



## MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

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### Regional Planning Team Meeting #2

Date: Wednesday July 25, 2007  
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Location: Pinal County Government Complex; 31 N. Pinal; Bldg. F  
Purpose: Comprehensive Plan Visioning

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**Handouts:** Agenda, Comprehensive Plan Fact Sheet, Visioning Workshops handout, Visioning Workshop Press Release, Road Show Executive Summary, Task Force handout, *The Future at Pinal* Executive Summary, May 2 Meeting Summary Notes

**Participants:**

Kazi Harque, Maricopa	Jack Tomasik, CAAG	Joe Blanton, Eloy
Kevin Kish, Marana	Michelle Green, State Land	Leila DeMaree, Casa Grande
Gilbert Olgin, Florence	Ken Buchanan, Pinal County	Curt Dunham, PSA
Jerry Stabley, Pinal County	Peggy Fiandaca, PSA	Audra Koester Thomas, PSA

Meeting was called to order at approximately 3:10 p.m.

**Welcome and Project Overview**

Jerry Stabley, Pinal County Project Manager welcomed everyone and thanked them for their continued support of the project.

**Update Plan Process and Schedule**

Audra Koester Thomas provided an update on the status of the Pinal County Compendium, the document of existing conditions. Edits to the document are underway and when finalized, will be published on the website.

Peggy Fiandaca reviewed the RPT meeting notes from May 2, 2007. Additionally, Peggy noted the development of the project website and ongoing project communications. She encouraged all of the cities to include links to the Pinal County Comprehensive Plan on their websites.

Peggy Fiandaca reviewed the purpose for two project task forces: economic development and transportation. Members should forward names of people they think might be interested in serving on either of these project committees.



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### **Road Show Results**

Curt Dunham provided a PowerPoint presentation on the nine July Road Shows and the results from the events and the group discussed the results. The entire Road Show report, including the executive summary, individual Road Show summaries and survey tool, will be placed on the project website.

### **Visioning Workshops**

Peggy passed around a brief description and schedule for the upcoming Visioning Workshops and asked members to encourage their peers to attend one of the workshops.

### **Planning Coordination**

Peggy led a discussion on the potential planning efforts that could be coordinated through the Comprehensive Plan process, leading the discussion off with the idea of producing a consistent set of land use classifications to be used county-wide. Several members believed that creating a consistent set of classifications would in fact be useful, but could be a hard task. Other members noted that what needed addressing was a way to ensure consistent development standards. Additionally, there needs to be a more comprehensive way to address items like affordable housing and transportation.

Finding a process by which planning area boundaries were clarified was also raised as a project that could be coordinated, perhaps through the Comprehensive Plan process; currently, very little policy or process exists for municipalities to follow when 'establishing' their planning areas.

Defining tools for preservation and open space was also highlighted as a need throughout the county; perhaps taking a county-wide approach to some of these ideas will better address conservation and coordinated planning efforts.

Peggy then introduced the task of identifying job centers throughout the County as part of the Comprehensive Plan process. There was agreement that identifying job centers and high density development locations is essential to a growing County like Pinal.

Finally, discussion regarding the newly required "energy" element in comprehensive/general plans occurred. Participants discussed the possibility of Pinal County taking the lead in developing an Energy Element that communities could also adopt.





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### **Next Steps**

The next meeting is September 14, 2007.

These meeting summary notes reflect the notes taken by Partners for Strategic Action, Inc. during the meeting. If corrections are needed, please provide those recommendations as soon as possible, preferably within two weeks of receipt of these notes.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Fiandaca, AICP  
Project Manager

