Arizona Water Protection Fund
FY 2011 Grant Application Review

Application # WPF0404 **Applicant:** 'Ahakhav Tribal Preserve. Colorado River Indian Tribes

Title of Project: CRIT 10 Honey Mesquite Bosque

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_____**Photographs**
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_____**Other**

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Application Cover Page
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Title of Project: CRIT 10 Honey Mesquite Bosque

Type of Project:	**Stream Type:**	**Your level of commitment to maintenance of project benefits and capital improvements:**
☐ Capital or Other ☒ Water Conservation ☐ Research	☒ Perennial ☐ Intermittent ☐ Ephemeral	☒ < 5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 11-15 years ☐ 16-20 years

Applicant Information: Colorado River Indian Tribes/
Name/Organization: 'Ahakhav Tribal Preserve
Address 1: 26600 Mohave Rd.
Address 2:
City: Parker
State: AZ
ZIP Code: 85344
Phone: (928) 669-2664
Fax: (928) 669-8024
Tax ID No.: [redacted]

Inside an AMA: Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, which AMA:
☐ Phoenix
☐ Tucson
☐ Prescott
☐ Pinal
☐ Santa Cruz

Type of Application:
☒ New
☐ Continuation

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Any Previous AWPF Grants:
☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide Grant #(s):
96-0016WPF

Arizona Water Protection Fund Grant Amount Requested:

$123,316.56

If the application is funded, will the Grantee intend to request an advance:
☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

Matching Funds Obtained and Secured:

Applicant/Agency/Organization:	Amount ($):
1. Applicant	
2.	
3.	
Total:	

Has your legal counsel or contracting authority reviewed and accepted the Grant Award Contract General Provisions?
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Signature of the undersigned certifies understanding and compliance with all terms, conditions and specifications in the attached application. Additionally, signature certifies that all information provided by the applicant is true and accurate. The undersigned acknowledges that intentional presentation of any false or fraudulent information, or knowingly concealing a material fact regarding this application is subject to criminal penalties as provided in A.R.S. Title 13. The Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission may approve Grant Awards with modifications to scope items, methodology, schedule, final products and/or budget.

Eldred Enas	Chairman, (298) 669-1280
Typed Name of Applicant or Applicant's Authorized Representative	**Title and Telephone Number**
Eldred Enas	08/27/10
Signature	**Date Signed**

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Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission Project Proposal

Ahakhav Tribal Preserve

I. Project Title: CRIT 10 Honey Mesquite Bosque

II. Executive Summary:

The 'Ahakhav Tribal Preserve began as a grassroots project in 1994 and approved as a Preserve in 1995 with Colorado River Indian Tribe (CRIT) Tribal Resolution # 168-95. The Lower Colorado River Indian Tribes have since created a tribal park, restoring 1,253 acres of old river meander on CRIT Lands in an effort to protect fish and wildlife resources, and provide educational outreach opportunities for the local community. The only starting resources available to develop this idea included a storage room, a $5,000 budget and the support of the CRIT education department. Within the first 5 years of operation, the 'Ahakhav Tribal Preserve grew exponentially with over 5 million dollars in grants, equipment and services awarded. Today the Preserve is a model for fundraising, resource management, and ecosystem restoration along the Lower Colorado River.

III. Project Overview:

Located on the East end of the Preserve is CRIT 10, a 55 acre plot, which received start-up funding as part of Bureau of Reclamation's (BOR) 2004-2009 Research and Development (R & D) Cooperative Agreement. The site is serviced by a 42"concrete-lined irrigation canal that is connected to the Colorado River Indian Reservations main canal (Figure 1). Due to CRIT 10's higher elevation, irrigation water must be pumped from the adjacent main canal (Figure 2). Each block in CRIT 10 has 2 or more ports which are opened for an allotted amount of time and will be monitored so that water levels do not get too high and erode the soil nutrients. Due to fuel, maintenance, and labor costs associated with irrigating, native land cover types were planted to reduce overall operating costs (Figure 5).

The plan for CRIT 10 was developed considering a three year planting window. During the first two years alfalfa was planted to stabilize the sand and add organic matter to the soil to prepare it for the native riparian plants. In February 2008, the western half of CRIT 10 was planted with alfalfa seed by D & D Farms, Poston, Arizona. In July 2008, the eastern half of CRIT 10 was planted with Sudan seed, which was replanted with alfalfa after its 90 day harvest cycle. The alfalfa was consistently harvested by D & D Farms, CRIT Farms and Miguel Torres Farms in effort to gain additional funding (Figure 3).

