

EXHIBIT H EXISTING PLANS

As stated in Arizona Corporation Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure R14-3-219:

“To the extent applicant is able to determine, state the existing plans of the state, local government, and private entities for other developments at or in the vicinity of the proposed site or route.”

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Land uses are mapped in Exhibit A-2 and A-3 and discussed in Exhibit B. As part of the land use study, conceptual plans were gathered for the study area from the CNF, BLM, ASLD, Pima County, and Town of Sahuarita. Representatives from the CNF, BLM, Town of Sahuarita, and Green Valley Planning and Zoning Committee were included on the advisory stakeholder group for the planning process through which the alternative routes were reviewed, discussed, and determined. The purpose of this representation was to ensure consistency with plans, as well as to identify potential issues throughout the public planning and route selection process. Existing and future land use plans and input received from stakeholder group representatives regarding the planning process are summarized in Exhibit B. In general, the Preferred Route and Alternative Route 1 minimize conflicts with existing and planned land use on SRER and private (Rosemont) lands. Alternative Routes 2, 3, and 4 use the existing 46kV line route and link 120, which is not supported by SRER and ASLD because of the potential impact to repeat photography locations, research study areas, and/or livestock facilities. These long-term research facilities are sensitive to disturbance associated with construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line.

During the public planning process, members of the project team also met with representatives of the Pima County Development Services Department at key points in the planning process. In October, 2011, letters were sent to entities (listed in Table H-1) to provide project information, announce the preferred and alternative routes, and request new or additional information. Exhibit H-1 provides a copy of the agency letter and written responses.

Table H-1. Entities that Received Letters from TEP with Project Information	
Contact Name and Title	Jurisdiction/Agency
Jim Upchurch Forest Supervisor	Coronado National Forest
Brian Bellev Tucson Field Manager	Bureau of Land Management
Ruben Ojeda Right-of-Way Section Manager	Arizona State Land Department
Colin Kaltenbach Vice Dean and Director	University of Arizona, SRER
Sherry Ruth Planning Manager	Pima County

Table H-1. Entities that Received Letters from TEP with Project Information	
Contact Name and Title	Jurisdiction/Agency
Sarah More Planning Director	Town of Sahuarita
Stan Riddle President	Green Valley Coordinating Council

October 7, 2011

RE: Rosemont 138kV Transmission Line Project

Dear _____,

As you know, Tucson Electric Power (TEP) proposes to site and construct a 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line south of Tucson in Pima County, Arizona. The 138kV transmission line would extend from the proposed Toro Switchyard near the east side of the Town of Sahuarita to the proposed Rosemont Substation in the Santa Rita Mountains (see map, included). The distance for the preferred and alternative routes ranges from 13 to 18 miles. The line would traverse land that is owned primarily by the Arizona State Land Department, Rosemont Copper Company, and Coronado National Forest. Potentially, a small portion of Bureau of Land Management land could be crossed. The preferred and alternative routes would either parallel Santa Rita Road and a proposed water pipeline or co-locate with an existing 46kV line for a substantial portion of the route. Project construction is scheduled to begin after a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility is received from the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) and a decision approving the Rosemont Copper Project is issued by the Forest Service. The anticipated date for a Forest Service decision is in the first half of 2012.

Environmental Planning Group (EPG, Inc.) has been retained by TEP to assist with environmental siting and permitting for this project. We respectfully request your **response in writing** (an email is acceptable) as to whether or not you are aware of any changes to planned developments or activities in the vicinity of the proposed transmission line routes that should be brought to our attention. Your written response will be included in Exhibit H of the application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility. Submittal of this application to the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee of the ACC is in compliance with Arizona Revised Statute 40-360 (Article 6.2).

We would appreciate your response by October 19, 2011, so that we can evaluate the information prior to the submittal of the application, and thank you in advance for your reply. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone (602-956-4370) or email (lweinstein@epgaz.com).

