



Resolution

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

Resolution No. 503

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS, ARIZONA, ENDORSING ALTERNATIVE "C" AS PROPOSED IN THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF THE 5-MILE ZONE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN WHICH INVOLVES LAND WITHIN AND RELATED TO THE GROWTH OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS.

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management is compiling public comment and testimony concerning the preliminary draft of the 5-Mile Zone Resource Management Plan, a plan that will determine the manner in which much of the land in the San Luis city limits east of Avenue H will develop; and

WHEREAS, Alternative "C" recites as follows:

Under Alternative C (Recreation, Community and Commercial Development Alternative), Reclamation resource management policies and practices within the study area would change. Public access and recreational use would be maximized within the study area. Opportunities for nature study, hiking, wildlife observation, camping and day use, and OHV use would be provided to the greatest extent possible, while adhering to the guidance and direction contained in the Flat-tailed Horned Lizard Rangewide Management Strategy planning document, prepared by the working group of the Flat-tailed Horned Lizard Interagency Coordinating Committee, in May 1997. Reclamation's ability to meet its treaty obligation to Mexico would be maintained. Licenses, leases, permits, and other land use authorizations would be issued when compatible with public use of Reclamation lands. Areas deemed appropriate for community expansion, such as utility corridors, transportation routes, community open space, airports, landfills, sewage disposal and recreation and leisure facilities, would be accommodated, as appropriate. Land transfers and/or exchanges within the 5-Mile Zone would be encouraged.

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Luis unanimously endorsed Alternative "C" as presented in the preliminary draft of the Bureau of Reclamation 5-Mile Zone Resource Management Plan at their Regular Council Meeting of June 26, 2002; and

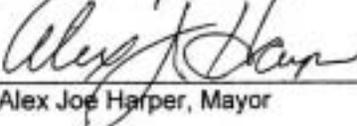
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Luis did endorse Alternative "C" in order to promote the maximal use of Bureau of Reclamation lands for recreational, community, and commercial development; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Luis has noted that the proposed rule to list the flat-tailed horned lizard as a threatened species which was withdrawn by the Fish and Wildlife Service and subsequently challenged by court proceedings in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, on its face indicates that consideration of the lizard as a threatened species is not a unanimous opinion.

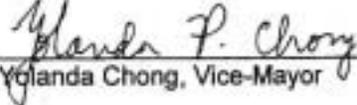
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved:

1. That the City Council of the City of San Luis adopt Alternative "C" as proposed in the Bureau of Reclamation Preliminary Draft of the 5-Mile Zone Resource Management Plan; and
2. That the City Council of the City of San Luis strongly supports any and all efforts to delete the flat-tailed horned lizard from any list in which it is included as a threatened species; and
3. That the Bureau of Land Management is encouraged to take any and all steps to confer with the Fish and Wildlife Service to evaluate the growing concerns based upon the fact that the habitat is not appropriate for the flat-tailed horned lizard and sightings of the same are neither current nor numerous.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS, ARIZONA, this 10 day of July, 2002.



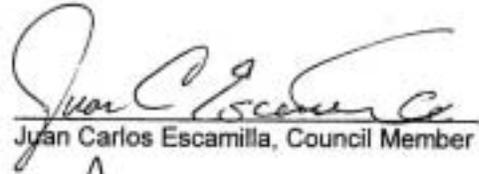
Alex Joe Harper, Mayor



Yolanda Chong, Vice-Mayor

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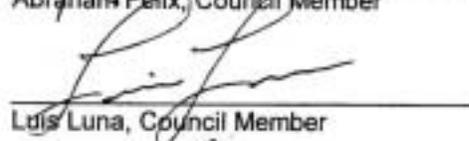
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Juan Carlos Escamilla, Council Member



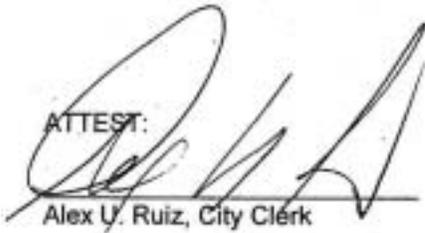
Abraham Felix, Council Member



Luis Luna, Council Member



Jose Ronce, Council Member

ATTEST:


