



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 4, 2014

To: Chairman and Members
Pima County Bond Advisory Committee

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Bond Election for Improvements and Reconstruction of the Pima Animal Care Center**

At its February 21, 2014 meeting, the Pima County Bond Advisory Committee (BAC) reviewed and unanimously recommended that the Board of Supervisors call a bond election for improvements and reconstruction of the Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) at a cost not to exceed \$22 million. At that meeting, staff reported that the facility would be renovated within the existing footprint and the \$22 million would not be used for land acquisition.

PACC staff, volunteers and frequently, the public, access the facility from West Silverbell Road; and while the section of land south of PACC is seen as part of the broader facility, it is actually owned by Unisource Energy Corporation (Unisource). During discussions with Unisource to obtain an easement for property adjacent to the PACC facility on Silverbell Road and subsequent to the February BAC meeting, staff learned that for \$110,000, the County can purchase the Unisource property, which was appraised for \$300,000.

A map of the location of the Unisource property to the south of the PACC facility is attached. This property is being acquired so the County will have ownership of an important access road in order to repave and improve the road without disturbing cultural resources. The road is regularly used by PACC and needs to be repaved. In addition, the land will be open and available for passive recreational uses by hikers and will be an invaluable addition for PACC dog walkers, providing a key location to exercise the animals housed at the shelter, which is a critical element to keeping the pets healthy, agile and limber.

I believe the inclusion of \$110,000 for the purchase of the adjacent property in the \$22 million bond issue, which will allow the County to maintain an important access road to PACC, is important to the design and ultimate success of the renovated facility and is consistent with the intent of the action taken by the BAC.

On March 18, 2014, the Board of Supervisors will consider a resolution calling for a special bond election, which will include the ability of the County to acquire the adjacent property.

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Attachment

c: The Honorable Chairman and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
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