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President's Letter

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The Tucson Mountains Association is 75 years old!!! Seventy-five years of service to Westside residents, by the organization whose mission is to advocate for the best balance of conservation and sustainable development, to protect habitat and thereby preserve the biodiversity in our region, while enhancing the life experience of those who reside in these foothills, helping to preserve parklands and open space, and helping to maintain dark night skies, undeveloped peaks and ridges, and clean air for us all. What a proud heritage! Congratulations to our long-term members, who have sustained this organization for three generations, and thank you to everyone who has newly joined during our 2008 membership drive. This year, when we hold our annual "Celebrates!" event, we must celebrate our organization itself!

And what a year 2008 has been! Many of us joined together for two wonderful events, our Concert Gathering in February at Ron Carswell's beautiful home, and then our Celebrates! event in October. For me, personally, it was a joy to meet so many of you, and to

work with the generous volunteers and sponsors who made these events happen. And wasn't that a party?! In the course of those events, we nearly doubled our active membership, just by getting the word out about what we do. You'd be surprised how many folks tell me they've lived in the Tucson Mountains area for many years and haven't ever heard of this organization, or haven't realized they could join us and help steer our work. Please consider sharing this newsletter with a neighbor, or sending them to our website for further information. Thanks to Donna Snyder of RS Design and Pamela Ridgway, our web site has so much wonderful information, as well as Tom Wiewandt's outstanding photography and Peter Chesson's soon-to-be-added new page about living well in this desert environment (see the article below).

In between these events, TMA has continued to perform a great deal of advocacy work for our community. For example, we advocated against locating a Greyhound Bus terminal on Camino del Cerro, and sought to have the RTA accelerate planned projects for Westside roads. We advocated for more sustainable and less environmentally damaging water systems for the Tucson region, and better odor control at our wastewater facilities. We success-

fully advocated to eliminate a planned third story for condominiums to be built at the site of the defunct Evangelo's Restaurant on Gates Pass Road. We have opposed upzoning efforts to allow cluster development at two sites on El Moraga Drive. We updated our web site to provide more and better information for our members and all those interested in our Tucson Mountains, and we continue that effort. And we participated in the planning of the wonderful new trails in the Sweetwater Preserve.

We are always interested in more membership participation. To learn more, or to consider joining our Board, please contact any of our current Board members. And if you'd like to see another great "Celebrates!" event this year, consider becoming involved in planning and preparing for it.

I am looking forward to our continued work for the mission of the Tucson Mountains Association during 2009, and I hope you will decide to work with us.
Judith D. Meyer

Presenting the 2009 TMA Board

The membership elected all of the proposed new and continuing members for the TMA Board, so we are very pleased to welcome Lissa Gibbs as a new member of our Board, and also to have

Ed Verburg and Paul Eckstrom continue their tenure. At its first meeting of the year, the TMA Board elected Judith Meyer to another term as President; Ed Verburg as Vice President; and Debbie Hicks to another term as Treasurer. The secretarial duties were divided among Pamela Ridgway, who will deal with web site matters, membership and our database; Kurt Luscombe, who will be recording secretary, and Lissa Gibbs, who will be our corresponding secretary.

Hunting in the Tucson Mountains

Several members have called or emailed recently with questions concerning hunting in the Tucson Mountains, so it seems appropriate to give you some information here.

Hunting is entirely prohibited in Saguaro National Park and the Sweetwater Preserve, and signs are posted to warn about the prohibition. But hunting is permitted in some portions of Tucson Mountain Park, south of Ironwood Hills Drive and west of Camino de Oeste, where no express prohibition is posted. The County does not have authority to prohibit hunting, but it can prohibit shooting firearms or bows and arrows on land it owns.

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Desert Living

By Peter Chesson

Living in or near the Tucson Mountains is an enormous privilege. These mountains have extraordinary beauty that intensifies upon close examination. The rugged landscape is one aspect of that beauty. Another is life. We call it a desert, but it is far from desolate. Strange and wonderful plants, like the saguaro and ocotillo, are its signature, but it is filled in with 608 other plant species,¹ making it an area of great biological diversity. The plants provide the visual impact with their texture and floral displays, but they also act as the homes and food of the abundant animal life that constantly charms and delights us. Fortunately, due to the foresight of the citizens of Tucson and Pima County, large areas of the Tucson Mountains are protected permanently from development — the Saguaro National Park West, the Tucson Mountain Park, and that most recent addition, the Sweetwater Preserve, a major TMA success story.

