

## **CCA Conservation Committee Activities October-December, 2022**

For more detailed information about any of these activities inquire of Pearl.

Conservation Committee members:

Pearl Mast, chair, Barbara Clark, Bob Evans, Daniel Baker, David Omick, Elna Otter, Lynn Smith-Lovin, Nancy Ferguson, Sue Newman

### **I. Advocacy**

#### **SunZia**

--October-November, took leading role in organizing public comment to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) about the Arizona permits SunZia sought. Supported Peter Else, pro se intervenor in SunZia ACC case.

--Case update: November 9, after a flawed and biased process, ACC approved Certificate of Environmental Compatibility amendments sought by SunZia, giving the project the Arizona permits they need to proceed. Since then, Peter Else has obtained legal representation. His attorney filed an Application for Rehearing on December 12.

### **II. Monitoring/Data Collection**

#### **Wildlife Cameras**

--Cameras continue to be serviced by Joe Page when he is in Cascabel. Bob Evans processes the photos as previously noted. Objectives at this time are: Watch for T&E species such as jaguarundis, maintain large data set (which can serve as a rally point in defense of public action even if the data is not useful in a court of law), document presence/absence of species at a given point, track movements of feral pigs in the Valley, document illegal or undesirable activities.

### **III. Connectivity**

#### **Fence Inventory**

--Helped coordinate the removal of a mile of old fencing at the confluence of Paige Canyon and Hot Springs Canyon with the San Pedro River on December 3. The Lower San Pedro Collaborative and Arizona Game and Fish collaborated on this project, with about 20 volunteers, including many locals participating on the work day.

### **IV Collaboration**

#### **Lower San Pedro Collaborative**

--Continue to participate in the Collaborative, which includes over 20 organizations and agencies focused on how we can work together to conserve the Lower San Pedro. Pearl and Alex are both in the Connectivity Work Group, which coordinates the Fence Inventory project.