



COCHISE COUNTY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

"Public Programs...Personal Service"

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 14, 2014

To: Flood Control District Board of Directors

From: Karen C. Riggs, P.E., Director

Subject: Approve Grant from The Nature Conservancy for Bella Vista Ranch Hydrogeological Site Investigation .

Recommendation: Approve a grant of \$200,000 from The Nature Conservancy to help fund the hydrogeological site investigation of the Bella Vista Ranch.

Background: The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the Walton Family Foundation have been working with Cochise County to design & develop a Regional Aquifer Recharge Network to ensure water supplies are optimally managed to sustain riparian health within the San Pedro River.

The TNC has agreed to award Cochise County a \$200,000 grant to support the hydrogeological site investigation of the Bella Vista Ranch for a possible location for recharging the aquifer and river. The Grant Agreement attached to this agenda item set forth the terms and conditions of the grant, including financial reporting and the scope of work.

Fiscal Impacts: The site investigation will be further supported with \$140,000 from the Palominas grant (provided by the Walton Family Foundation) that will be moved and available by the end of 2014.

Funding Source: 261-4110-9-412.600

Next Steps/Action Items/Follow Up: Staff will pursue partnership to facilitate a site investigation of the Bella Vista Ranch.

Impact of Not Approving: If not approved, the FCD will not pursue partnerships for the Bella Vista Ranch site investigation.