Sincerely,

Lauren Weinstein
Principal

cc: Ed Beck, TEP Project Manager
Enclosure

Exhibit H-1. Copy of Agency Letter

Chelsa Johnson

From: Tim Bolton [tbolton@land.az.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2011 3:03 PM
To: Chelsa Johnson; Ruben Ojeda
Cc: James Rees; Mark Edelman
Subject: Re: Fwd: Rosemont 138kV Transmission Line Project (14-115294,TEP)
Attachments: 18-114820_14-114819.pdf

Hi Chelsa - Per your request, I researched the area delineated on the attached map for development, current or proposed, on State Trust Lands.

The Department has two applications on file for the subject area. The applications are for a water pipeline and water recharge facility (see-attached maps). Both applications are in process and have yet to be approved. Should you have any questions regarding development and or planning activities please feel free to contact me, thank you

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>>> Ruben Ojeda 10/11/11 9:19 AM >>>

Tim,  
Would you please review the attached and provide an update; also, please copy me.

Thank you,

Ruben Ojeda  
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>>> "Chelsa Johnson" <[Cjohnson@epgaz.com](mailto:Cjohnson@epgaz.com)> 10/7/2011 4:30 PM >>>

Dear Mr. Ojeda,

The purpose of this email is to contact you regarding the Rosemont 138kV Transmission Line Project. As you may know, EPG was retained to assist TEP with the planning process and environmental studies for each of the proposed routes. At this time, we would like to request updated information pertaining to development or activities in the vicinity of these proposed routes. I've attached a PDF of the letter which was also mailed today regarding this request for information. We respectfully request your response in writing or email by Wednesday,

**Exhibit H-2. Responses to Agency Letter**

October 19, 2011. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me or Lauren at 602-956-4370.

Sincerely,

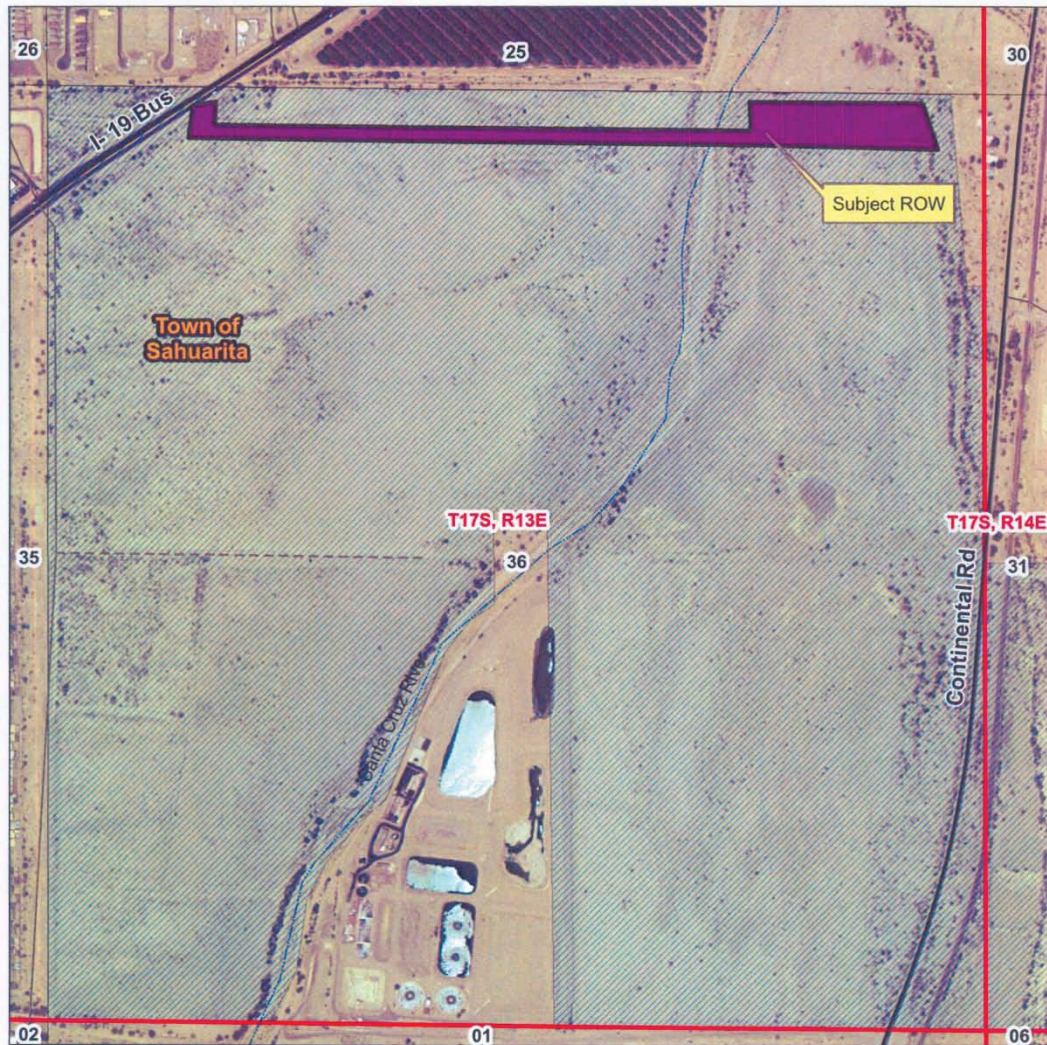
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Community Water Company of Green Valley