Figure 1. Irrigation canal (NW) *left*
Figure 2. Irrigation pump (NW) *abov*e
Figure 3. Cultivation of Alfalfa (SE) *below*

Due to high maintenance costs and the expiration of the R&D grant, a transition to less hydrophilic native plants took place in CRIT 10 during January 2010. With the anticipation of planting CRIT 10 with native trees, an initiative was formed to plant native ground cover in these 55 acres. Planted in the spring of 2010, the ground cover has had one and a half years to stabilize the soil before planting trees in the ensuing growing seasons. Native ground cover has supplanted the alfalfa previously planted in portions of CRIT 10. Native ground cover has significantly reduced water and pumping costs in CRIT 10 and once implemented with Honey Mesquite, Cottonwood, and Willow's it will support the objectives of the 'Ahakhav Tribal Preserve and promote CRIT 10's natural and native resources.

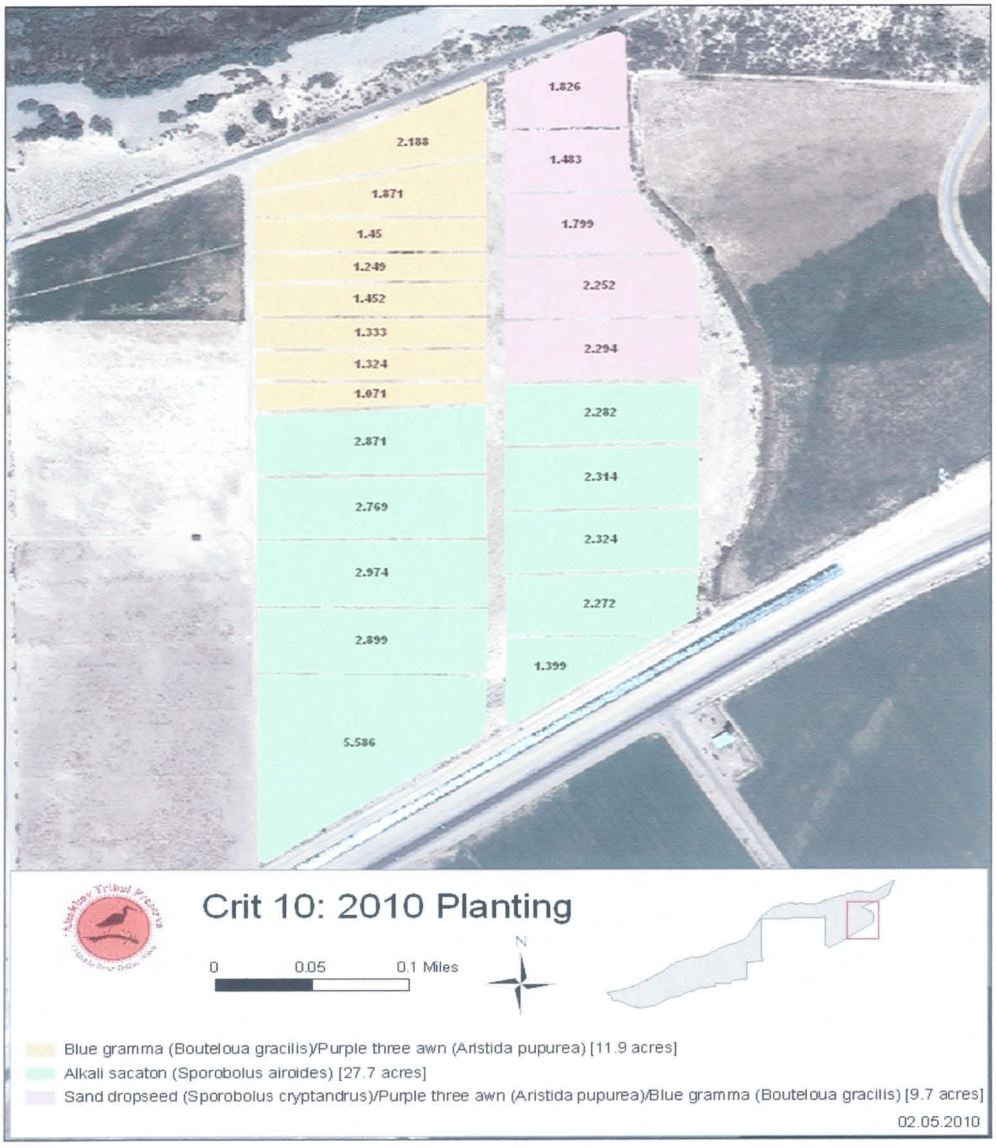

Figure 4. Seed planting 2010

Figure 5. Sudan grass (NE)

