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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD**

Notice is hereby given to Members of the Arizona State Parks Board (Board) and the general public that the Board will hold a meeting, open to the public on **Thursday, September 18, 2003, at 9:00 a.m.** pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 and A.R.S. § 41-511.01 *et. seq.* at the **South Mountain Park Environmental Education Center** located at **10409 S. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ.** The Board may elect to hold an Executive Session for any agenda item at any time during the meeting to discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3). Items on the Agenda may be discussed out of order, unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a time certain. Public comment will be taken. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following matters.

AGENDA

(Agenda items may be taken in any order unless set for a time certain)

- A. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - 9:00 AM**
- B. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND AGENCY STAFF**
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT** - Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Board must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. Time permitting, each presentation will be given approximately five minutes. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study or reschedule the matter for further consideration at a later time.
- D. CONSENT AGENDA** - The following items of a noncontroversial nature have been grouped together for a single vote without Board discussion. The Consent Agenda is a timesaving device and Board members received documentation on these items for their review prior to the open meeting. Any Board member may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion and a separate vote at this meeting as deemed necessary. The public may view the documentation relating to the Consent Agenda at the Board's office, 1300 W. Washington, Suite 104, Phoenix, Arizona.
 - 1. Approve Minutes of July 16, 2003 State Parks Board Meeting.**
 - 2. Approve Minutes of July 17, 2003 State Parks Board Meeting.**
 - 3. Approve Executive Session Minutes of July 17, 2003 State Parks Board Meeting**
 - 4. Consider Extending the Project End Date for Trails Heritage Fund Grant Project #689905 – Goat Camp Trail Extension/Acquisition** – Staff recommends extending the project end date by 12 months to October 22, 2004 for Trails Heritage Fund Project #689905 – Goat Camp Trail Extension/ Acquisition. AORCC unanimously concurred with this recommendation at their August 26, 2003 meeting.
 - 5. Consider Increasing the Grant Award for the Snowflake Heritage Foundation's Historic Preservation Heritage Fund Grant #640221 for the Ericksen Home Foundation Replacement Project** – Staff recommends

increasing the grant award for Historic Preservation Heritage Fund Grant #640221 for the Snowflake Heritage Foundation's Ericksen Home Foundation Replacement project by \$20,160 to total \$65,760. At the August 18, 2003 meeting, the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee unanimously concurred with this recommendation.

E. PARTNERSHIPS AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS- The Board and staff will discuss and the Board may take action on the following: (some of these reports may be verbal)

1. **Section Report** – Update on Budget Lawsuit (Bennett v. Napolitano); National Register Report; Arizona Preserve Initiative (API) Project Status Report as of August 4, 2003; Growing Smarter Open Space Reserve Grants Program (including Status of Program, Request by Department of Agriculture and Speaker Jake Flake to Transfer Additional Money to the Livestock and Crop Conservation Fund, and Request by the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest That the Attorney General Bring Suit Regarding the 2002 Grants)
2. **Board Actions:**
 - a. **Summary of Staff Funding Recommendations for Competitive Grant Programs (time certain 10:00 a.m.):**
 - 1) **Consider Funding FY 2003 Local, Regional and State Parks Heritage Fund (LRSP) Grant Projects.** Staff recommends awarding \$4,686,259 to the first 18 projects as listed on the summary list. If stateside Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) monies are made available for the Federal Fiscal Year 2004, staff recommends funding the Peoria 75th Avenue and Greenway Park project that is currently unfunded due to insufficient revenues and continuing from the highest scored down the list. Applicants will be notified as soon as possible if LWCF monies become available. AORCC concurred unanimously with this recommendation on August 26, 2003.
 - 2) **Consider Funding FY 2003 Historic Preservation Heritage Fund Grant Projects.** Staff recommends awarding \$699,501 to the 10 highest-rated grant projects listed on the summary list and the set-aside funding to State Parks Development for \$139,500 and to the State Historic Preservation Office for \$92,000. At its August 18, 2003 meeting, the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC) moved to award \$1,392,290 to all 20 FY 2003 Historic Preservation Heritage Fund grant projects after staff's evaluation of eligible scope items. HPAC further concurred with the recommendation of set-aside funding for State Parks Development for \$139,500 and for the State Historic Preservation Office for \$92,000.
 - 3) **Consider Funding FY 2003 Trails Heritage Fund Grant Projects.** Staff recommends awarding \$408,099 to the eight (8) FY 2003 Trails Heritage Fund projects on the summary list. On, August 26, 2003, AORCC unanimously concurred with the staff recommendation.
 - 4) **Consider Funding the FY 2003 Recreational Trails Program (Motorized Portion) Grant Project.** Staff recommends awarding \$1,555,310 to the BLM-Arizona State Office AZ OHV Multi-Agency Coordinated Project contingent upon completing the Section 106 requirements and obtaining NEPA concurrence from the Federal

