

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened in Informal Session at 9:00 a.m., November 29, 2004 in the Board of Supervisors' Auditorium 205 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Andrew Kunasek, Chairman, District 3; Fulton Brock, District 1; Don Stapley, District 2, Max W. Wilson, District 4, and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Monica Farine, Minutes Coordinator; David Smith, County Administrator; and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: (aye-no-absent-abstain).

Chairman Kunasek called the meeting to order.

**PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING FLU VACCINE**

Dr. Jonathan Weisbuch, Chief Health Officer

David Smith, County Administration Officer, said Maricopa County has a placeholder with the State to acquire some flu vaccine in December with the balance to come in January if the Board of Supervisors thinks it advisable. He introduced Dr. Jonathan Weisbuch, Chief Health Officer. Dr. Weisbuch indicated that not all of the facts about the availability of flu vaccines had been reported. Maricopa County Public Health has dealt with West Nile Virus, bio-defense preparedness after 911, touts the best food investigation system in the country and now confronts a shortage of influenza vaccine.

Dr. Weisbuch explained that the health professionals do not feel that there is a crisis regarding flu vaccine. In Public Health's surveillance of school and work absences, this year does not exceed normal frequency of reported incidents of flu. The CDC reports the flu is low at this time in the United States and indicated the full allotment of 200,000 doses of vaccine will to be shipped to Arizona. Therefore, no one in high-risk groups should go unprotected.

Robert D. Jones M.D., Director of Bio-Defense Preparedness and Response, Division of Maricopa County Public Health said he has managed this matter since October. Dr. Jones provided information as to how the vaccine was to be provided to Arizona stating that providers submitted orders to the pharmaceutical company, Chiron, but later were advised they would not be getting the vaccine. AVENTIS then became the company that would provide vaccine. While Maricopa County did not receive the full allotment ordered, it did receive enough to cover high-risk groups. Questions were posed as to whether Maricopa County should be in competition with the private sector to provide flu shots and whether it should be charging per shot. It was noted as the season progresses, people become less concerned with protection against the flu. It is not cost effective for providers to end up with unused vaccine, as it is only good for the flu season it was prepared for. Original policy was always to support the private sector through the public's own physicians and not be in competition with them.

Supervisor Wilcox indicated she felt the County should proceed with obtaining the available vaccine and making it available to the public. Supervisor Wilson concurred also indicating that there should be a review of the distribution system and a possible charge for the shots.

Dr. Weisbuch stated that because of initial shortages, the distribution notification system fell behind, and there was confusion about when and how much vaccine would be delivered. He also discussed the decision process regarding the vaccine made available through the State. The department felt it would be distributed to private providers and were very surprised when the State decided to distribute it to other Counties. However, last week the department learned that additional shipments will be received.

The Supervisors said in fairness to those who entered the lottery, they wanted newly acquired vaccine to complete distribution to those on the list. Additionally, they wanted the message to get out clearly that the County is not getting into the business of competition with the private sector. The Supervisors suggested the best method of distribution would be to partner with Cigna, the Special Health Care District, and

various fire departments to help distribute the vaccine without diverting Public Health from the important work they do now. (ADM2150)

**PRESENTATION SAN TAN MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK MASTER PLAN**

Item: Presentation regarding the San Tan Mountain Regional Park Master Plan and approve the Master Plan. (ADM3233)

Bill Scalzo, Chief Community Services Officer, stated the process began over two years ago to review the Park Master Plan developed in the early 90's. Supervisor Brock had indicated that the old plan was not appropriate for the changes that developed in the area. Letters were sent to Gilbert, Chandler, Queen Creek and Mesa to contribute to the plan. Consultants were hired to do an amended master plan. The new plan takes into account the growth in Pinal County and the fact that the Bureau of Land Management owns a great deal of the land. The Fish and Game Department was also involved in the environmental assessment. There were over 700 public comments received. The planning process included eight joint plan committee members, seven stakeholders, six well attended public meetings, four newsletters, five press releases and a project website ([www.santanmountain.net](http://www.santanmountain.net)) which received 24,000 hits.

San Tan Mountain Regional Park will be a recreation area, a park, a source of education, and an area of protected natural and cultural resources. The Master Plan includes ten primary areas. Additionally, there is a plan to acquire certain land from the State which would involve the cooperative efforts of Queen Creek, Pinal County and Maricopa County. The first phase of the project is set for completion in February with opening set for March. This park will have a sophisticated 45-mile trail plan to enhance the natural settings for mountain biking, horseback riding, walking, and hiking with four major entries. Over 7 million dollars was spent for an entry station, design, master plan, land acquisition, and roadway improvements. Over a million was spent for fencing and boundaries, and several hundred thousand spent on staffing, trail, and maintenance utilizing resources presently in existence. The watering system is not available yet but will be consistent with the plan.

Supervisor Brock thanked Mr. Scalzo for the excellent presentation and thanked Supervisor Stapley who has continued to be great support. Brian Townsend representing the City of Gilbert inquired if there were plans to dispose of any of the land. Chairman Kunasek responded there were no plans to sell any land at this time. Mr. Scalzo added that changes to the Master Plan would require public hearings at the Parks Commission before it would be brought to the Board of Supervisors for review. The Master Plan is a good blueprint for plans of action and steps to be followed, as this is an elaborate process. There was discussion that the Gila Indian Community wanted a portion of the land and offered 8 million dollars. Values escalated and there was miscommunication of value with a bad appraisal. Supervisor Stapley remarked that repeated requests were made to meet and the Board did everything possible to meet with them.

Gordon Brown, member of the Siting Committee, San Tan Community, Citizen's Advisory for Pinal County, wished to applaud Maricopa County and Pinal County for persistence and determination to develop this plan. There had been no consensus until this plan. Referencing the comments of Gilbert, he said the plan when written, has language designating the park as a park, and in a tangible sense, it would be impossible to get zoning for anything but a park.

Joe LaFortune, Public Works Coordinator for Queen Creek, indicated Mr. Scalzo gave a presentation that was well received by his town council. He requested that the map show the State land along the entrance so that viewers could see the proposed acquisition area. Discussion ensued as to inclusion of this into the map as well as the option to purchase land with Pinal County and Queen Creek.



Bruce P. White, Deputy County Attorney, division of County Counsel

**RECORDS OR INFORMATION EXEMPT BY LAW FROM PUBLIC INSPECTION; LEGAL ADVICE --  
ARS §38-431.03(A)(2) AND (A)(3)**

**5. Maricopa Integrated Health System Physician Credentialing**

Christopher Keller, Chief Counsel, Division of County Counsel  
Louis Gorman, Deputy County Attorney, Division of County Counsel  
James Kennedy, M.D., Maricopa Integrated Health System, Director of Medical Affairs  
Ed Fenstermacher, M.D., Maricopa Integrated Health System, HP Medical Director  
William Ellert, M.D., President, Maricopa Integrated Health System Medical Staff  
Stephanie Davee, Director, Medical Staff Services

**PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION; SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS CONDUCTED IN ORDER  
TO AVOID OR RESOLVE LITIGATION – ARS §38-431.03(A)(4)**

**6. Notice of Claim from Stephen Mercer re: wages**

Clarisse McCormick, Deputy County Attorney  
Gwynn Simpson, Director, Human Resources  
Mike Schaiberger, Director of Innovation

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

At the conclusion of discussion on the matters listed above, and there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Andrew Kunasek, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

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Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board