Figure 6.
Spraying of Saltcedar grass (NE)

There were several problems with the native seed planting:

1. The ground was not plowed deeply enough to bury weed seeds and grasses.
2. The seed bank of weeds and alfalfa was very strong for native grasses to outcompete.
3. The native seeds are very small and the planting equipment had difficulty accommodating them, planting them at the appropriate depth and even pushing them through the planter device.
4. The small seeds were likely blown away or buried by intense winter winds soon after planting.

Aside from initial irrigation, this area has been watered a few times since the grasses were planted. The continued monitoring of CRIT 10 invasive plant species consists of the removal of Saltcedar (*tamarix*) along with Johnson grass (*Sorghum halepense*) in effort to stabilize the soil while maintaining its integrity. This was done both by manual removal along with the spraying of Round-up. (Figure 6)

With the experience gained from the planting, we understand more about the soil and the mortality rate of plant life. Water moves well across the western and southern ends, but less across the eastern and northern ends. The soil at the southern end contains more clay and retains some moisture; the remainder is predominately sand which does not hold moisture well.

Being able to redevelop CRIT 10 plays a vital role in our continued success and commitment with CRIT lands. As with CRIT 9, our largest restored riparian site to date, just west of CRIT 10 (Figure 7). Work on CRIT 9 was started in 2001, and to date all of the 135 acres have been planted and has re-established as a dense riparian habitat. It is located across from the park and nursery directly behind our office. It consists of 4 individual sections which are serviced by two irrigation canals. On the Northwest end of CRIT 9 is our tree nursery while the rest was planted to implement a substantial yet diverse riparian habitat. The area was reintroduced with native cottonwood, willow, and mesquite in an effort to support the resurgence of the South Western Willow Flycatcher (SWFL) along with many other species such as the Yellow-billed Cuckoo and the Summer Tanager.

Monitoring of wildlife in CRIT 9, in compliance with the Multi Species Conservation Program (MSCP), has shown several animal species that have used this site for nesting and as a migratory stopover. Our riparian habitat has great importance to these species, and with the completion of CRIT 10 we hope to keep building upon our success.

MSCP Protected Species present on the Preserve:

Western red bat	*Lasiurus blossevillii*
Western yellow bat	*Lasiurus xanthinus*
Yellow billed cuckoo	*Coccyzus americanus occidentalis*
Vermilion flycatcher	*Pyrocephalus rubinus*
California leaf-nosed bat	*Macrotus californicus*
Pale Townsend's big-eared bat	*Corynorhinus townsendii pallenscens*
Sonoran yellow warbler	*Dendroica petechia sonorana*
Summer tanager	*Piranga rubra*