However, large areas remain unprotected while we live intermingled with the desert life that delights us, but did not invite us. Will we protect it and preserve it, or crowd it out?

The protected areas will not maintain their living diversity if we cut them off from the surrounding Sonoran Desert or if we degrade the areas where we live. The science of ecology has shown that isolated areas lose species.² Wildlife must be able to travel between habitats. Some places are good for the summer, some for the winter, some for drought, some for wetter times. Some places are good for hiding and breeding, and others for feeding. Many species do not just stay in the Tucson Mountains, but they depend on the surrounding area, too

Being able to move is important not just for animals, but for plants as well: their seeds disperse from one place to another, transported by animals, wind and water. When one place becomes unsuitable, they must move to grow elsewhere. As climate changes, all must move.

Many species are found only in certain parts of the Tucson Mountains, and not necessarily in the protected areas.¹

To allow movement, and to protect all the special habitats, and all the species found in only a few places, we must look after this place where we live. In doing so, we benefit the living creatures, but also the environment, and all that we value here: the experience of wildlife, the beautiful scenery, and a certain harmony that it all brings.

What can we do? Well, we begin with respect and love for the local environment, and then we take action in accord with that respect and love. We restore graded land, and we work to keep all areas healthy and safe for the local flora and fauna, whether developed or not. Living here, we can be stewards of our environment

But how? We can begin with our gardens, and other plantings. There we can support the life in the region by making our gardens an extension of that life. In your garden, plant species native to the Tucson Mountains. Many of our local species are actually easy to grow from seed or from cuttings you can collect on your own property. Also, many Tucson Mountains plants can also be obtained from local nurseries. For example, Desert Survivors has a nursery specializing in Arizona native plants, with many Tucson Mountain species. To find out if a plant is a Tucson Mountains native, you can consult a copy of the Tucson Mountain flora publication listed below. It will specify non-native species that should be avoided, and it will tell you the habitats where all species are found so you can choose the most suitable placement in your garden.

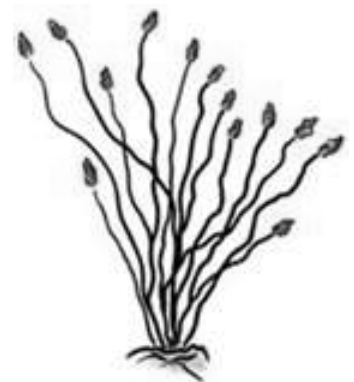
By growing local species, you provide habitat for local animals, and you avoid introducing invasive species that might spread into the surroundings. Instead, you enhance the local popula-

tions of the plants you grow. Moreover, you retain the character of the Tucson Mountains in your garden, and become more a part of it. Your place won't look out of place with those plants that clash with the surroundings. Plus, you'll save water.

There is much more to be said and done about living in the Tucson Mountains. That is why the TMA website will soon have a *desert living* page. Various features will appear from time to time in this newsletter to make suggestions, and to solicit your advice on how we can best live in this extraordinary place.

Further reading:

1. Annotated Flora and Vegetation of the Tucson Mountains, Pima County, Arizona, by R. Rondeau *et al*, Vol 12, No. 2 of the magazine "Desert Plants," available from Desert Plants, 2120 E. Allen Road, Tucson, AZ, 85719, phone 393-8759.
2. Win-Win Ecology: How the earth's species can survive in the midst of human enterprise. By M. Rosenzweig. Oxford University Press, 2003



Hunting, Continued

The Arizona Fish & Game Department, which regulates hunting, can provide a leaflet with a map of designated legal hunting areas. You can reach them at 628-

5376 to request further information. Hunting is also allowed on private property, except in densely populated areas or near homes, picnic areas and other congested areas, but only if the owner agrees to it. To avoid any

misunderstanding, private owners of larger parcels of land are urged to post signs prohibiting hunting. If you see what you believe is improper hunting activity, you should contact the Sheriff's Department by calling 911,

or contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 1-800-352-0700.



