



Superior Community Working Group (CWG)

December 14, 2022 Meeting Summary

CWG Members Present

1. Alexis Rivera, Miami Town Manager
2. Bruce Wittig, Queen Valley Fire Department
3. Carol Schumacker, Queen Valley Historical Society
4. Arlynn Godinez, Superior
5. Fernando Shipley, City of Globe/Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center
6. Fred Gaudet, AZ Trail Association
7. Karen Jones, San Carlos Community Member
8. Jim Schenck, Rebuild Superior, Legends of Superior Trail
9. Joanne Besich, Optimists of Superior
10. Lynne Nemeth, Boyce Thompson Arboretum
11. Mila Besich, Mayor of Superior
12. Nathan Taylor, Superior Jr/Sr High School
13. Rick Cartier, Superior Chamber of Commerce
14. Silvia Ware, Citizen, Top of the World
15. Todd Pryor, Superior Town Manager

Resolution Copper Company

1. Dave Richins
2. Victoria Peacy

CWG Facilitators – Godec, Randall & Associates (GRA)

1. John Godec
2. Jody LoMenzo

The Superior Community Working Group received an update from Rio Tinto/Resolution Copper Interim Project Director Vicky Peacey outlining where the permitting process stood around issues with the US Forest Service, the US Congress and current legal challenges.

The group also determined its issues for the coming year and will schedule speakers and presentations, noting priority and timelines.

- The CWG will focus on development and ratification of the actively discussed and planned 'Good Neighbor Agreement' with Resolution Copper. The group expects this plan to be completed and in place within an April – June 2023 timeframe.
- The CWG will actively support and encourage the completion of the currently rescinded Resolution Copper Land Exchange Final Environmental Impact Statement and draft Record of Decision.
- The group is asking Resolution Copper to support the Recreational Use Plan crafted by the Recreational User's Group – a subcommittee of the CWG. The plan was developed over a several year period by a coalition of users and stakeholders and presented to USFS at their request and encouragement. Tonto supported and staffed that group to achieve the plan submitted.
- The CWG wants to proceed with producing and supporting a 'Water Summit' in 2023. The summit would be developed in cooperation with the Queen Creek Water Group and intended to discuss and reveal as many of the issues possible around water quantity and water quality relative to development of the Resolution Copper project. Summit planning would focus on how, when and specific summit content.
- The CWG will actively advocate for the extension and continuation of existing agreements established between Resolution Copper and various community organizations. To that ends the group also encourages transparency around those agreements to the greatest extent possible.
- The CWG plans a joint meeting with Chicanos Por La Causa to discuss the role and influence that the CWG might have on that organizations association with Resolution Copper and the Town of Superior.
- Invite ADOT to a CWG meeting early in 2023 to discuss plans for the 2023 Queen Creek and Waterfall Canyon Bridge projects, particularly rehabilitation and plans for parking and access to trails. ADOT construction advertising is expected Spring 2023 with construction to start Summer 2023.
- The CWG wants to focus attention on Superior housing and workforce support issues particularly, but not exclusively, because of a projected Resolution mining project and the expected influx of temporary construction workers.
- The CWG would like to receive a presentation on the process, status and results of the current Social Impact Analysis currently being conducted by a Rio Tinto contractor relative to the Resolution Mining project.
- The CWG would like to discuss Regional Economic Development in 2023, with a presentation from Trevor Barger on his work for Superior and the Copper Corridor.

Note: Resolution Copper stated it will be developing a Regional Economic Development (RED) Strategy in 2023 which will be co-designed with the community. It has been suggested that the CWG might offer a subcommittee similar to the Water Quality Group or Recreation User's Group (RUG) that could provide that community perspective.