Alex U. Ruiz, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Gerald W. Hunt, City Attorney

Table 9-11-1-8-16: 8-16 Mile Zone Study Area MMP/EA
Summary Effects of Alternatives on Resources

Alternative	Air Quality	Noise	Soils	Land Use	Transpiration	Groundwater	Vegetation and Wildlife	Special Status Species	Recreation and Visual Quality	Economics	Cultural Resources	Indian Sacred Sites	Indian Trust Assets	Environment	
Alternative A) (Alternative A)	Existing conditions would continue.	Unrestricted CHV use, new developments, and increased vehicle use of new roads could increase noise levels.	New developments would increase soil erosion of soils.	Preclude or restrict conflicting land uses (e.g., residential, commercial, industrial, or agriculture) that would be incompatible with the natural and cultural resources of the area. Restrict development that would be incompatible with the natural and cultural resources of the area.	Combining adverse effects from unrestricted CHV use, new developments, and increased vehicle use of new roads would be minimal.	Development of new groundwater wells for agricultural or domestic use would be limited to areas with adequate recharge and sufficient aquifer thickness to protect groundwater quality.	Continuing adverse effects from unrestricted CHV use, new developments, and increased vehicle use of new roads would be minimal.	Direct impacts include loss of habitat for sensitive species, and degradation of riparian habitat.	Public demand for recreation and other opportunities would increase. Visual quality would be expected to degrade.	New developments would contribute to local economic growth.	Existing conditions would continue.	Unrestricted CHV use would have potential to adversely affect plants.	No effect.	Existing conditions would continue.	
Nature Resources (Alternative B)	Mostly benefits because of increased riparian habitat and wildlife cover. Some adverse effects from increased vehicle use of new roads and increased parking areas.	Reduced noise levels because increased CHV use would be restricted to developed areas.	Same as Alternative A, except that increased CHV use would be restricted to developed areas.	Least benefit to riparian and wildlife resources.	Public demand for access would be primarily to riparian areas.	Similar effects as Alternative A, but with reduced groundwater withdrawals.	Mostly benefits because of increased riparian habitat and wildlife cover. Some adverse effects from increased vehicle use of new roads and increased parking areas.	Factors include riparian habitat and wildlife cover. Some adverse effects from increased vehicle use of new roads and increased parking areas.	Public demand for recreation and other opportunities would increase. Visual quality would be expected to degrade.	Facilities achieve effects on the agricultural sector of the economy.	Facilities achieve effects on the agricultural sector of the economy.	Existing conditions would continue.	Unrestricted CHV use would have potential to adversely affect plants.	Same as Alternative A.	Facilities achieve effects on riparian habitat and wildlife cover. Some adverse effects from increased vehicle use of new roads and increased parking areas.
Recreation, Community, and Development (Alternative C)	Greatest potential adverse effects from increased vehicle use of new roads and increased parking areas.	Greatest adverse effects from increased vehicle use of new roads and increased parking areas.	Same as Alternative A, but increased CHV use would be restricted to developed areas.	Greatest benefit to riparian and wildlife resources.	Public demand and need for access would be high.	Potential reduction of groundwater withdrawals would be minimal.	Adverse effects because of increased riparian habitat loss and degradation.	Significant increase in habitat loss and degradation.	Public demand for recreation and other opportunities would increase. Visual quality would be expected to degrade.	Facilities achieve effects on the agricultural sector of the economy.	Existing conditions would continue.	Unrestricted CHV use would have potential to adversely affect plants.	Same as Alternative A.	Facilities achieve effects on riparian habitat and wildlife cover. Some adverse effects from increased vehicle use of new roads and increased parking areas.	
Health Resources (Alternative D)	Greatest adverse effects from increased vehicle use of new roads and increased parking areas.	Greatest adverse effects from increased vehicle use of new roads and increased parking areas.	Same as Alternative A, but increased CHV use would be restricted to developed areas.	Greatest benefit to riparian and wildlife resources.	Public demand and need for access would be high.	Potential reduction of groundwater withdrawals would be minimal.	Adverse effects because of increased riparian habitat loss and degradation.	Significant increase in habitat loss and degradation.	Public demand for recreation and other opportunities would increase. Visual quality would be expected to degrade.	Facilities achieve effects on the agricultural sector of the economy.	Existing conditions would continue.	Unrestricted CHV use would have potential to adversely affect plants.	Same as Alternative A.	Facilities achieve effects on riparian habitat and wildlife cover. Some adverse effects from increased vehicle use of new roads and increased parking areas.	