Buffel Grass Removal

Want a chance to work alongside a biology professor, and to learn a little more about our Tucson Mountains plant life? Some years ago, TMA took on the responsibility of landscaping the northwest corner of El Camino del Cerro and Silverbell Road. A garden of native plants was created, with an irrigation system. Rocks were mounded to reduce water needs. While the last thing we wanted was a haven for invasive weeds, buffel grass has moved in, and we need to get it out and keep it out. With your help, this corner can become what was originally intended — a garden of truly native plants that provide attractive visual impact and serve as a native-habitat greeting for Tucson Mountains visitors.

To this end, we are organizing a work party for Saturday, February 28, 2009, starting at 8 am, to remove the buffel grass and tend to the landscaping. We expect it to be a fun work party, with an emphasis on learning and sharing the experience. Please bring water, work gloves, sunscreen and hats. If you would like to join this party, please email Peter Chesson at: pchesson@u.arizona.edu

(or call 626-1451: after hours 743-7223) to sign up and to get the details. If you cannot join us on the 28th but would like to be contacted about future work parties, please send an email to TMA@TucsonMountainsAssoc.org.

Membership Dues

In our last newsletter, we inadvertently neglected to mention that TMA membership dues are for the calendar year, rather than one year from the date they are paid (which would create too great a burden for our volunteers). Since the mistake was ours, and in fairness, the Board decided that those who paid dues from September 2008 onward will be considered to have paid their dues for calendar year 2009. Your address label includes your membership due date.

TMA Land for Sale or Transfer

Long-term TMA members probably recall meetings and parties held on the TMA property at the intersection of El Moraga and Sweetwater. That land, a developable Suburban Ranch lot, was given to TMA many decades ago.

Once Columbus Park was developed, that location became a more attractive choice for annual soirees, with amenities such as toilets, ramadas and parking areas. So a few years back, the membership voted to sell the parcel. However, efforts to sell were unsuccessful at the time, so at the 2007 annual meeting it was agreed to hold the parcel, unless we received a much better offer.

We are once again considering the sale or transfer of this parcel. We'd like to hear from you. If we continue to hold the parcel, we must continue paying real estate taxes. Alternatively, we can sell it on very easy terms, taking back financing after a small down payment. If you might be interested or if you know someone who is, you should contact Judith Meyer so she can follow up with further information. An option if the parcel could not be sold is donating it to an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to maintain as open space or other appropriate use; or we can seek a reduction in the assessed value and continue to hold it as open space ourselves. The decision is for our membership, to whom the land was given. Let Judith know how you feel.

Bat Team



By day, Dave Dalton works as an electronics design engineer,

working on high-sensitivity cameras for the biomedical research community, and Sandy Wolf is a wildlife biologist. At night, they can often be found at the entrance to a cave or an abandoned mine, videotaping bats emerging. On many week-ends, they go inside abandoned mines or caves to look for bats or potential bat habitat. Together, they are Bat Research and Consulting, officially begun in 2004. However, Dave has been working with bats for 28 years, and Sandy for about 11.

Their effective team contributes to bat research and conservation. Dave uses his engineering background and knowledge of bats to design equipment and techniques that make studying bats easier. Sandy uses her skills in organization, writing, public speaking, and knowledge of biology and ecology to write grants and reports, organize field projects, and give scientific and educational presentations.

Current projects include monitoring roost sites throughout the year in the Tucson Mountains and at Picacho Peak.

Although they don't tend to injured or sick bats, Sandy and Dave frequently talk to people who have general questions about bats, people who have bats living on their property and want them gone, or to those who don't have bats on their property and want to attract them. Email questions to: yotewolf@msn.com.

Saguaro National Park Expansion



Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva recently re-introduced legislation to expand Saguaro National

Park, with the co-sponsorship of Representative Gabrielle Giffords.

The Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study Act of 2009 would expand the boundaries of the park by at least 975 acres, over 300 of which are in the Tucson Mountains; enable

the National Park Service (“NPS”) to purchase land from willing sellers adjacent to the Park’s East and West Units, including three miles of Cienega Creek on Tucson’s east side; and also provide for a two-year study to recommend potential additions to the Park based on “natural, cultural, recreational, and scenic values and characters of lands.” The legislation would also give NPS authority to acquire State land within the boundaries of the Park, in accordance with Arizona law. If NPS cannot acquire the land,

then it may enter into an agreement to manage the State lands as part of the Park.

