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C. H. HUCKELBERRY
County Administrator

November 13, 2003

Mike Reuwsaat, Manager
Town of Marana
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Re: **County Administrator Prioritization of Town of Marana Requests from the May 2004 Bond Election**

Dear Mr. Reuwsaat:

At its meeting of November 7, 2003, the County Bond Advisory Committee asked me to provide them with my prioritization of the requests for 2004 County general obligation bond funding. The Committee asked each of the jurisdictions to prioritize their projects as well. Yesterday I distributed my prioritization recommendation report to the Committee and Board of Supervisors. The Committee will discuss my recommendations at its November 14 meeting.

The table below reports on my recommendations for the Town of Marana's requests for general obligation bond funding. Your request for \$2,800,000 for "Sewer for Northwest Regional Airport" project could be included in the sewer revenue bond package. The top two Marana general obligation bond projects would be funded at the level requested by the Town - Ina Road Tire Relocation (\$1,800,000) and the Regional Heritage and Cultural Park (\$1,000,000), while the four ranked projects would receive virtually all of the requested funding (Tortolita Trail System at \$1,200,000).

The Honea Heights Reinvestment project would not receive a specific funding allocation, but would be eligible for funding under the overall County Neighborhood Reinvestment program. This recommendation is consistent with the report of the Neighborhood Reinvestment Advisory Committee, which maintained that the new reinvestment program must continue to be based on project applications from neighborhoods and demonstrate qualifications related to specific demonstrations of stress measured by economic and demographic factors. I see no reason why Honea Heights would not be able to meet these qualifications and receive funding through the County program.

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I am recommending that the De Anza National Historic Trail Restoration be funded at \$3,000,000, of which \$750,000 would be allocated to the segment of the trail requested by the Town. I am recommending a similar allocation for the segments of the trail that run through the Town of Sahuarita, the City of Tucson, and unincorporated Pima County. This level of funding represents a substantial commitment to the overall trail and to the segments of the trail in each jurisdiction.

I recommend no funding for the Building and Historical Preservation Project, the Town's lowest ranked project.

Recommendations on Marana General Obligation Bond Priority List

<u>Project</u>	<u>Jurisdiction Request</u>	<u>County Administrator Recommendation</u>
Ina Road Tire Relocation	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
Regional Heritage and Cultural Park	1,000,000	1,000,000
Honea Heights Reinvestment	500,000	0
Tortolita Trail System	1,250,000	1,200,000
Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail Restoration	1,600,000	750,000
Building and Historical Preservation	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	\$7,150,000	\$4,750,000

My recommendation would provide direct general obligation bond funding for Marana projects of \$4,750,000. Honea Heights' successful application for \$500,000 in Neighborhood Reinvestment funding would increase this total allocation to \$5,250,000 (73 percent) of the Town's request for general obligation bonds in the amount of \$7,150,000. Adding the Town's request for sewer revenue bonds of \$2,800,000 would increase the total commitment of 2004 County bonds to \$8,050,000 (81 percent) of the \$9,950,000 original Town request.

Sincerely,



C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

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c: The Honorable Chair and Members, Pima County Board of Supervisors
Larry Hecker, Chair, Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Carolyn Campbell, Vice Chair, Pima County Bond Advisory Committee
Jim Barry, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator