise a family, and move up instead of out of Pinal County for career advancement is essential.

Economic Development Principles

- Create a full range of quality jobs
- Recognize economic potential of tourism
- Collaborate with municipalities and Native American communities on economic development
- Focus on strengthening the Pinal County's workforce

Economic Development Implementation

- Designates enough land to accommodate job growth target
- Preserves land for future employment opportunities
- Encourages the recruitment of 'green' industries
- Develops infrastructure (including telecommunications) to support employment

Open Spaces and Places Residents value the large connected open spaces and unique places of Pinal County, not only as part of their quality of life, but as an important resource to sustain the region's immense wildlife habitat and corridors. From the majestic mountains rising from the desert floor in the west to the high desert and rugged mountain terrain to the east, enjoyment of and respect for the natural surroundings is a big part of why people choose to live and visit Pinal County.

Open Spaces and Places Principles

- Develop a connected system of open space
- Protect and conserve existing natural drainage system
- Provide a wide range of trails for hiking, equestrian, mountain biking and off-highway use
- Create a comprehensive park system
- Cooperate with other jurisdictions for future needs

Open Spaces and Places Implementation

- Adopts regulations for development in areas of critical habitat value or wildlife corridors
- Encourages density transfers for protection of sensitive areas
- Provides wildfire management planning
- Creates standards and criteria to provide buffers from rivers, major washes and sensitive lands

Environmental Stewardship People value the views of the mountains and open vistas during the day and the stars at night. These values have translated to a strong conservation ethic that stresses the importance of maintaining the quality of Pinal County's natural resources for future generations. Pinal County is the leader in environmental stewardship and rewards and encourages sustainable practices such as innovative land use planning, sustainable agriculture, water conservation, green building development, and the use of renewable and alternative energy sources.

Environmental Planning Principles

- Promote ecologically responsible development patterns
- Protect the County's vibrant natural ecosystem
- Minimize noise pollution near residential areas
- Protect dark skies

Environmental Planning Implementation

- Minimizes wildlife habitat fragmentation
- Provides regulation to balance safety with protection of dark sky
- Preserves native vegetation and prevents spread of invasive species
- Encourages trip reduction programs, shrinking the number of vehicle miles traveled

Water Resources Principles

- Protect the long-term water supply for Pinal County

Water Resources Implementation

- Maximizes conservation of current water resources
- Encourages water providers to secure assured or adequate water supply for new subdivisions
- Requires that developments in unincorporated areas be required to demonstrate physical availability of water

Energy Principles

- Reduce energy demand through conservation
- Expand renewable energy opportunities
- Provide effective and efficient energy countywide to meet current and future needs
- Serve as a County government model for energy efficiency

Energy Implementation

- Supports countywide conservation and renewable energy source development
- Coordinates with energy providers to develop new generation and transmission capabilities to meet growing demands

Healthy, Happy Residents Ensuring that Pinal County has adequate transportation corridors and a variety of multimodal transportation options addressing all populations is essential for moving goods and people throughout the County and State with minimal affect on Pinal County's native wildlife. Offering multiple mobility and communication options to effectively connect communities and activity centers throughout the County will reduce congestion and improve air quality while enhancing the area's quality of life.

Housing Principles

- Promote a mix of housing types that facilitate a variety of needs
- Maximize use of existing infrastructure

Housing Implementation

- Promotes higher density housing within activity centers while protecting other areas for rural housing alternatives
- Encourages infill residential development
- Encourages housing development for special populations (including elderly and disabled)
- Promotes design standards to complement environmental context and promote unit longevity

Cost of Development Principles

- Promote equitable financial impacts countywide as growth continues
- Maintain long-term financial sustainability

Cost of Development Implementation

- Provides an annually updated Capital Improvement Plan
- Considers alternative financing for improvements, including development fees, public-private funding and joint agency participation
- Encourages infill and reuse

Quality Educational Opportunities Vision Quality, community-based pre K-12 programs that provide youth with a competitive edge along with a wide variety of post-secondary educational opportunities and technical or specialized workforce training are necessities. Pinal County residents seek out lifelong opportunities that help to expand their minds and diversify their experiences.

Education Principles

- Provide quality educational opportunities for all residents

Education Implementation

- Encourages working with school districts to identify educational facility sites
- Encourages educational and training facilities within mixed use activity centers

Your Input is Important



Thank you for participating in a Comprehensive Plan Workshop. Tonight we are presenting some of the key goals and implementation elements of the Comprehensive Plan. While it is difficult to provide a comprehensive review of the entire 300 page document in our presentation, we would like to receive your feedback on the concepts you heard about tonight. We encourage you to review the Comprehensive Plan in its entirety by visiting www.PinalCountyPlan.com.

