

BIG SANDY
NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
P.O. Box 3506
Kingman, AZ 86402

Tortoise Training Meeting Notice

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 **TIME: 10:00 AM**
Luchia's Restaurant Hwy 93 Mile Marker 119 Wikieup, AZ

This shall serve as notice of a public meeting of the Big Sandy NRCD at the above location for consideration, discussion, gathering of information and taking actions in all matters outlined in the following agenda. The District Supervisors may move to an executive session for the purpose of discussion and consultation of pending legal and financial matters.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. Sonoran Desert Tortoise Training**
- 4. Lunch will be served**
- 5. Adjourn**

Contact: Anita Waite Chairman 928-765-2397 if you have any questions

The Sonoran Desert tortoise is once again being considered for the threatened and endangered species list by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The Sonoran Desert tortoise's habitat encompasses nearly 75% of Arizona.

Winkelman NRCD and the Arizona Association of Conservation Districts worked with federal and state agencies several years ago to develop a guide for ranchers operating in Sonoran Desert tortoise habitat in an effort to keep the species unlisted. The "Best Management Practices for Grazing in Sonoran Desert Tortoise Habitat" is available to everyone on the AACD website. In addition, AACD and several Conservation Districts across the state will be holding and hosting workshops to train and certify ranchers in these BMPs over the next six months. By attending training and becoming certified you can help keep grazing from being considered a threat to the tortoise and subsequently being listed. Furthermore, participation in this effort emphasizes to the FWS the dedication of ranchers and the districts in practicing stewardship of working lands for the benefit of wildlife and agricultural production.

Do your part to promote a healthy Sonoran Desert tortoise population while continuing to graze your livestock on the land you care for – come to a single, 2-hour training and save thousands of hours of head and heartache in the future!

The next workshop will be held November 10th at 10:00 AM, at Luchias Restaurant Hwy 93, Wikieup. Lunch will be served.

For questions, please reach out to AACD Executive Director Deborrah Smith at 830-719-5712 or AACD Communications Director Brooke Gladden at 520-668-3348 or Big Sandy NRCD Chairman Anita Waite 928-765-2397.