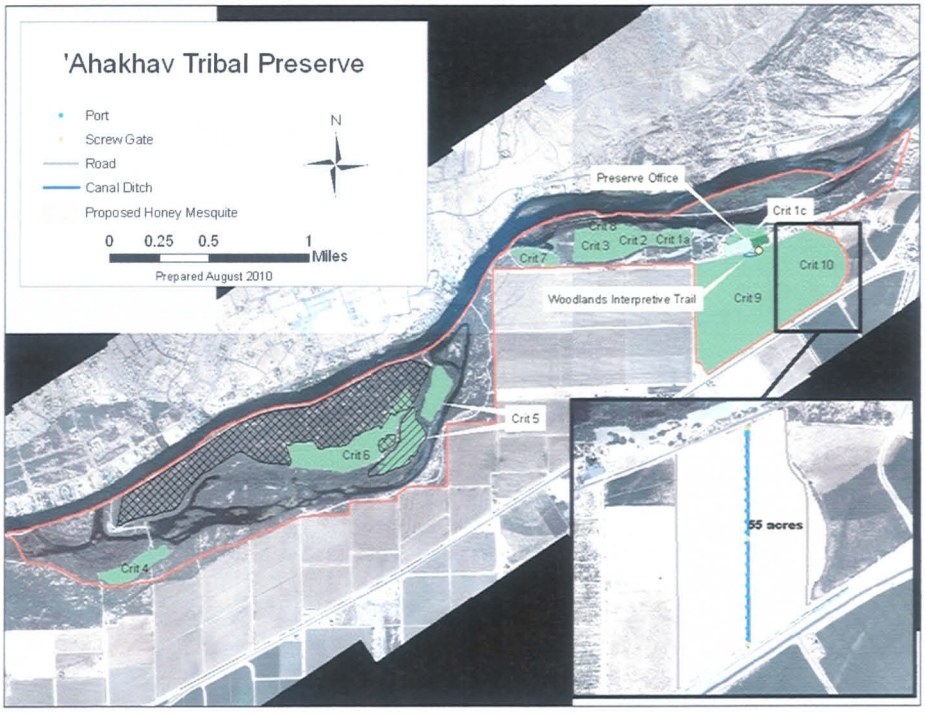

Figure 7: CRIT land

The ultimate goal for CRIT 10 is to restore the 55 acres into a riparian habitat resembling that of the former, unaltered eco-system of the Lower Colorado River. While benefiting from the stabilized soil quality, reintroducing native trees will likely help attain the natural balance of native animal species and plant life. The majority of CRIT 10 will be planted with Honey Mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*). Honey Mesquite is the most sustainable of the native plants and is also culturally significant providing the community with a valuable mesquite bosque. It has a very high salt tolerance (although the soil results show that the majority of the site is less than 2 eS, which would support cottonwood and willow trees, as well as mesquite Figure 9 &10), and is drought resistant.

As shown in Figure 9, 38.2 acres of Honey Mesquite planted is proposed for CRIT 10. Two large sections running along the borders of the east and west sides will be reintroduced as a Mesquite bosoque. Mesquite trees from local seed sources, grown in 1-gallon or larger containers will be planted at 436 trees per acre, totaling 23,675. This spacing will provide initial access to equipment to mow weeds, which creep up very quickly, and often out-compete young trees. It will also allow for access to each tree for pruning and maintenance. The cover crop of native grass which has already been planted has stabilized the sand and has limited weed establishment. Once the trees are grown, the bosque will provide the 'Ahakhav with on-site local seed sources.

The middle sections of CRIT 10 are slated for South Western Willow Flycatcher habitat (SWFL Figure 9). This will need to be a dense planting of Coyote and Gooding's willow (one tree every five feet), and moist soil. Granted they are planted on the inside, closest to the irrigation ports. This will allow their root systems to soak up more water. The dense planting of willows will be achieved by collecting willow poles from the Preserve, focusing the Coyote (densest, most water tolerant) willow along the canal, and fading out to Gooding's willow. A modified lister blade attached to one of our tractors will be used to plant the poles. The lister blade will cut a thin line, 1' deep into the ground. The poles will be placed upright into the soil, and then filled in from the surrounding soil. Each pole should be about 2' long and 1-2 inches in diameter. This will improve the chances of survival once they are placed in the soil.

Cottonwoods will be planted surrounding the dense SWFL to act as a buffer zone between the Mesquite bosque and Willows. At 436 trees per acre there will be a total of 46 trees planted within the interior. Once planted, the cottonwood root systems become very extensive and will benefit the continued soil stabilization process in CRIT 10.