Highway Administration. On July 21, 2003, the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG) unanimously concurred with the staff recommendation.

OHVAG also unanimously approved a recommendation that should money become available, the applications for Tonto National Forest, Desert Vista Trail System Improvements and Apache-Sitreaves National Forests, Lakeside RD OHV Travel Corridor Phase II eligible scope items be funded.

- 5) Consider Funding FY 2003 Growing Smarter State Trust Land Acquisition Grant Projects.** Staff recommends awarding \$491,825 to the Desert Foothills Land Trust (DFLT) for the purchase of Go John Canyon, Phase IV, conditioned upon DFLT being the highest and best bidder for the parcel at public auction. Staff further recommends approving funding to the City of Phoenix for the purchase of the Sonoran Preserve, Phase IV, provided the city is the highest and best bidder at public auction. The final grant amount will be based on the Arizona State Land Department's (ASLD) final appraised value of the parcel, agreed upon by the City of Phoenix, plus no more than 10% for eligible associated costs. The grant award may not exceed \$18,683,131. Approval of the award is contingent upon the appraised land value being finalized before December 31, 2003.

The Conservation Acquisition Board (CAB) concurred unanimously with this recommendation on August 11, 2003 and added the following caveats:

- a) The City of Phoenix be allowed to amend its application if the appraisal price requires a reduction in the size of the parcel that the City of Phoenix is able to purchase.
- b) Before any grant award is awarded by the Parks Board, the Parks Board should consult with the State Land Commissioner to better understand the relationship between the proposed Phoenix Edge Treatment Plan and disposition of this parcel.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 1. Friends of Parks Foundation**
- 2. The Forrest Donation**
- 3. Long-Range Planning Meeting in November**
- 4. Recycling Grant Award**

G. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - The Board and staff will discuss and the Board may take action on the following: (some of these reports may be verbal)

- 1. Section report – Budget Update**

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. To discuss or consult with its legal counsel in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the Board's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(4).**

- a. Mabery Easement Dispute Litigation
 - b. Whetstone Springs Condemnation
- 2. To discuss or consult with designated representatives of the Board in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property per A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(7)
 - a. Mabery Easement Dispute Litigation
 - b. Whetstone Springs Condemnation
- 3. To discuss or consult with its attorneys for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3)
 - a. Mabery Easement Dispute Litigation
 - b. Whetstone Springs Condemnation
- I. **PARKS - The Board and staff will discuss and the Board may take action on the following:** (some of these reports may be verbal)
 - 1. **Section report** – Big Room Opening; Sonoita Creek Natural Area/Resources Management, including current acquisition, future acquisitions (San Cayatano Mountains, Santa Cruz River, and trail easements); Special Events; Arizona Game and Fish Coal Mine Canyon Acquisition Update
 - 2. **Board Actions:**
 - a. **Sedona Fire District/U.S. Forest Service/Slide Rock State Park - Fire Station MOU**
 - b. **Hopi Tribe/Homolovi Ruins State Park MOU**
- J. **SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS, MATTERS OF BOARD PROCEDURE, REQUESTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** - The Board may discuss matters of Board procedure relative to its meetings. Board members may also wish to discuss issues of concern and direct staff to place specific items on future Board meeting agendas.
- K. **TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING** - Staff is recommending that the next meeting be scheduled for October 16, 2003 in Benson, Arizona.
- L. **ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Arizona State Parks does not discriminate on the basis of a disability regarding admission to public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the ADA Coordinator, Melodie Lander, (602) 542-7389; or TTY (602) 542-4174. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

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