TMA is joining with the Rincon Institute to prepare a report supporting this acquisition. Also, letters of support are currently being submitted by various conservation organizations and local officials. Two of our Board members recently met with the National Parks Conservation Association (“NPCA”) to consolidate local efforts in support of the legislation.

Senators Kyl and McCain

had also introduced a bill last year to allow the exchange of Bureau of Land Management property in Pima County.

That legislation would allow more adjustments to SNP’s boundaries, adding parcels and providing for equalization of value between privately-held property and federal lands. It would provide a conservation area and right-of-way for access to the Coronado National Forest through non-federal land.

Toddler Tuesdays at the Sonoran Desert Museum

The Desert Museum now hosts preschool programs for admiring parents and their kids ages two to three and three to five entitled, **Bats, Birds, Bees, and Blossoms!**



Explore the partnership between flowers and their pollinators through puppets, live animal encounters, grounds walks, crafts, and a healthy snack (thanks to pollinators!).



Held every third Tuesday January through May 2009, 10:00 to 11:30 am.

Ages 2-3: 2/17

Ages 3-5: 3/17, 4/21, 5/19.

Member cost is \$10 per child/adult pair; non-members is \$16. Museum admission is included.

To register, or to obtain more information, visit:

www.desertmuseum.org/kids/toddlers/, or call Robin Kropp at 883-3034.

TMA CELEBRATED! The Sweetwater Preserve

By Ed Verburg

TMA had a wonderful ribbon-cutting ceremony and party for the Sweetwater Preserve, our new 695-acre Pima County park, and for two new Little League ball fields and the equestrian staging ground at Columbus Park. With over 250 celebrants in attendance at the luncheon, we enjoyed an outstanding BBQ and celebratory cake. It was delightful to welcome Sweetwater Committee Co-Chair Paula Chronister back to Tucson and hear her remarks about how TMA spear-headed this tremendous success, and we honored the efforts of those who helped create the Sweetwater Preserve. County and City officials, including Sharon Bronson, Regina Romero, Richard Elias, Olivia Cajero-Bedford and other important guests attended and participated in the ribbon-cutting.

Everyone had a great time listening to the music of Alana Sweetwater and her band, the Heavy Steppers. We also enjoyed wildlife exhibits presented by the Desert Museum, Saguaro National Park, and Wildlife Rehabilitation Northwest Tucson. Other booths included a broad cross section of organizations reflecting a green theme—Southern Arizona Hiking Club, Pima County (Green Building, Environmental Quality, and Parks and Recreation’s display of the Sweetwater Preserve), Rincon Institute, Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection, Pima Trails, and many others. If that were not enough, we also had jumping castles, Northwest Fire District’s hook and ladder truck and smokehouse training for the kids!

So, to whom do we owe thanks for this outstanding gathering? The Planning Committee, chaired by Pamela Ridgway, Steve Swidler and Ed Verburg, worked hard for months. Ron Carswell created a BBQ Cook-Off, recruited chefs, prepared the chicken, and convinced Janos Wilder of J-Bar and Janos to judge the results. Ron Lewy won, with a delightfully simple paprika rub. Rosa Terlep coordinated volunteers, with over two dozen helping. Kathryn Leavey kept track of our sponsors, and worked with Debbie Hicks to ensure a successful raffle and silent auction. Kurt Luscombe addressed numerous logistic and equipment requirements. Victoria Falcone coordinated public relations effort. Channels 9 and 13 provided headline coverage, including an interview with our President, Judith Meyer.

Enormous thanks to our sponsors and volunteers. It was a great team effort!! Moreover, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, helping to raise the funds to pay for the event, TMA was able to make a substantial gift to the Pima County Parks Foundation, earmarked for trail and trailhead signage on the Sweetwater Preserve.

