

# Rosemont Copper Project EIS

## Cooperating Agency Coordination Meeting 12/17/2009

### Meeting Notes

<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>	<b>Teresa Ann Ciapusci</b>
<b>Discussion:</b>	
⇒ Introductions	
<b>Revised Socio-Economic Report</b>	<b>Dr. Madan Singh (Arizona Department of Mines and Mineral Resources)</b>
<b>Discussion:</b>	
⇒ PowerPoint Presentation: Economic Impacts of Rosemont Copper Project	
⇒ Described and presented a revised socio-economic impacts report describing adjusted results after expanding the original study area to include Cochise County	
⇒ Question and Answer period	
<b>Cooperating Agency-Led Alternative</b>	<b>Tom Furgason and Dale Ortman (SWCA Environmental Consultants)</b>
<b>Discussion:</b>	
⇒ Described SWCA synthesis of the elements of an alternative to the proposed action that would facilitate the erosion of tailings back into the open pit over geologic timeframes	
⇒ Discussion of design elements of the alternative and their technical feasibility	
⇒ Requested validation and verification of understanding of cooperating agency intent	
⇒ Question and Answer period	
<b>Action Item:</b>	
⇒ SWCA will provide the Forest Service with a letter describing the alternative and its elements	
<b>Pima County Alternative (Upper McCleary)</b>	<b>Julia Fonseca and Eric Shepp (Pima County)</b>
<b>Handouts:</b> Copy of December 18, 2009 letter with attached map of Upper McCleary Alternative	
<b>Discussion:</b>	
⇒ Presentation on the alternative Pima County described in its December 18, 2009 letter to the Forest Service	
⇒ Presented map of the Upper McCleary Alternative map developed by Pima County	
⇒ Question and Answer period	
<b>Pit Backfill Alternative</b>	<b>Kathy Arnold (Rosemont Copper Company)</b>
<b>Discussion:</b>	
⇒ PowerPoint Presentation: Partial Backfill Alternative	
⇒ Described the results of Rosemont Copper Company's technical feasibility analysis of a partial backfill of the pit as requested by the Forest Service	
⇒ Question and Answer period	

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<b>Workshop: Heritage and Cultural Resources</b>	<b>Mary Farrell (Forest Service)</b>
⇒ <b>Attendees</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Amy Sobtech	USDI BLM
Cindy Alvarez	USDI BLM
Linda Mayro	Pima County
Jamie Sturgess	Rosemont Copper Company
Peter Steere	Tohono O'odham Nation
Bill Gillespie	Coronado National Forest
Mary Farrell	Coronado National Forest
Jerome Hesse	SWCA
Jim Ayers	University of Arizona
Orlanthia Henderson	Town of Sahuarita
Suzanne Griset	SWCA
Loy Neff	Pima County
Kent Ellett	Coronado National Forest, Nogales Ranger District
<b>Topics Discussed:</b>	
⇒	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information sharing</li> <li>• Archeological history and findings from previous mining proposals in the Rosemont vicinity</li> <li>• Hohokam findings from previous mining proposals in the Rosemont vicinity</li> <li>• NEPA/NHPA process explanation</li> <li>• NAGPRA process explanation and noticing requirements</li> <li>• Alternatives generated to date</li> <li>• Publication of the Archeological Resource Report</li> <li>• Tribal consultation process</li> <li>• Process for developing the ethnohistory</li> <li>• History of the cultural site location processes used in previous mining proposals in the Rosemont vicinity</li> <li>• Mapping of cultural sites</li> <li>• NHPA Register and history of nominations in the Rosemont vicinity</li> <li>• SHPO coordination process</li> <li>• Review of known site locations within the conceptual alternatives generated to date</li> <li>• Tohono O'odham Nations preferences and concerns with suggested alternatives and mitigations described to date</li> </ul>
⇒	<b>Brainstorming Session: Mitigation to meet NHPA and NEPA requirements</b>
⇒	Next Meeting of Heritage and Cultural Resource Specialists scheduled for February 18, 2010