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What are your initial reactions to the presentation on the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan?

When considering the seven Vision elements, do you think there are additional goals the Plan should consider? If so, please elaborate:
Sense of Community

Mobility and Connectivity

Economic Sustainability

Open Spaces and Places

Healthy, Happy Residents

Quality Educational Opportunities

What community are you from (or live nearest to)?

- Apache Junction
- Arizona City
- Casa Grande
- Coolidge
- Dudleyville/Winkelman
- Eloy
- Florence
- Gold Canyon
- Johnson Ranch/San Tan
- Kearny
- Maricopa
- Mammoth
- Oracle
- Queen Creek
- Red Rock
- SaddleBrooke
- San Manuel
- Stanfield
- Superior
- Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Gila River Indian Community
- San Carlos Apache Indian Community
- Tohono O'odham Indian Community
- Other _____

How long have you lived in Pinal County?

- < 2 years
- 2-5 years
- 5-10 years
- 10-20 years
- > 20 years
- I own property in Pinal County, but do not currently live in Pinal County
- I neither own property nor live in Pinal County

How many Pinal County Comprehensive Plan events or meetings have you attended?

- This is my first event
- 2 or 3 events
- 3 or 4 events
- More than 5 events

Thank you for attending the Comprehensive Plan Workshop! Please provide any additional comments here.

Coolidge Comprehensive Plan Workshop Summary Report

Date: November 12, 2008
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Central Arizona College, Signal Peak Campus

Handouts

Our Vision, Our Plan, Our Future Handout
Feedback Form

Attendees (31):

Ferrell Anderson, Arizona Solar Energy Society; Michael Berry, Peak Commercial Services; Bill Bridwell, Golden Touch Realty and Developers; Larry Brown; Orene Brown; Ken Buchanan, Pinal County; Cynthia Collings, Central Arizona College; William Collings, D.N.A., Inc.; Norman Deweaver; Terry Doolittle, Pinal County; Curt Dunham, Partners for Strategic Action, Inc.; Javier Gurrola, ADOT; Jackie Guthrie, Jackie Guthrie & Associates; Dixie Halliburton, Sun Valley Land Company; Richard Halliburton, Sun Valley Land Company; Bohdan Hirniak, Walton Development & Management (USA), Inc.; Seraphim Larsen; Edward Leviton; Edward O'Brien, Arizona Horsemen's Association; Judy Peterie; Sam Peterie; Dick Powell, City of Casa Grande; Eric Schulman, Sholand Properties; Regis Sommers, Old Town Custom Framing & Home Décor; Jerry Stabley, Pinal County; Greg Stanley, Pinal County; Greg Stanley, Pinal County; Audra Koester Thomas, Partners for Strategic Action, Inc.; Rachel Trinder; Steve Weber; Berwyn Wilbrink, Jacobs Engineering

Staff Present: Ken Buchanan, Terry Doolittle, Jerry Stabley, and Greg Stanley, Pinal County; Curt Dunham and Audra Koester Thomas, Partners for Strategic Action, Inc.

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FEEDBACK FORM SUMMARY

Forms received: 5

Note: Feedback as found in this report is recorded as it was received and is not edited for content or grammar.

What are your initial reactions to the presentation on the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan?

- Sounds good.
- Very comprehensive, well presented. We appreciate the opportunity to participate.
- Impressive presentation. Very encouraging to know that this kind of comprehensive, long-range planning is occurring.
- This was my second time to hear a presentation – one earlier here at Central Arizona College. I am new to the community – Anthem on Hunt Hwy – living here only 2 ½ years. Coming from KY and Maine and being involved, before retirement, in police and planning – I am impressed with the range of the vision. I am pleased to see the work done and glad I moved here!
- Looks like suggestions have been incorporated in the plan. Looks good.

When considering the seven Vision elements, do you think there are additional goals the Plan should consider? If so, please elaborate:

Sense of Community

- Regarding renewable energy source development: Residential developers of a certain size/scale should be required to have solar panels installed on all new construction, not as an option or upgrade, but as a standard.
- All of these were comprehensively stated and well defined.

Mobility and Connectivity

- Hunt Hwy. is already outdated. Rapid growth is happening now.
- Have huge concern about this problem now. In the 2 years we've lived in Anthem, traffic on Hunt Hwy. has increased tremendously, but little seems to be happening to improve mobility and connectivity.

