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**Ecosystem Connectivity Mitigation
Advisory Committee (EMAC)
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 23, 2018
10:00 AM**

**Yavapai County
Training Room
1120 Commerce Drive
Prescott, AZ 86305**

CYMPO Ecosystem Connectivity Mitigation Advisory Committee

Chair	Kendra Bull, Prescott National Forest
Vice-Chair	Tammy DeWitt, Yavapai County Development Services
Member	Chuck Budinger, ADOT Northwest District
Member	Elizabeth Johnston, Arizona Game and Fish
Member	Ron James, Private Citizen
Member	J. D. Greenberg, Private Citizen
Member	Deb Pastor, Private Citizen

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Deb Pastor arrived at 10:30 AM.

2. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

This item is to provide an opportunity for presentation of comments by the public on subjects *not on the agenda*. Individuals wishing to address the Committee need not request permission in advance and are limited to three (3) minutes.

3. AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

- Ms. Stotler explained SR69 widening project is in the ADOT Long Range Plan. Have not yet advertised for project.
- Member Greenberg wrote article about EMAC that will be published in the Central AZ Land Trust Newsletter.

4. PRESENTATION BY GAME AND FISH

(Scott Sprague, Game and Fish)

Mr. Sprague, with Game and Fish, provided presentation on effects of transportation on wildlife and habitats. Explained that changes in habitats affect gene flow of species. Explained costs associated with wildlife/vehicle collisions. Reviewed methods for mitigating wildlife/vehicle collisions.

Mr. Sprague presented Member Greenberg with the Arizona Chapter of Wildlife Society Conservation Award.

5. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF WILDLIFE MITIGATION LEGISLATION, METHODS, AND TOOLS

Member Budinger provided presentation on regulations set in place by Federal Highways regarding efforts to mitigate hazards caused by wildlife. Explained that in order for efforts to mitigate wildlife hazards to proceed, plans must be included in the Long Range Plan. Discussed possible funding sources in lieu of expected cuts to federal expansion dollars.

6. CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Ms. Stotler requested the committee send any ideas for agenda items to CYMPO via email.
- Add agenda item to formalize transferring of wildlife data from local groups to the EMAC.

7. ADJOURNMENT 11:45 AM

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