- Legend**
- Interstates
  - US Highways
  - Highways Loop
  - Highway
  - Access Ramp
  - Arterial
  - Street
  - Primitive Road
  - Alley / Trail
  - Township Lines
  - Section Lines
  - Trust land



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**Arizona State  
Land Department**

The Arizona State Land Department makes no warranties, implied or expressed, with respect to the information shown on this map.

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**#14-114819**  
**Community Water Company of Green Valley**



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**Green Valley Council**

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October 17, 2011

Chelsa Johnson, Project Coordinator  
EPG Consultants  
4141 North 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Ste. 102  
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Re: Rosemont 138KV Transmission Line Project

Dear Chelsa:

In response to your letter to President, Stan Riddle for any development activities near the proposed routes for this transmission project that should be brought to our attention, the following is our response:

- 1) No projects in the Green Valley Specific Plan area have been submitted this year that would impact the proposed transmission routes.
- 2) The routes proposed do not directly affect the Green Valley Specific Plan area.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (520-648-1936)

Sincerely,

Eddie Peabody, Jr. AICP  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Green Valley Council  
EP/kc

Cc: President, Stan Riddle  
Executive Director, Sandi Richey

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**PIMA COUNTY  
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**CARMINE DEBONIS, JR.**  
Director

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October 14, 2011

Lauren Weinstein, Principal  
epg  
4141 North 32 St., Suite 102  
Phoenix, AZ 85018

Dear Ms. Weinstein:

This letter is in response to your letter to Sherry Ruther dated October 7, 2011 requesting information about "...any changes to planned development or activities in the vicinity of the proposed (Rosemont 138kv transmission line)..." of which she was aware.

There are several proposed development-related changes located within the project area designated on the map accompanying your letter. These include, but may not be limited to:

1. A rezoning request under review by the County (Andrada Investors, LLC – Andrada Road Alignment, Co9-11-08) requesting a rezoning from RH to SR, RH Restricted, TR, and CR-5 on 716 acres to allow 1,736 dwelling units. It is located approximately 1 mile north of Sahuarita Road between Houghton and Wilmot Roads.
2. A Comprehensive Plan Amendment [Farmers Investment Company (FICO) – E. Continental Road, Co7-11-01] to change the designation from Resource Transition (RH), Low Intensity Rural (LIR), Low Intensity Urban 1.2 (LIU-1.2), Medium Intensity Urban (MIU), and Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC) to Medium Intensity Urban (MIU), Medium-High Intensity Urban (MHIU), Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC) and Community Activity Center (CA) for approximately 278 acres. This project is located generally on both sides of Continental Road, east of S. Abrego Drive.

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3. A Comprehensive Plan Amendment [Landmark Title and Trust TR 7933-T (M & S Unlimited LLC) – E. Sahuarita Road, Co7-11-02] to change the designation from Medium Intensity Rural (MIR) to Medium Intensity Urban (MIU) for approximately 22.01 acres located generally at the northeast intersection of Sahuarita Road and Calle Rinconado.
4. A 49-unit subdivision (Sycamore Canyon Block 1, P1210-012, is nearing final approval located on the western side of the intersection of Harrison and Camino del Toro Roads.