Economic Sustainability

- None

Open Spaces and Places

- None

Healthy, Happy Residents

- What better place in the USA to pursue solar systems and alternative energy source – even as a primary energy source.

Quality Educational Opportunities

- Essential – K-12 educational systems positioned to recruit and retain A+ quality educators.

What community are you from (or live nearest to)?

Apache Junction

Arizona City

Casa Grande 1

Coolidge

Dudleyville/Winkelman

Eloy

Florence 4
Gold Canyon
Johnson Ranch/San Tan
Kearny
Maricopa
Mammoth
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10-20 years:

> 20 years: 1

I own property in Pinal County, but do not currently live in Pinal County:

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How many Pinal County Comprehensive Plan events or meetings have you attended?

This is my first event: 2

2 or 3: 2

3 or 4: 1

More than 5 events:

Additional comments:

- Hunt Hwy. needs major improvements now. Highway is already outdated and overused.
- A very high-quality process and product.
- Presenters were well prepared and able to answer a variety of questions.
- I will support "our plans" any way I can.

Gold Canyon Comprehensive Plan Workshop Summary Report

Date: November 19, 2008
Time: 6 – 8 p.m.
Location: MountainView Village, Superstition Center

Handouts

Our Vision, Our Plan, Our Future Handout
Feedback Form

Attendees (32):

Ron Baran; Joy Bliss; Paul Cechovic; Aja DeZeeuw, Town of Superior; Josh DeZeeuw, Pinal County; Ed Dison, Superstition Horsemen's Association; Harriette Downing; Jeff Downing, ADOBE; Elliott Fisher; Shirley Fisher; Scott Gardiner; Jeannine Hicks; Dan Hjartarson, ADOBE; Julia Jaworski, Pinal County Republican Party; Michael Kean, Gold Canyon Business Associates; Jackie Kelly; Ron Kelly; Connie Lane, Tonto National Forest - US Forest Service; Manny Lira; Glen Mesker; Marcia Mesker; Roberta Russell; Mary Shope; Warren Sifferath, Gold Canyon East HOA; Betty Smeaton; Don Smeaton; Wayne Standage, Apache Junction Parks & Recreation Commission; Erik Stone, AZDEMA; Tami Tack, Gold Canyon Republicans; Don Van Driel; Joan Williamson; Rich Zettlemyer

Staff Present: Jerry Stabley, Pinal County; Peggy Fiandaca, Partners for Strategic Action, Inc.

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What are your initial reactions to the presentation on the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan?

- When Pinal Plan adopted, what “locks” will be instituted (by law?) to safeguard key elements while allowing the plan to be dynamic over 30 – 50 year period? Aside from groundwater, what other “water resources” are being studied? I haven’t read entire 300-page plan, but if the above not addressed and expanded on, they must be.
- Was a nice overview – very much entices me to read the plan in depth.

- Good progress. We can start to see the integration of our suggestions and your hard work. Don't back off; you are creating a very important document for our future.
- Plan looks comprehensive. I'm not sure what is missing, but controlling where growth occurs will have huge impacts on costs of infrastructure. If Pinal County moved (in the undeveloped area) to public water & sewer, then they could have greater leverage of what growth occurs and would allow for better planning for transportation.
- Having participated in each step, I am generally pleased with the stated goals and their underlying procedures.

When considering the seven Vision elements, do you think there are additional goals the Plan should consider? If so, please elaborate:

Sense of Community

- Look for ways to promote unincorporated areas. If we can't be a city, how about a township or village?
- Community also means the ability to connect to the greater metropolitan area.

Mobility and Connectivity

- Funding is the key. Keep after developers and feds.

Economic Sustainability

- Jobs, jobs, jobs. Many promises from the politicians. We need action, unique programs.

Open Spaces and Places

- Protect but assist with access to enjoy trails, paths, rest facilities.

Healthy, Happy Residents

- Growth, but lower taxes and utilities. We don't need any more sewer 70% increases with water or trash. Solve these now! Solar energy. We have the Valley of the Sun. We should be 100% solar.

Quality Educational Opportunities

- Four-year programs with \$98 million just approved for CAC.

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Additional comments:

- I haven't read the entire plan, so I don't know if it speaks to specific industries; however, I think it's very important to examine the balance between mining as a sustainable economic industry, and tourism/conservation. Residents of Superior currently can see and value the importance of both, and they can happen at the same time. We hope this is reflected in the plan.
- Thank you, all, for your dedication and insight through the long process.

