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## AFTER INTENSE DISCUSSION, EASTER MOUNTAIN TENTATIVE PLAT FAILED

Residents held bated breath yesterday, July 14th, as County Board of Supervisors Pat Call and Richard Searle debated whether or not Easter Mountain Ranch, LLC, had met Condition 4 requiring the developer to provide multi-purpose legal access to the National Forest, the last requirement needed before a favorable pass.

Steve Lenihan, developer, stated it was not their intention to provide access to a roadless area, but to take advantage of an offer from the only property owner that they contacted within the four years who was willing to provide an easement on their property. Property owner Neal Simonnson offered access from Highway 90, approximately 9 miles from the proposed development. Lenihan also went on to explain, they were unaware that they needed to provide access to an area at the forest boundary where roads existed or could be built.

Supervisor Call early in the discussion stated it was the intention of the BOS at the rezoning hearing for the developer to provide access close to the proposed subdivision and in an area that would either connect to the existing forest service road system or, at minimum, an area where a road could be built.

Matt Walton, Arizona Game and Fish, explained the proposed route, (The Road to Nowhere) not only illustrated limited effort from the Developer to communicate with his agency or the National Forest. but also did not meet Condition 4 either in reasonableness or intent. Walton highlighted on a map the route presented by the Developer at the rezoning hearing that would access State Land from J-6 Ranch Road, proceeding westerly and then south near the Pima County Line, following along the west boundary of the proposed subdivision to the forest boundary. Both Arizona Game and Fish and the National Forest Service are favorable to pursuing that alternative.

Cochise County Attorney, Brett Hanson, commented that the Developer's offer during the rezoning hearing help set the context for what was needed to fulfill Condition 4. According to the County Attorney, the developer has been provided the context and intent of Condition 4 during multiple meetings with P & Z Staff in which the attorney participated -- he doubted there was any opportunity for misunderstanding. Attorney Hanson felt strongly that the Road to Nowhere did not meet Condition 4. He also stated that the County's position would be defendable in court. Stating that he would probably be defending a 'fail" position, he confirmed with both Supervisors that their original intent was for access in the near vicinity of the the

### MESCAL-J6 GOVERNING BOARD VACANCY

Board Member Jerry Conrad informed the Board and the public that Mr. Steve Hoffman has resigned from the Mescal-J6 District's Governing Board due to his inability to attend meetings.
Mr. Hoffman was fullfilling his second term as a volunteer Board Member.

If interested in this position or learning more about the role and responsibilities of a Board Member, contact the Fire District at info@mescalj6fd.com, or Chief Moran at jmoran@mescalj6fd.com.

### FIRE DISTRICT BOARD TAKES ACTION TO FILL PERMANENT CHIEF POSITION

On July 6, 2015, the Governing Board of the Mescal-J6 Fire District voted unanimously to appoint Interim Fire Chief John Moran as the District's permanent Fire Chief.

Although a contract was not discussed, Chief Moran did state that the permanent position does not include a change in salary.

proposed subdivision and to a portion of the forest boundary where roads existed or could be built to connect the user with the forest road system.

During the discussion, Supervisor Seale held firm with his decision that the developer had met the language of Condition 4. Supervisor Pat Call confirmed with the Attorney that a split vote between he and Supervisor Searle would equate to failing the temporary plat (Supervisor English was absent). Supervisor Call offered the Developer an opportunity to discuss an alternative route before the vote was called. Steve Lenihan noted he understood a split vote would equate to "Fail", but he declined to discuss an alternative route. At which time the vote was called, Supervisor Seale changed his position and took action with Supervisor Call so the Board would not be divided-----the J-6 Ranch Subdivision Tentatively Plat was not approved.

(Condition 4 - BOS Minutes 10/25/2011. "Prior to approval of the first subdivision plat, the Applicant must demonstrate that either on-site or off-site multi-purpose (vehicular, pedestrian, equestrian, etc.) legal access to adjacent federal lands has been provided.....)

Although performance was not discussed, it was evident that Board Members were pleased with Chief Moran's leadership. Resident Barbara Radzykewycz spoke during the Call to the Public so that it was a matter of record that she believes "Chief Moran has done an outstanding job since he's been here."

Chief Moran was appointed as Interim Chief in Dec. 2014 when Chief Larry Anderson resigned.

**PIMA COUNTY DONATES WATER TRUCK TO DISTRICT**

The District is in receipt of a 1986 International diesel water truck. According to Chief Moran, the 4,000 gallon water truck is running well after basic maintenance and light repairs. Chief Moran explained that although the District will need to spend some money converting the vehicle to a fire truck, the investment will be well worth it.

With the additional water capacity, the District is able to store approximately 10,000 gallons of water for fire suppression---an important factor in achieving a lower ISO rating used by some Insurance Companies in determining home owners insurance premiums. PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS. REGISTER NEW EMAILS AT info@cdonewsletter.com.

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