Figure 8. CRIT 10 Planting Design

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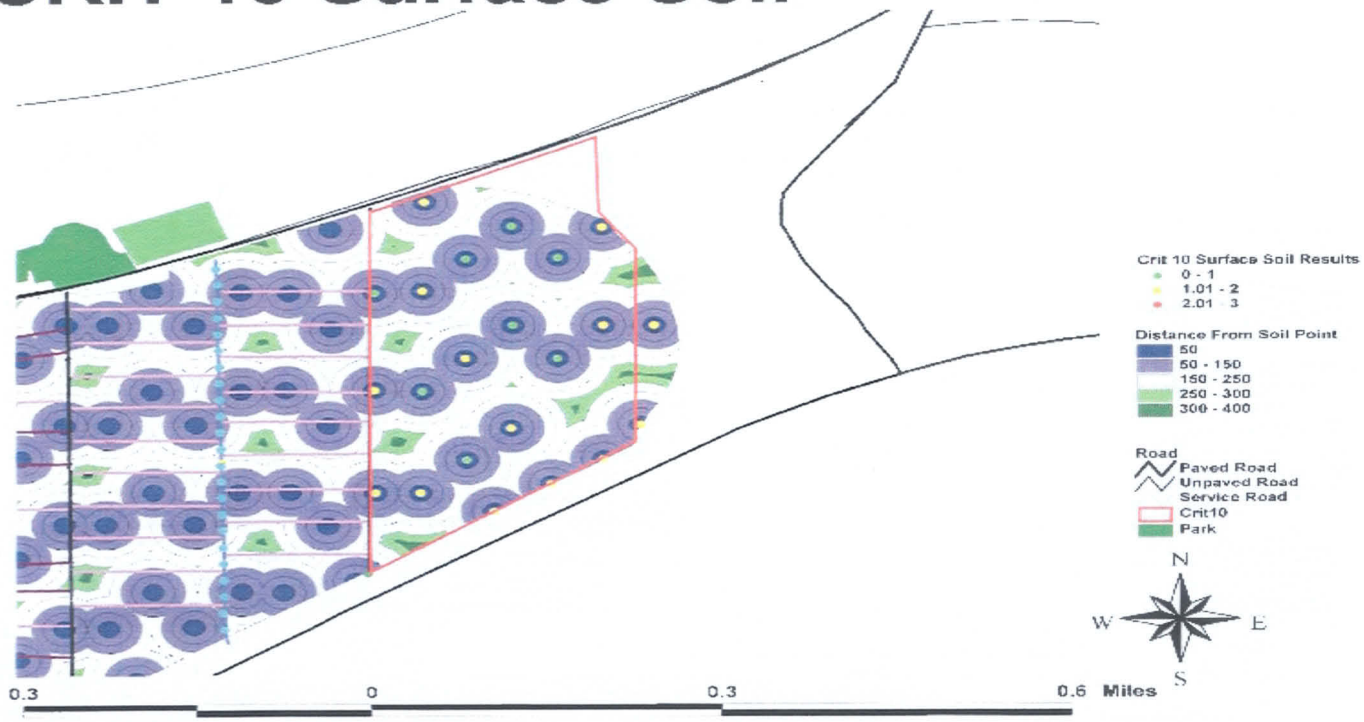
CRIT 10 Surface Soil