Burglaries Rise in Tucson Mountains Area; Prevention Strategies

By Pamela Ridgway

The Pima County Sheriff's Department reports that there have been dozens of burglaries in the Tucson Mountains area within the past few months, and that this type of crime is on the rise in our region. About 90% have been "smash and grab" incidents, generally occurring between the hours of 7 and 10 am. Someone who has been "casing" the home knocks on the door, and if nobody answers they "smash and grab" through the front

door. Leaving trash cans out for extended periods may lead to this sort of activity. The Sheriff's Department recently appointed Deputy Sheriff Raterink to patrol our region on weekdays between 7 am and 3 pm. He can be reached at 351-3181. Sheriff Raterink suggests that we report suspicious vehicles or people who are lingering in the area, reporting license plates to him so that he can investigate.

The Sheriff's Department recommends the use of alarm systems, as well as recording serial numbers on computers and other electronics, and making a video of valuable items. Let your

neighbors know if you will be away, or if you are having work done on your home. Don't assume that a ladder or yard equipment on a truck indicates it is legitimately present on your street.

One recommendation is that we consider developing "Neighborhood Watch" groups on each street or group of streets. One person who is willing to be a leader in his or her neighborhood can step forward and agree to be an "Area Leader," and start a Neighborhood Watch organization. To become an Area Leader, the individual must apply to the Sheriff's Department and pass a

background investigation. This person is appointed and may continue to serve as the area leader for as long as he or she is able to fulfill the requirements of the position. For a list of responsibilities & requirements, please contact the S.A.V. Crime Prevention Unit, 351-4972 or 351-4685



If you want further information on criminal activity and trends, you can sign up for email notices at www.pimasheriff.org

Pima County Releases Final Draft of Multi-Species Conservation Plan

By Carolyn Campbell, Executive Director, Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection

In 1998, dozens of conservation and neighborhood groups, including The Tucson Mountains Association, formed the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection (Coalition), with the purpose of developing and implementing the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan (SDCP).

A major component of the SDCP, and the focus of the Coalition's work, is the "Pima County Multi-Species Conservation Plan" (PCMSCP). The PCMSCP seeks to formalize how Pima County will comply with the Endangered Species Act in the unincorporated area

of the County through a variety of conservation measures targeting both endangered and threatened species and their habitat.

There have been a number of conservation plans adopted throughout the nation; unfortunately most of these plans have not resulted in the conservation of endangered and threatened species. With few exceptions, species have continued to decline under these approved plans, while the regulated communities have long-term protection from liability for the impacts to species' habitats.

Today, in Pima County, we have a chance to achieve measurable conservation, by protecting vulnerable species and important habitat, and restoring connectivity between core habitat areas. With the SDCP and PCMSCP, we have an opportunity to not only pro-

tect the Sonoran Desert ecosystem but create a new threshold for Endangered Species Act compliance that will benefit communities throughout the country as they struggle with these same issues.

Pima County recently released the Final Draft of the plan; it is currently scheduled for approval by the Board of Supervisors, and subsequent submittal to the US Fish and Wildlife Service this spring for review. The review will include a formal public comment period pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, including review of an Environmental Impact Statement.

The Coalition is currently drafting comments on the Final Draft to submit to Pima County by the March deadline. The Coalition intends to have a draft to share with our members by the time this article goes to print and we encour-

age TMA members to review and support our comments!

The Coalition will host a free public forum on the Final Draft of Pima County's Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 from 5:30-7:30pm at the Randolph Golf Course Clubhouse, Copper Room. This is the public's last chance to give feedback to Pima County officials before they send the Plan to the federal government for review and approval.

To review the Coalition's comments and find out how to publicly support them, please visit www.sonorandesert.org. The full text of the Final Draft MSCP can be found at <http://www.pima.gov/cmo/sdcp/MSCP/MSCP.html>.

Tucson Water's Continuing Efforts at Expansion into the Tucson Mountains

By Judith D. Meyer

We are seriously concerned at a campaign by Tucson Water to expand its services nearly to the boundary of Saguaro National Park. We consider this to be adverse to our mission to protect wildlife habitat. Bringing city infrastructure right up into the mountains, combined with the ever-present pressure to maximize the dollar value of every acre of land, will almost inevitably lead to denser development and new efforts at up-zoning.