There may be additional development plans for commercial projects and recently approved subdivision plats that a search of our open files do not readily reveal. You may contact Pima County Subdivision Coordination for more information. You may examine the files for all projects at our office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Public Works Building at 201 N. Stone Ave Monday through Friday (except holidays) between the hours of 8 AM to 5 PM.

Please be aware that activity within Pima County rights of way requires approval of permits from the Pima County Department of Transportation. It appears from information on the TEP website that the preferred alternative route for the transmission line, water line, 25kv underground electric line, and service road will be in a 100-foot wide utility corridor will be located outside and adjacent to the Santa Rita Road right of way. It is our understanding that a right of way approval must be granted by the Arizona State Land Department before any activity related to the transmission line can occur and that the Department will request comments from Pima County on an application for right of way.

Although you have not requested the following information, we are providing it for your information. The proposed areas for the transmission lines are located within Pima County zoning districts, the County's Comprehensive Plan, and within areas designated by the Sonora Desert Conservation Plan to conserve threatened and endangered sensitive wildlife and plant habitat. They are located within areas designated by the Conservation Lands System of the Comprehensive Plan as Biological Core and Multiple Use Management. These Comprehensive Plan guidelines are to conserve 80% and 66.67%, respectively, of a project within the designated areas as Natural Open Space.

The Pima County Department of Transportation's online GIS MapGuide maps indicate that the routes for the proposed lines run through the following areas designated for habitat protection by the Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan as Primary Conservation Area:

- Chiricahua leopard frog
- Rufous-winged sparrow
- Swainson's hawk
- Lesser long-nosed bat
- Pale Townsend's big-eared bat
- Mexican long-eared bat
- Western red bat
- Pima pineapple cactus

MapGuide also indicates that portions of the proposed locations run through areas designated by the Board of Supervisors as priority for acquisition under the 2012 Bond for conservation of sensitive

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habitat.

Consistent with the above, any activity within the designated areas should be carried out in a manner that causes the least amount of harm.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 520-740-6862, or by email at [daniel.signor@pima.gov](mailto:daniel.signor@pima.gov).

Sincerely,



Daniel C. Signor, AICP, LEED Green Associate  
Senior Planner

c: Nicole Fyffe, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator  
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**Chelsa Johnson**

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**From:** Orlanthia Henderson [ohenderson@ci.sahuarita.az.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2011 11:06 AM  
**To:** Lauren Weinstein  
**Cc:** Sarah More  
**Subject:** Rosemont 138kV Transmission Line Project

Lauren,

In response to your request for any changes or activities in the vicinity of the Rosemont 138kV Transmission Line Project, the Town of Sahuarita would like to indicate the acceptance of two documents for projects that may be located within the vicinity of the 138kV transmission line project. The first is the Sahuarita Farms Specific Plan submitted by Farmer's Investment Company. Town staff has requested for additional information prior to beginning review of the document. The project is located along the Santa Cruz River with a majority of the project located within Town limits, the remaining portion can be found in Pima County. The applicant has a website dedicated to the project: <http://www.sahuaritafarms.com/>

In addition to the Sahuarita Farms Specific Plan, the Town has received the La Jolla Verde Specific Plan. This project is located near the Interstate 19 & Nogales Highway/Duval Mine interchange. The entire project is located within Town limits.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you

Orlanthia Henderson

Planner

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**Chelsa Johnson**

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**From:** Lauren Weinstein  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2011 9:01 AM  
**To:** Chelsa Johnson  
**Subject:** FW: Rosemont 138kV Transmission Line Project

-----Original Message-----

From: Colin Kaltenbach [<mailto:kltnbch@ag.arizona.edu>]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 8:50 AM  
To: Lauren Weinstein  
Subject: Rosemont 138kV Transmission Line Project

Lauren,

I am responding to your letter of October 7, 2011 with regard to the Rosemont 138kV Transmission Line Project involving the Santa Rita Experimental Range. I am not aware of any changes in activities on the Santa Rita Experimental Range that would affect the proposed siting or construction of the proposed transmission line.

Sincerely,

Colin Kaltenbach  
Vice Dean and Director  
Arizona Agricultural Experiment Station

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