CRIT 10 Sub-Surface Soil

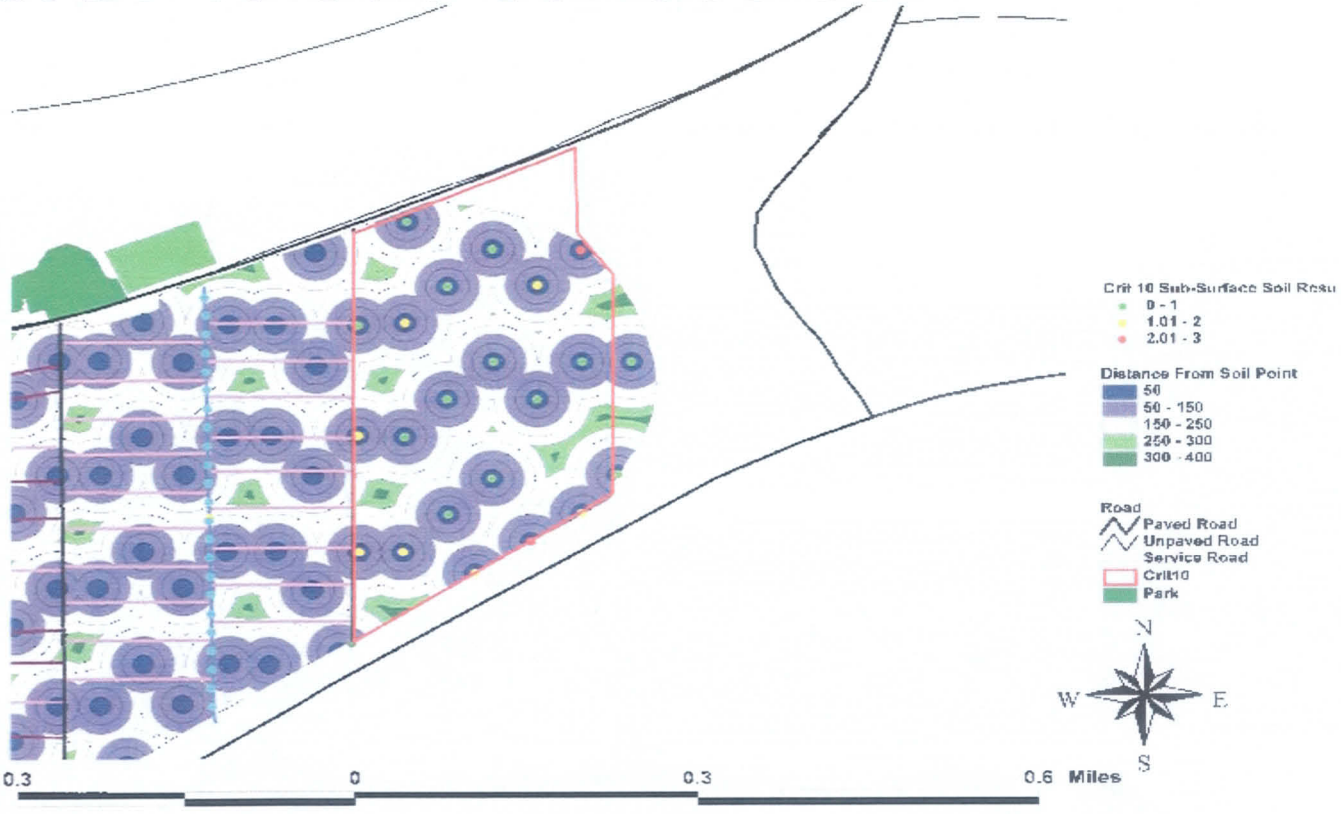


Figure 9 and 10. CRIT 10 Soil Sampling

Figure 11.2010 CRIT 10 (SE)

Figure 12. 2010 CRIT 10 (SW)

Scope of Work

Task 1: Initial site clearance

Task Description: The first clearing of plots will be done. A tractor with a hitched disking blade will drive through the fields.
Task Purpose: Clear site for tree implementation
Deliverable Description: Photographs of process and completed result
Deliverable Due Date: Prior to the release of funds
Cost: $880.00

Task Description: Spray invasive species
Task Purpose: Controlling of invasive species
Deliverable Description: Photographs of process and monitoring results
Deliverable Due Date: Prior to initial site clearance
Cost: $6,473.00

Task 2: Phase 1 of planting

Task Description: Begin pole cutting of Cottonwood and Willow poles for soaking (10-14 days)
Task Purpose: Prepare for the planting
Deliverable Description: Photographs and inventory of pole cuttings
Deliverable Due Date: Prior to initial clearing
Cost: $2,040.00

Task Description: Germination of Honey Mesquite Seeds
Task Purpose: To allow seed pods to germinate before planting
Deliverable Description: Photographs and inventory of seeds germinated
Deliverable Due Date: Prior to initial clearance
Cost: $680.00

Task Description: Fix soaking boxes
Task Purpose: Patching the walls of soaking boxes
Deliverable Description: Photographs of process and completed result
Deliverable Due Date: Prior to initial clearance
Cost: $290.00

Task Description: Soaking of Willow and Cottonwood poles (10-14 days)
Task Purpose: Germination of poles so that they can be planted
Deliverable Description: Photographs of process and completed result
Deliverable Due Date: Prior to initial clearance
Cost: $0.00

Task 3: Second clearance

Task Description: Second round of clearing will begin
Task Purpose: Prevention of invasive plant life
Deliverable Description: Photographs of process and completed result
Deliverable Due Date: Prior to initial clearing
Cost: +$880.00

Task 4: Planting and Irrigation

Task Description: Initial Planting of our native riparian trees
Task Purpose: Restore the riparian habitat with tree planting
Deliverable Description: Photographs of process and completed result
Deliverable Due Date: Prior to second round of clearing
Cost: $105,023.56

Task Description: Begin Irrigation
Task Purpose: Feeding water from the irrigation canal to the newly planted trees
Deliverable Description: Photographs of process and completed result
Cost: $7,050.00

Total Cost: $123,316.56
Total Projected timeline: 3 months

There will be several phases of planting done over the course of the grant to complete the CRIT 10 planting. The first phase of planting will begin in late winter with the last planting done in early spring 2011. Also there will be continued monitoring and removal of invasive species, along with weekly irrigation in the summer months and every other week in the winter months.