Maricopa Comprehensive Plan Workshop Summary Report

Date: November 17, 2008
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: U of A Agricultural Center

Handouts

Our Vision, Our Plan, Our Future Handout
Feedback Form

Attendees (13):

Edward Beauvais, City of Maricopa; Ryan Desmond, Vestar Development Co.; Maryeileen Flanagan, Rainfire Stables; Adam Gaub, Maricopa Connection Tribune; Patricia Gentrup, Olsson Associates; Shirley Ann Hartman, Citizens Committee; Thomas Klimek, W. C. Scoutten, Inc.; Philip Miller, Westpac Development Corp; Michael Piernicky, Olsson Associates; Clyde Prem, Olsson Associates; Trent Rustan, Cole Investment Advisors; Mark Young, Town of Queen Creek; and Philip Zablisky, Pivotal Sandia, LLC

Staff Present: Jerry Stabley, Pinal County; Peggy Fiandaca, Partners for Strategic Action, Inc.

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FEEDBACK FORM SUMMARY

Forms received: 0

SaddleBrooke Comprehensive Plan Workshop Summary Report

Date: November 20, 2008
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Desertview Performing Arts Center

Handouts

Our Vision, Our Plan, Our Future Handout
Feedback Form

Attendees (36):

Pat Benter; Maureen Borland, SaddleBrooke External Affairs & Information Commission; Linda Bradner; Robert Burnes; Silvia Coggin; Steve Coggin; Christine Crum; Margaret Falkowski; Martin Falkowski; Joe Farrell; Mary Gelinias; Robert Gelinias; Dianne Hoedel; Mike Hoedel; Carl Hunt; Doris Hunt; Ginny Jackson; Riley Jackson; Gerald Krause; Marilyn Krause; Bob Lannarino; Betsy Levenson, SaddleBrooke External Affairs & Information Commission; Daniel Nelson, Arizona Game & Fish Department; Brenda Newitter; David Newitter; Linda Pomeroy; Stephen Pomeroy, SaddleBrooke Homeowners Association; Paul Popelka, Town of Marana; Scott Richardson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Robert Simpson; Ronald Solomon, Town of Taylor; Kay Sullivan; Jeff Syden; Barb Treick; Edward Treick; and Jack Walden

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FEEDBACK FORM SUMMARY

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What are your initial reactions to the presentation on the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan?

- Good presentation. Need to see the implementation plan.

- Very well done, very comprehensive and impressive. Hope you can put this plan into reality. It's a refreshing idea.
- Very impressive! Quite informative. Hope you get the support to continue this important plan.
- It's great that the County is planning for the future.
- Well thought out, ambitious and optimistic. It appears to be based on the assumption that growth will happen. I also think we need to think through how to deal with a severe if protracted recession.
- Very well done. What provisions for updating, ongoing revision and participation to keep public eyes on the future?

When considering the seven Vision elements, do you think there are additional goals the Plan should consider? If so, please elaborate:

Sense of Community

- Great! Key is execution of the plan going forward.
- Hard to get a handle on what this is and how to achieve it.

Mobility and Connectivity

- Bus, subway, railroad, mass transportation, monorails, transportation from SaddleBrooke to downtown Tucson and to Phoenix.
- Transportation systems that are extensive, easy to access, and affordable will be a basic foundation.

Economic Sustainability

- Should have more jobs focus near eastern growth protection area (Oracle Junction to Mammoth/San Manuel).
- Create more jobs, attract environmentally friendly industries.
- Absolutely essential. Need jobs, jobs, and more jobs, plus more job training.

Open Spaces and Places

- Avoid too-clustered developments.
- This area is very important to me, an area for hiking, biking & ATV riding.
- Seems to me there are many opportunities to showcase natural assets.
- Just a comment to check out Sun Run, a new company that installs solar power panels and owns them, then charges the homeowner for the power it generates, with no installation or ownership costs to homeowners. Wouldn't that be a great example on some government buildings?

Healthy, Happy Residents

- Limit pollution control to allow residents to enjoy stars.
- We need hospitals and quality healthcare that is accessible to as many as possible.

Quality Educational Opportunities

- Should be a specific goal for development of a four-year college/university.
- More community colleges and public transportation. Adult/junior education. Water???
- Energy: windmills, solar?
- Have concern about the quality of the public school system as it currently exists.

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More than 5 events:

Additional comments:

- Thanks!

