



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 6, 2023

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Leshner 
County Administrator

Re: **Update meetings with State Land Commissioner and Hudbay**

[On April 17, 2023](#), I updated the Board on Hudbay's application to acquire State Trust Land, stating that the item had not been scheduled for the Arizona State Land Department's (ASLD) Board of Appeals and that we had requested the status of the applications. On May 31, I met with the new State Land Commissioner, Robyn Sahid, and her staff about this issue. Commissioner Sahid stated that she also has meetings scheduled with environmental groups and others about this.

Commissioner Sahid explained that the two properties would likely be on the June 8, 2023 Board of Appeals agenda; however, the Board's responsibility at this meeting is only to review the appraisals and the administrative process. The ultimate decision to auction the properties would be up to the Commissioner, which is a decision that must be made within 240 days of the Board of Appeals approval. The Commissioner indicated that one of the two potential auction properties would be deed restricted by ASLD against future development, and that she would be discussing with Hudbay additional deed restricted properties that she may propose Hudbay consider acquiring for purposes of conservation/mitigation. I will meet again with the Commissioner about this before the end of June.

On May 15, 2023, I met with representatives from Hudbay. We discussed their concerns about calculations we provided to ASLD concerning the proposed mine's water usage and land mitigation for voluntary compliance with the County's Conservation Lands System. We also discussed how we could better communicate and share information. We will be scheduling regular meetings, to include County staff with expertise in these and other areas concerning mining.

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