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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Senator Ann O'Connell

FROM:

Mike L. Baughman, Ph.D., Facilitator, Southeastern Lincoln County

Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan Process

DATE:

May 6, 2003

SUBJECT:

AB 136: DRAFT MULTIPLE-SPECIES HABITAT

CONSERVATION PLAN FOR SOUTHEASTERN LINCOLN

COUNTY

Pursuant to our meeting last week, I am providing a copy of the Draft Multiple-Species Habitat Conservation Plan for Southeastern Lincoln County. The Lincoln County Commission held a public hearing on the plan on May 5. The plan will be considered for adoption by the Lincoln County Commission on May 19. Please note Section 6.6.1.5 on Page 108 includes a discussion of the fees that might be generated and made available for administration/implementation of the HCP if AB 136 were to be passed.

Your review of this document will reveal that AB 136 is simply a mechanism for generating funding needed by Lincoln County to administer and implement the HCP. AB 136 ensures that those landowners who own land covered by the HCP are those that pay for plan administration/implementation and not those Lincoln County landowners whose property is not covered by HCP.

Thank you for taking time to meet with Lincoln County Commissioner Keaton, Lincoln County Manager Carriger and myself last week. I trust our meeting gave you a better understanding of the origin of AB 136(Lincoln County Commission not Mr. Whittemore); beneficiaries of AB 136 (owners of land outside of the southeastern Lincoln County area who will not be expected to help pay for administration/implementation of HCP's covering the area), and those who will pay under AB 136 (owners of land within GID's created within southeastern Lincoln County) for administration/implementation of HCP's.

AB 136 is critical to the financial viability of the Southeastern Lincoln County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and your support for the measure is appreciated. We look forward to the opportunity to present AB 136 to the Senate Government Affairs

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