Resource Management Plan Comments: City of San Luis Administration

Page Reference	Comment
Ex 1	Describe the 5-mile zone in terms of its proximity to San Luis.
I-2	Maps should show Co. 23 rd Street as Juan Sanchez Blvd, within the San Luis City limits.
I-5	Describe the 5-mile zone in terms of its proximity to San Luis.
II-11	Update these figures and dates as per Exhibit "A"
II-13	Include City of Yuma in the GYPA membership.
II-13	Include City of Somerton in ex-officio board
III-5	How specific will BOR define recreation opportunities and areas?
III-11	What, if any, ratios exist to determine Physical Carrying Capacity?
IV-2	The City of San Luis supports Alternative C
IV-2	Alternative C would help alleviate "leapfrog" development, encourage partnerships between BOR and private investors, and preserve lizard habitat.
IV-15	City supports private development of recreation areas that support city development initiatives.
IV-19	City of San Luis needs to be involved in any water/pumping limitation discussions.
V-2	Paragraph One. What harvests occur 3 times per year?
V-4	Add to <i>Cumulative Impacts</i> The possibility exists that PM10 concerns will decrease with improved roads.
V-15	How will the Border Patrol expansion of the protective zone affect the existing and future ports of entry?
V-16	County 23 rd Street and County 24 th Street need proper

- names.
- V-17 ASH EA has been completed, to my knowledge.
- V-19 City supports Alternative C language.
- V-22 Change word choice to describe "The Mexican Pumping" to "Pumping in the San Luis Mesa well field. . ."
- V-26 Why is the WWF deserving credit for assisting in this designation? It serves to further the environmentalist influence over the use of federal lands. Consider removing this comment.
- V-38 Paragraph 2 supports the principle of planned growth that limits "leapfrog" growth that in turn seems to support Alternative C with private land owners swapping with federal land owners to establish contiguous development beginning at Avenue H (10th Avenue).
- V-40 The city supports use of designated areas as long as the areas have a realistic carrying capacity and are open to the public and not subject to closure based on lawsuits from environmental groups.
- V-50 The first bullet point seems to contradict earlier statements by the document supporting land exchanges.
- V-60 Get current Census Numbers to make plan information timely.
- VI-1 What were the actual number and content of the comments for comparison between local and "outside" persons or organizations.
- VI-10 Bullet Point 7 under ADOT: Specify the fence use, ie, lizard protection, etc.
- VI-15 Bullet Point 2: Will commercial development occur as a land sale or lease?
- VI-16 Bullet Point 1: Will campgrounds be private or government-run facilities?
- VI-20 Monitoring: Bullet Point 14: An item of concern for the city is that if a recreation area opens up, BOR needs to

- police the area sufficiently as to prevent a closure due to unsafe conditions.
- EC-2 Is a 4 month construction period realistic? It certainly limits the scope of development for any project.
- G-1 Land Transfer-Address private/federal land swaps and fair market value.
- G-4 City of San Luis Truck Route: Include reference to County 24th Street as the route.

RMP Comments

IV-7- Need BOR approve for wells in 5-Mile Zone?

MAP 1-2 Doesn't show "Main Drain" which is reason for Boundary Pumping Plant. None of the other maps in document showing canals, show the "Main Drain".

IV-5 Need to reword truck route from San Luis to New Port of Entry. "Truck Route would parallel international boundary east along Co. 24th Street to Avenue E, then South to Port of Entry.

IV-10 Under "Water Use", how does considering water pumped from existing & future wells within the 5-mile zone to be Colorado River water affect water rights on the river?

