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## Natural Resource Users Law & Policy Center

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the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

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### NRULPC Advisory Board Meeting – November 16, 2022 Agenda

Zoom: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/453244816>

**Purpose:** Highlights of Center/Clinic; state government; budget update; and AB Member discussion

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| 8:30am – 8:45am   | <b>Welcome/Check-in</b> – Andy Groseta and Joe Willis, Advisory Board Co-Chairs  |
| 8:45am – 9:00am   | <b>Advisory Board Members Introductions</b> – George Ruyle, Co-Director  |
| 9:00am – 9:10am   | <b>Review Agenda</b> – George Ruyle & John Lacy, Co-Directors  |
| 9:10am – 9:30am   | <b>NRULPC Progress Highlights</b> – George Ruyle, John Lacy, Colin McKenzie, Fellow and Jeff Eisenberg, Consultant   |
| 9:30am – 10:15am  | <b>Featured Speaker</b> – Representative David Cook, <i>Perspective on State government</i><br><i>Introduced by George Ruyle</i>   |
| 10:15am – 10:30am | <b>Break</b>   |
| 10:30 – 11:10am   | <b>Budget update</b> – Dr. Ethan Orr, Associate Director, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Economic Development, Arizona Cooperative Extension Associate Professor, Community Innovation and Economic Development<br><i>Introduced by George Ruyle</i>     |
| 11:10am – 11:30am | <b>Update on Natural Resource Use &amp; Management Clinic and Introduction of Students</b> – Priya Sundareshan, Director and Nathan Dunn, Fellow   |
| 11:30am – 12:00pm | <b>AB Member Comments and Discussion</b> – George Ruyle & John Lacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>What specific NRULPC materials would you like to see developed?</i></li><li>• <i>Development of new natural resources programs?</i></li></ul> |
| 12:00pm – 12:15pm | <b>Thank You and Adjourn</b> – Joe Willis and Andy Groseta   |



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### Speaker information --



#### **David Cook** – *Perspective on State Government*

House Member since 2017 and Rancher

David was born in Ponca City, Oklahoma into a farming and ranching family and grew up being active in 4-H and FFA. In 1985, he moved to Arizona and graduated from Miami High School.

His first career was in the electrical apparatus field; helping farmers with irrigation pumps and controls. After several years, David moved back to Globe and worked for the Department of Corrections (DOC), retiring as a Sergeant with numerous achievements within the department. In his role as a legislator, David uses his 12 years of experience in DOC to understand the needs of the corrections industry and inter-departmental administration.

In the year 2000, David and his wife, Diana, pursued a life-long dream of ranching and started the DC Cattle Company. They believed a rural life would be beneficial to their two children, David Jr. and Maria, a student at Arizona State University. The entire family works on their Globe ranch together and when time permits, their grown kids get to come home.

David has attended several community colleges: Eastern Arizona, Rio Salado, and Central Arizona College. He is a proud graduate of the Arizona State Universities' Certified Public Manager Program, and a strong advocate for the availability of dual enrollment programs to all rural students.

David has served on the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association (ACGA) Executive Committee and Board of Directors, as Federal Lands Chairman for the ACGA, as the Federal Lands Chairman for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, is a past Young Cattlemen's Conference Chairman, board member of the Globe Miami Chamber of Commerce, on the Southern Gila County Economic Development Corporation, is a past President of the Gila County Cattle Growers' Association, past President of Gila County Sheriff's Posse, and is a past President of the Cobre Valley Republican Club.

David is a lifetime member of the N.R.A., member of the Arizona Farm Bureau, Oklahoma Farm Bureau, Arizona Cattle Growers Association, Public Lands Council, Knights of Columbus and a member of the Holy Angels Parish in Globe.



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### **Ethan Orr** – *Budget update*

Associate Director, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Economic Development,  
Arizona Cooperative Extension Associate Professor, Community Innovation and  
Economic Development

Ethan Orr is a fourth generation Arizonan. He is the Associate Director for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Economic Development for the University of Arizona and an Associate Professor of Economic and Community Development. In this role he supported rural economic development. He has taught government and business at the UA, NAU and Pima College for over 21 years.

He has served in senior level economic development positions for the City of South Tucson and the City of Tucson. He started the Empowerment Zone in Pima County, which has generated over \$500 million in tax credits and supported downtown revitalization. At the City of South Tucson, he partnered with HUD and USDA to create nationally recognized housing and employment programs. In addition, he was a Chief of Staff for the Tucson City Council.

He also was the Executive Director of a statewide non-profit which helped over 1100 people with disabilities find meaningful employment every year and he started a small business helping ex-offenders transition into the workplace. He also served in the Arizona legislature working to secure funding for education, create economic incentives, including creating the mental health first aid program, bringing commercial spaceflight to Arizona, and resolving a number of difficult issues in education and natural resources.

Ethan as served as the Assistant Vice President for Government Affairs and Community Relations for the University of Arizona and helped secure funding for the Cooperative Extension from the state and counties, the Phoenix Bio-Medical Campus and the College of Veterinarian Sciences

He has a Doctorate in Behavioral Health from Arizona State University and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Arizona. He and his wife Kristen have been married for over 21 years and have three wonderful children.