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To: Extension Faculty and Staff

From: Edward C. Martin, Ph.D.
Associate Vice President & Director, Cooperative Extension

Cc: Marc Miller, Shane Burgess

RE: NRULPC Director

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Ethan Orr has been offered and accepted the position of Director of the Natural Resource Users Law and Policy Center. Over the next months, he will transition to his new position and continue working with Cooperative Extension as an Associate Director for Ecological Development. I will be appointing a new Interim Associate Director of Agriculture and Natural Resources in the coming months.

Dr. Ethan Orr is a fourth generation Arizonian. He currently is the Director for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Economic Development for the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension and an Associate Professor of Community Vitality and Economic Development. He has taught government and business, including Civil Liberties Constitutional Law, Arizona Constitution at the UA and NAU for over 23 years.

In the Arizona Cooperative Extension, Ethan worked closely with research and programming in water, forest health, crop production, and range management.

As a faculty member he oversees the \$64 million on-farm irrigation program, which partnered with growers to conserve over 48,500 af through improved irrigation efficiency. As well as the Agriculture Apprentice program which partners with over 100 farms to train the next generation of workers.

Ethan served in the Arizona legislature where he worked with both parties to bring commercial spaceflight to Arizona, create the mental health first aid program, and resolve a number of difficult issues in education, agriculture and natural resources.

Ethan has also served as the Assistant Vice President for Government Affairs and Community Relations for the University of Arizona and helped secure funding to complete the Phoenix Bio-Medical Campus and to start the College of Veterinarian Sciences. Previously, he was the Executive Director of a non-profit helping over 1,250 people with disabilities find meaningful employment every year. He also established and ran the Pima County Empowerment Zone which created over \$500 million in tax and financing incentives and was a key to revitalizing downtown Tucson.

Please join me in congratulating Ethan on his new position.