Southern Arizona RAC Meeting Notes – 9 December 2020

In attendance:

RAC Members

Zander Ault- Owner of The Cyclists Menu, Outfitter and Guide Company

Patti Caldwell- President of Willow Canvon Cabin Owners Association

Suzanne Dhruv- Co-Founder/Director of Ironwood Tree Experience

Mac Donaldson- Open Cross Ranch owner, grazing permittee

Marieke Flynn- Member of the Public

Kimberly Franklin- Conservation Science Manager at The Sonoran Desert Museum

Michele Girard- Member of the Public

Eli Guiterman- Board Member of Climbing Association of Southern Arizona (CASA)

Karl Hoerig- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer of the Pasqual Yaqui Tribe

Theodore Mouras- Member of the Public

Mike Quigley- AZ State Director of The Wilderness Association

Mikel Shilling- Green Valley Fire Board Member

Alan Strauss- Director of University of Arizona Science Center

Joe Winfield- Mayor of Oro Valley

Claire Zugmeyer- Ecologist at The Sonoran Institute

Dana Backer- RAC Coordinator, Coronado National Forest

Kerwin Dewberry- Designated Federal Official, Coronado National Forest

Veronica Van Hulle- Regional RAC Coordinator for AZ & NM

Brooke Wheelock -Partnership Coordinate, Tonto National Forest

Sarah Richman, (Public) South 32

Kristen Terpening, (Public) AZ Game and Fish

Cyndi Tuell- (Public) AZ/NM Director of Western Watersheds

Meeting Started at 9:01am

A quorum is present. All RAC members present.

DFO, Kerwin Dewberry, reviewed the Secure Rural Schools Act and RAC.

RAC Coordinator, Dana Backer, reviewed FACA, Ethics Training, USDA Code of Ethics, the charter, operating guidelines, the chair, committee members,

Break 9:50-10:00am

The RAC will accept the operating guidelines until next meeting to allow members to review and find a way to edit these guidelines for better use in the future.

14 of 14 RAC members voted for Michele Girard for RAC Chair. Michele has been appointed as chair.

Review of Proposals

Background Timeline - discussion Funds must be obligated and expended by September 2023.

Proposal Announcement January 4th

Proposal Submission Deadline: March 12th

Next Meeting: Doodle poll will be sent to determine meeting

Cyndi Tuell from Western Watershed introduced herself and asked the RAC to reach out to her concerning the proposals

Meeting Adjourned at 11:12am

Note Taker: Victoria Friess, Coronado National Forest

Chair Approval of Meeting Minutes: Michiell Girand