In February, 2007, non-resident developer Hays Kirby, who owns forty acres of land near the western end of El Camino del Cerro, approached Tucson Water seeking an extension of its pipelines to the first five parcels he seeks to develop there. No doubt this land, and all surrounding land, was purchased at a substantially reduced price, because it was "off the grid" of any public water supply. No doubt its price would be substantially enhanced if Tucson Water were to undertake this project. According to Tucson Water engineer Joe Olsen, Tucson Water told Mr. Kirby it would be economically infeasible to bring Tucson Water to the first five homes he seeks to develop unless he could enlist a group of neighboring landowners and form a larger number of households to be served.

In December, 2007, the City of Tucson adopted an Interim Policy, directing Tucson Water not to provide water to new areas outside the boundaries of the City of Tucson, except where it could support infill

development. We supported that wise policy, which ordered Tucson Water to cease its reckless course of continuous expansion, providing its imported water to every requester. Indeed, the preliminary report of the Joint City of Tucson/Pima County Water and Wastewater Study Oversight Committee calls for a more deliberative and thoughtful approach. It notes,

Before decisions to extend service beyond the obligated area are made, the City needs to understand the economic, social, and environmental implications of extending service. The definition of the Tucson Water service area has implications for many things.

(We suggest that our members read this report, a summary of which you can find online at: www.tucsonpimawaterstudy.com/Reports/FinalReport/FinalDrafts/Executive%20Summary_FINAL%20DRAFT.pdf.)

Then in April, 2008, after the Interim Policy was in place, Mr. Kirby returned with a group of other landowners who either live on or, like himself, simply seek to develop land near his forty acres. They submitted a new plan, in the name of a new LLC they had just formed months after the Interim Policy was put in place. The Broken Springs Trail LLC plan requests that Tucson Water provide service to possibly 61 households, many of which do not yet exist. Undeterred by the City's policy, and, in fact, pretty much ignoring the direction of the Mayor and Council, Tucson Water has taken the position that this new master plan to bring Tucson Water up to within 1/4 mile of Saguaro National Park is

"grandfathered in," because Mr. Kirby had submitted his original request for 5 lots to be developed into households in February 2007, before the policy was enacted (in December 2007). Tucson Water asserts that it has an obligation to provide water to this new area, notwithstanding the fact that it had never issued any water assurance letter. That purported obligation, in turn, requires Tucson Water to purchase land, add a new booster station and holding tank in the Tucson Mountains, and add half a mile of new water pipes to connect its current pipelines to the new area to be served. Some of this expense would be borne by the landowners, but they have sought to have some of the cost borne by Tucson Water – which means at taxpayers' expense, during a time of deep and damaging cut-backs to City programs and services.

We believe the claim of any such obligation is specious. Not only is service to Broken Springs Trail LLC not "grandfathered in," and not only does the City of Tucson have no legal obligation to continue this project, but if Tucson Water does provide water service to Broken Springs Trail LCC, it will potentially establish a precedent with regards to the water service request by the proposed Painted Hills development. That project is currently on hold due to the City's December 2007 Interim Water Service Policy. In a previous newsletter we informed you that the City had relied upon its Interim Policy to deny water service to the Painted Hills development. That developer has argued that its land should be considered "infill" development, because Tucson Water is already providing service nearby, though the proposed

development is also entirely outside of Tucson City limits and on lands previously designated as environmentally sensitive.

We hope to prevent unnecessary and unwise projects such as these from going forward and, instead, advocate for sensible and sustainable long-term solutions to water service, including conservation, water harvesting, and innovative planning and design. We are not unmindful of the need of some of our Tucson Mountains residents to supplement their wells or replace them. We strongly encourage anyone whose well is inadequate to look to models of water harvesting and conservation already successfully used in the Tucson Mountains. In past issues we have invited our members to learn more about the model water harvesting system which one of our members built, similarly near the boundary of Saguaro National Park, during the current drought. That system supplies household and landscape needs, and fills a swimming pool tied into a fire sprinkler system; and it cost less to install than the landowners of the new proposed Tucson Water district would have to spend on their misguided proposal. We believe in promoting more sustainable and less damaging solutions to human coexistence with our native flora and fauna. Unfortunately, Tucson Water has been deaf to our requests that they consider becoming the service provider and promoter of water harvesting systems. We hope we can persuade the City Council to take a wiser approach. The future water supply for all of us relies on it.





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