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To: <joelr@RPV.com>
Subject: Land acquisition

Hi Joel,

I heard about the plan to acquire 700 acres with lots of outside financial support. This sounds attractive, but there are lots of questions.

My first concern is the yearly cost. It was reported that it will be \$250K/year.
-What % is this of the yealy budget?
-Where would the \$ come from? What would we stop doing?

BOOTH 1

BOOTH 2

My second concern is priorities. I live near Ridgecrest School and am continually aghast that in such an affluent community, the landscaping is so poor. I am specifically thinking of
-the landscaping on the meridian of Crest Road between Crenshaw and Highridge; surely we could do a lot better
-the new meridian on Crenshaw between PV drive and Silver Spur- functional yes, but it looks awful. Why couldn't we have put in something that was both functional and attractive. My personal benchmark is the highway system around Phoenix. Look at Squaw Peak Expressway sometime.

BOOTH 3

Tom Booth

Comment 1

The cost of Reserve habitat management is estimated at \$312,000 annually, including City and PVPLC in-kind services and volunteer program. The City's portion is estimated to be \$192,000 annually, although because some in-kind services are already being provided by the City, the City's real annual cost is estimated to be approximately \$132,000.

Comment 2

The City's recently approved budget for fiscal year 04-05 includes an Operating and Capital Improvement budget of \$18,768,763. Therefore, the City's annual contribution of \$132,000 (cash and in-kind services not currently provided) for management of the Reserve is 0.7% of the City's annual budget. It is not being proposed that certain City projects or programs not be pursued because of this annual expenditure.

Comment 3

These comments do not raise environmental issues associated with the project; nonetheless comments about the landscaping in the Crest Road median have been forwarded to the Director of Public Works. The roadwork on Crenshaw Boulevard is a L.A. County project.