

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION RECORD

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1	JIM JOHNSON	4	8/4/86
2	DAVE LANGOMSKI	5	FILE REFERENCE Sonoran Pronghorn
3	JACK WOODY	6	

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CONVERSATION

I called Norm re the proposal from the Ecology Center of Sonora to transplant Sonoran pronghorn to Tiburon Island in the Gulf of California. Norm had worked on the island in 1976. To my surprise, he told me a pronghorn transplant to the island was apparently tried in 1973 and failed. He couldn't say that it was Sonoran pronghorn they used, he felt it was probably A. a. mexicana from further east. He was simply told about the project when he was on the island in 1976. His source of information at that time was a Margarito Rodriguez of Fauna Silvestre. He doesn't know where Mr. Rodriguez is now or if a report was ever filed on the project. Mr. Rodriguez told him they transplanted bighorn sheep and pronghorn to the island in 1973. The sheep established themselves, the pronghorn died. There are no details. Norm felt the pronghorn probably died because there is no water on the island that would be considered available to pronghorn. He also said there are a lot of coyotes and they could have had an impact. We still don't know if Sonoran Pronghorn really need water. Norm and I both feel the proposed project is questionable. If \$80,000 is to be spent on Sonoran pronghorn, there are quite a number of other things that can be done for the species and our understanding of its needs before we consider transplants.

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