IV-19 The City of San Luis, along with Department of Corrections should be involved in discussions on ground water pumping.

V-2-3 Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) Air Quality Conformity Analysis locates that the Southern Boundary of Yuma PM10 non-attainment area is Co. 22nd Street. Therefore, it appears that the majority of the study area is outside the non-attainment area?

V-15 Water and Sewer utility corridor is to serve mainly Hillander "C" residential and commercial developments and the new Port of Entry. It may be possible, at a later date, to extend service to the Department of Corrections facility.

V-17 San Luis Truck Route location is correct here. Maybe use on IV-5?

V-23 What management changes in surface water on the Yuma Mesa are contemplated?

V-25 Is it true that all water rights on the Colorado are spoken for? If true then Colorado would not be able to supply increased water needs. However, there are other alternatives, such as working with Yuma County Water Users', Yuma Mesa Irrigation District, City of Yuma, and/or Bureau of Reclamation

Exhibit A

**CITY OF SAN LUIS
STATISTIC INFORMATION**

City of San Luis Population

Source: U.S. Census

1990 4,212

1995 8,010

2000 15,322

Percentage change from 1990 to 2000: 263.8%

San Luis Population estimates, 2001

Source: DES Official Estimates

July 2001: 17,090

Arizona Unemployment Statistics

January 2002

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Labor Force 2,526

Employment 1289

Unemployment 1,237

Unemployment Rate 49.0%

Principal Economic Activities

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and Mining	746
Construction	237
Manufacturing	306
Wholesale Trade	242
Retail Trade	427
Transportation, Retail Warehousing, Trade and Utilities	181
Information	26
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate, Rental and leasing	44
Professional, Scientific, Management, Administrative, and waste management services	64
Educational, Health and Social Services	336
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation and Food Services	195
Other Services (except public administration)	87
Public Administration	166

Poverty Rates

Source: U.S. Census 1990

Tract: 116 **37.4**

114 **32.1**

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

1999: **36.3%**

Household and per capital income

Source: 1990 U.S. Census

Median Household Income: **\$16,554.00**

Median Per Capital Income: **\$ 5,277.00**

Source: Arizona Department of Economic Security

1999:

Median Household Income: 22,368

Per Capital Income: 5,377

Border Traffic Statistics

Source: U.S. Customs, June 2002

Private Vehicles **280,062**

Pedestrians **228,180**

Commercial **2,488**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of
The San Luis City Council At
The San Luis Council Chambers
767 N. First Avenue
July 10, 2002

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL. Mayor Harper called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 p.m.

Present: Alex Joe Harper, Mayor
Yolanda Chong, Vice Mayor
Abraham Felix, Council Member
Juan Carlos Escamilla, Council Member
Carlos Bernal, Council Member

Absent: Jose Ponce, Council Member
Luis Luna, Council Member (Due to a death in the family)

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Melcher, Assistant City Administrator
Maribel Valenzuela, Office Support Specialist
John Starkey, Planning & Zoning Director
Arturo Miranda, Fire Chief
David Ford, Public Works Director
Kerry Jones, Finance Director
Benjamin Garcia, Social Services Director
Rosie Cordova, Human Resources Director
John Miranda, Chief of Police
Jaime Ibarra, Parks & Recreation Director
Jenny Torres, Economic Development Director
Gerald W. Hunt, City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION. Mayor Harper led the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Juan Carlos Escamilla led an invocation.

A minute of silence was observed in remembrance of Council Member Luis Luna's mother that passed away that week.

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8. San Luis City Council execution of License No. 017-02-002 for Encroachment and Construction, Installation, Operation, and Maintenance of Street Improvements located in Cabello Avenue as part of the Bienestar Estates No. 7A and 7B subdivisions. (Paul Melcher)

Mr. Paul Melcher, Assistant City Administrator, stated that this is being done after the fact. The City essentially sponsored this license for Comite de Bienestar for this encroachment. Which should have been done prior to any construction but Yuma County Water Users Association and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation are allowing this to come back before council and there certainly is not a problem with this but it is one of the required formalities.

