



Re-adoption of the Cochise County Comprehensive Plan

Board of Supervisors
March 24, 2015



Statute

- ◆ ARS 11-805. "Comprehensive plan adoption; notice; hearing; amendments; expiration; readoption."
 - This Statute:
 - ◆ Directs the Board to adopt a comprehensive plan as an official guide for development of areas in the jurisdiction.
 - ◆ Is effective for up to ten years.
 - ◆ Board must re-adopt the existing plan or adopt a new plan prior to July 1, 2015.
 - ◆ Last adopted plan was December 16, 2003.



Process

◆ Envisioning 2020

- 2007 – 2008
 - ◆ 13 meetings across the County
 - ◆ Findings released in September of 2008
 - “Envisioning 2020-Land Use Planning in Cochise County, Arizona”
- Three new elements added from responses to Envisioning:
 - ◆ Rural Character
 - ◆ Agriculture/Ranching
 - ◆ Economic Development



Process

- ◆ Increased population triggered need for Renewable Energy Element.

- ◆ Re-adoption effort was re-ignited in September of 2012:
 - Staff revised the document and presented it to the Public in five public venues during 2014.



Public Input 2014

- ◆ County Facebook page
- ◆ Survey Monkey - Online
- ◆ July 15th – Bisbee
- ◆ July 17th – Douglas
- ◆ July 22nd – Willcox
- ◆ July 24th – Benson
- ◆ July 29th – Sierra Vista



Planning and Zoning Commission

- ◆ A joint Work Session was held with the Commission and the Board of Supervisors in August of 2014.
- ◆ The Commission held four Work Sessions:
 - October, November, December, January 2014-2015.
 - Voted to send forward with recommendation of approval in January.



Public Lands Advisory Committee

- ◆ The PLAC held two work sessions and also forwarded their recommendations for Element F: *Federal Government Coordination* and Element G *Intergovernmental Coordination* .



Changes

- ◆ The Commission has added language to the Rural Character Element:
 - Five policies were added to Goal 1
 - ◆ Regulatory language
 - ◆ Issues are outside the County's authority
 - ◆ Questionable Business Friendly tone



Moving Forward

- ◆ Board has authority to adopt the plan or to recommend changes in the language and send back to the Commission.
 - Can adopt this plan in segments.
 - Can send paragraphs or sentences back to the Commission.

Discussion

