

Speaker Bios

Pinal Partnership Open Space Initiative Workshop

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Central Arizona College, Coolidge, Arizona

Pete Rios, Pinal County Supervisor, District 1

Elected to the Pinal County Board of Supervisors in 2008, Pete Rios continues a 24-year distinguished career of public service, including time spent in the Arizona State Senate and the Arizona House of Representatives. Mr. Rios attended Arizona State University and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology in 1973 and a Masters Degree in Social Service Administration in 1976. Presently, Supervisor Rios resides in Dudleyville with his family.

Jerry Stabley, Director, Planning & Development Department, Pinal County

As director of the Planning & Development Department, Mr. Stabley oversees administration of Pinal County Land Use Regulations, including Planned Area Developments, Comprehensive Plans and amendments, and Zoning Ordinance enforcement.

Grady Gammage, Jr.

Grady Gammage, Jr., is an academic, practicing lawyer, author, real estate developer, and elected official. Mr. Gammage is also a Senior Fellow at Arizona State University's Morrison Institute, where he studies urban growth and development, quality of life, and local economic issues. He also acts as Special Advisor to the Consortium for the Study of Rapidly Urbanizing Regions and the Greater Phoenix 2100 projects, and has served as a Board member of the Central Arizona Project.

Tice Supplee

Tice Supplee is the National Audubon Society Arizona Director of Bird Conservation at the Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Nature Center in Phoenix. She earned degrees in wildlife ecology at Cornell University and the University of Arizona and previously had a 29-year career with the Arizona Game and Fish Department. In addition to working for Audubon, Tice teaches Southwest Natural History at Phoenix College.

Nicole Fyffe

Nicole Fyffe has worked for Pima County for 9 years and is currently Assistant to the Pima County Administrator. Ms. Fyffe is responsible for managing the County's Conservation Acquisition Program. She also coordinates public oversight of the County's voter approved bond programs, which fund the majority of capital improvements, such as parks and recreational facilities, libraries and community centers. In addition, Ms. Fyffe works with various agencies and organizations to implement the conservation goals of the County's Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan through cooperative planning.

Kroy Ekblaw

Kroy Ekblaw received a Bachelor of Design Science with an emphasis in Urban Planning/Landscape Architecture from Arizona State University. Mr. Ekblaw has 25 years of diverse experience in community development with the City of Scottsdale, including McDowell Sonoran Preserve acquisitions and various roles associated with professional baseball training facilities, Skysong/ASU Foundation, Scottsdale Waterfront and One Scottsdale. Previous responsibilities include General Manager of Planning and Development Services focusing on management and strategic oversight of community planning policy and development review services activity. The department provided long-range planning, environmental compliance, current planning review, and construction review compliance and inspection services.