Pinal County Development Forum Summary Report

Date: November 13, 2008
Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Location: Central AZ College, Signal Peak Campus

Handouts

Our Vision, Our Plan, Our Future Handout
Feedback Form

Attendees (50):

Janet Apkaw-Williams, Ak-Chin Indian Community; Benjamin Belkin, Walton International Group; Curtis Brown; Maxine Brown, Central Arizona Association of Governments; C. Alton Bruce, City of Coolidge; Evelyn Casuga, Arizona Public Service; George Chasse, Centerpoint of the Southwest; Linda Cheney, El Dorado Holdings, Inc.; Rich Court, Rose Law Group; Jeff Creeden, Arizona Public Service; Michael Cronin, El Dorado Holdings, Inc.; Ronnie Cubbage, Robson Communities; Leila DeMaree, City of Casa Grande; Jeffrey Dilts, The WLB Group; Jason Dudley, SRP; Curt Dunham, Partners for Strategic Action, Inc.; Gary Eide, Town of Kearny; Robert Flatley, City of Coolidge; Baird Fullerton, Brooks Strand Associates, Inc.; Jack Gilmore, Gilmore Parsons Land Design Group; Michelle Green, Arizona State Land Department; Jackie Guthrie, Jackie Guthrie & Associates; Kazi Haque, City of Maricopa; Mike Hutchinson, Superstition Vistas; Judee Jackson, Arizona Public Service; Aggie Kirschmann, Langley Properties; R.S. Matt, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists; Shannon McLaughlin, Nathan and Associates, Inc.; Rick Miller, City of Casa Grande; Jeff Morrison, The WLB Group; Katherine Moser, Invenergy; Melanie Oliver, Town of Superior; Jim Poulos, Robson Communities; Roger Pryor, The Wolff Company; Francis Reilly, CMX; Court Rich, Rose Law Group; Caryn Sanchez, Salt River Project; Susan Shaw, Central Arizona College; Anthony Smith, City of Maricopa; Audra Koester Thomas, Partners for Strategic Action, Inc.; John Thomas; Gary Timmerman, Dibble Engineering; Magill Weber, The Nature Conservancy; Martin Weber, TNC; Darrell Wilson, CMX, LLC; and Paul Winslow, Orcutt/Winslow Partnership

Staff Present: Ken Buchanan, Terry Doolittle, Jerry Stabley, and Greg Stanley, Pinal County; Curt Dunham and Audra Koester Thomas, Partners for Strategic Action, Inc.

MEETING SUMMARY

The purpose of the November Development Forum was to bring together development interests from around Pinal County to introduce the October 2008 draft Pinal County Comprehensive Plan and to receive feedback. The input received would be used in preparing the final Public Hearing Draft for consideration by County leadership in early 2009.

The event was guided by a detailed PowerPoint presentation. Participants were asked to provide feedback on the presentation. The Development Forum PowerPoint is available in the project website Library at: www.PinalCountyPlan.com.

FEEDBACK FORM SUMMARY

Forms received: 2

Note: Feedback as found in this report is recorded as it was received and is not edited for content or grammar.

What are your initial reactions to the presentation on the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan?

- Exciting!
- Very favorable. Great document. Great planning. Vision!

When considering the seven Vision elements, do you think there are additional goals the Plan should consider? If so, please elaborate:

Sense of Community

- Needed! Diverse cultures.

Mobility and Connectivity

- Consider bicycles as a transportation mode, not just recreation. Bike lane all collector streets, and on arterials that are not connected by collectors.
- Overdue

Economic Sustainability

- Excellent ideas; good collaborative ideas.

Open Spaces and Places

- 40% - great goal!
- Very aggressive goal.

Healthy, Happy Residents

- Consider abandoned railroads as a source of recreational trails.
- Always good.

Quality Educational Opportunities

- Key to success (long term).

What community are you from (or live nearest to)?

Apache Junction

Arizona City

Casa Grande 1

Coolidge

Dudleyville/Winkelman

Eloy

Florence

Gold Canyon

Johnson Ranch/San Tan

Kearny

Maricopa 1

Mammoth

Oracle

Queen Creek

Red Rock

SaddleBrooke
San Manuel
Stanfield
Superior
Ak-Chin Indian Community
Gila River Indian Community
San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation
Tohono O'odham Nation

How long have you lived in Pinal County?

< 2 years:

2-5 years:

5-10 years: 1

10-20 years:

> 20 years:

I own property in Pinal County, but do not currently live in Pinal County:

I neither own property nor live in Pinal County: 1

How many Pinal County Comprehensive Plan events or meetings have you attended?

This is my first event: 1

2 or 3:

3 or 4:

More than 5 events: 1

Additional comments:

- None