Mr. Gary Black, Comite de Bienestar, explained that this license should have been processed at the beginning of construction and it is based on the plans that the engineer designed. The streets will be turned over to the city and no change can be done without prior approval.

MOTION: J.C. Escamilla/C. Bernal to approve execution of License No. 017-02-002 for Encroachment and Construction, Installation, Operation, and Maintenance of Street Improvements located in Cabello Avenue as part of the Bienestar Estates No. 7A and 7B subdivisions. Motion passed with 4 ayes and one abstention by Mayor Harper.

9. San Luis City Council execution of License No. 017-02-001 for Encroachment and Construction, Installation, Operation, and Maintenance of Street Improvements, a 12" PVC water main and a 12" PVC sewer main located in the right-of-way as part of Las Quintas de San Luis Subdivision Phases 1 and 2. (Paul Melcher)

MOTION: A. Felix/C. Bernal to approve execution of License No. 017-02-001 for Encroachment and Construction, Installation, Operation, and Maintenance of Street Improvements, a 12" PVC water main and a 12" PVC sewer main located in the right-of-way as part of Las Quintas de San Luis Subdivision Phases 1 and 2. Motion passed with 4 ayes and one abstention by Mayor Harper.

Mayor Harper took over the chair.

10. Resolution No. 503. A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, endorsing Alternative "C" as proposed in the Bureau of Reclamation preliminary draft of the 5-Mile Zone Resource Management Plan, which involves land within and related to the growth of the City of San Luis. (Paul Melcher)

Mayor Harper mentioned that a study is being conducted as to what to do with the land within the 5-mile zone. The 5-mile zone entails water rights to the Bureau of Reclamation that will go directly into Mexico for desalting purposes. That is why they have all the wells and the canal. Consequently they are trying to decide what to do with the flat tailed lizard. Plan C provides the best options for the City of San Luis. It doesn't mean that we are not going to get any water out of the 5-mile area, what it means is that we have 168,000 acres feet per year, so we have more water than we'll ever use.

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MOTION: C. Bernal/A. Felix to approve Resolution No. 503. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Request for City Council to reject bids previously received for the purchase of a new Aerial/Pump fire truck. (Arturo Miranda)

Mayor Harper explained that this item was discussed at the Council/Staff retreat held June 29th & 30th in Lake Havasu. There were bids received prior to the city going out for bids, so these bids need to be rejected.

MOTION: Y. Chong/C. Bernal to reject the previous bid for the purchase of the new Aerial/Pump fire truck. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Authorization request to go out to bid for the purchase of a new Aerial/Pump fire truck. (Arturo Miranda)

MOTION: J. C. Escamilla/Y. Chong to authorize the request to go out to bid for the purchase of a new Aerial/Pump fire truck. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Adjournment.

MOTION: C. Bernal/Y. Chong to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m.



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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of San Luis, Arizona held on the 10 day of July, 2002. I further certify the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 24th day of July, 2002.


Cynthia Seledo, Deputy Clerk

ALEX JOE HAPPER, Mayor
PEDRO JAJAN, Vice Mayor

LUIS LUNA, Council Member
JUAN CARLOS ESCAMILLA, Council Member

ABRAHAM FELIX, Council Member
YOLANDA CHENG, Council Member

JOSE POMER, Council Member
ALEX U. RUIZ, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

5-MILE ZONE STUDY AREA COMMENT SHEET AND FINAL RMP/EA REQUEST FORM

Please provide your comments below and return them to the Bureau of Reclamation by October 10, 2003.

Note: You may request to withhold your name and/or address by stating this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from representatives or officials of organizations or businesses available for public disclosure in their entirety.

If you want to be on the mailing list, please print the following information:

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Do you want to receive a copy of the final RMP/EA? yes no

What format: cd-rom (with built in reader) paper copy

Comments:

Please refer to the attached fax

Please continue your comments on the back of this sheet and add additional sheets if desired. Please return sheet(s). You may send them to 5-Mile Zone, D-8580, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225-0007; fax them to 5-Mile Zone RMP/EA, Bureau of Reclamation at 720-544-0601, or e-mail them to 5mizone@do.usbr.gov