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Task 4: Final Report

Task Description: Gathering of analysis of planting to form a final report
Task Purpose: Provide a written report on restoration efforts in CRIT 10
Deliverable Description: Report includes final project photographs, receipts, invoices, and budgets
Deliverable Due Date: Upon project completion

Partner Agencies and/or Organizations

The 'Ahakhav Tribal Preserve is a department within the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

CRIT contact is:

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2010 CRIT 10

Honey Mesquite Bosque		Rate		Unit 1		Unit 2		Contract Labor	Equipment	Operating Supplies
Laborers - Native Species Propogation (4 guys)	Cont. Serv.	8.50	$/Hour	8	Days	80	Hours	2,720.00	-	-
Equipment Driver	Cont. Serv.	8.50	$/Hour	24	Days	240	Hours	2,040.00	-	-
Planting Labor (4 guys)	Cont. Serv.	8.50	$/Hour	30	Days	240	Hours	10,200.00	-	-
Labor for Pole Soaking Box (2 guys)	Cont. Serv.	8.50	$/Hour	1	Day	10	Hours	170.00	-	-
Labor for Spraying Chemicals (2 guys)	Cont. Serv.	8.50	$/Hour	2	Days	20	Hours	340.00	-	-
Total Budget Amount - Contracted Services:								$ 15,470.00	$ -	$ -
Honey Mesquite (1 gal)	Supplies	3.65	$/Gal	23,675	Qty	1	-	-	-	86,413.75
Coyote Willow (cuttings)	Supplies	2.25	$/Gal	167	Qty	1	-	-	-	375.75
Gooding Willow (cuttings)	Supplies	2.25	$/Gal	92	Qty	1	-	-	-	207.00
Cottwood (cuttings)	Supplies	2.25	$/Gal	46	Qty	1	-	-	-	103.50
Fuel	Supplies	2.35	$/Gal	250	Gals	1	-	-	-	7,050.00
Herbicide - Garlon	Supplies	89.00	$/Gal	60	Gals	2	Drums	-	-	5,340.00
Veg. Oil	Supplies	9.50	$/Gal	14	Gals	1	-	-	-	133.00
Herbicides - Roundup	Supplies	11.00	$/Gal	60	Gals	2	Drums	-	-	660.00
Wet Patch	Supplies	60.00	$/Gal	10	Gals	2	Buckets	-	-	120.00
Total Budget Amount - Operating Supplies:								$ -	$ -	$ 100,403.00
John Deere 6430	Equip.	2,691.78	$/Mo.	2	Months	1	-	-	5,383.56	-
Disking	Equip.	16	$/Acre	55	Acres	2	-	-	1,760.00	-
Auger	Equip.	150	$/Week	2	Weeks	1	-	-	300.00	-
Total Budget Amount - Equipment Rental:								$ -	$ 7,443.56	$ -
								$ 15,470.00	$ 7,443.56	$ 100,403.00

Honey Mesquite Bosque 2010 CRIT 10

Contracted Services:	$	15,470.00
Equipment Rental:	$	7,443.56
Supplies:	$	100,403.00
Total:	$	123,316.56

RESOLUTION
COLORADO RIVER TRIBAL COUNCIL

A Resolution to Approve the Submission of a Grant Proposal to the Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission for FY 2011

Be it resolved by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, in regular/special meeting assembled on _____.

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Indian Tribes (hereinafter "CRIT" or "Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, duly organized with a tribal governing body known as the Tribal Council according to the provisions contained in the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1 (f) of the Constitution of the Colorado River Indian Tribes authorizes the Tribal Council to accept grants from the State or the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Ahakhav Preserve ("Preserve") would like to restore native plants such as the honey mesquite and cotton wood in CRIT 10, Sections 5 &6; and

WHEREAS, a grant funding opportunity is available through the Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission for FY 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Preserve's proposal is in the amount of $ 120,119.16 for said restoration project; and

WHEREAS, this grant program does not require matching funds or cost sharing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes that the proposal for FY 2011 to the Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission is hereby approved for submittal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Preserve will be the designated entity to implement this project; and

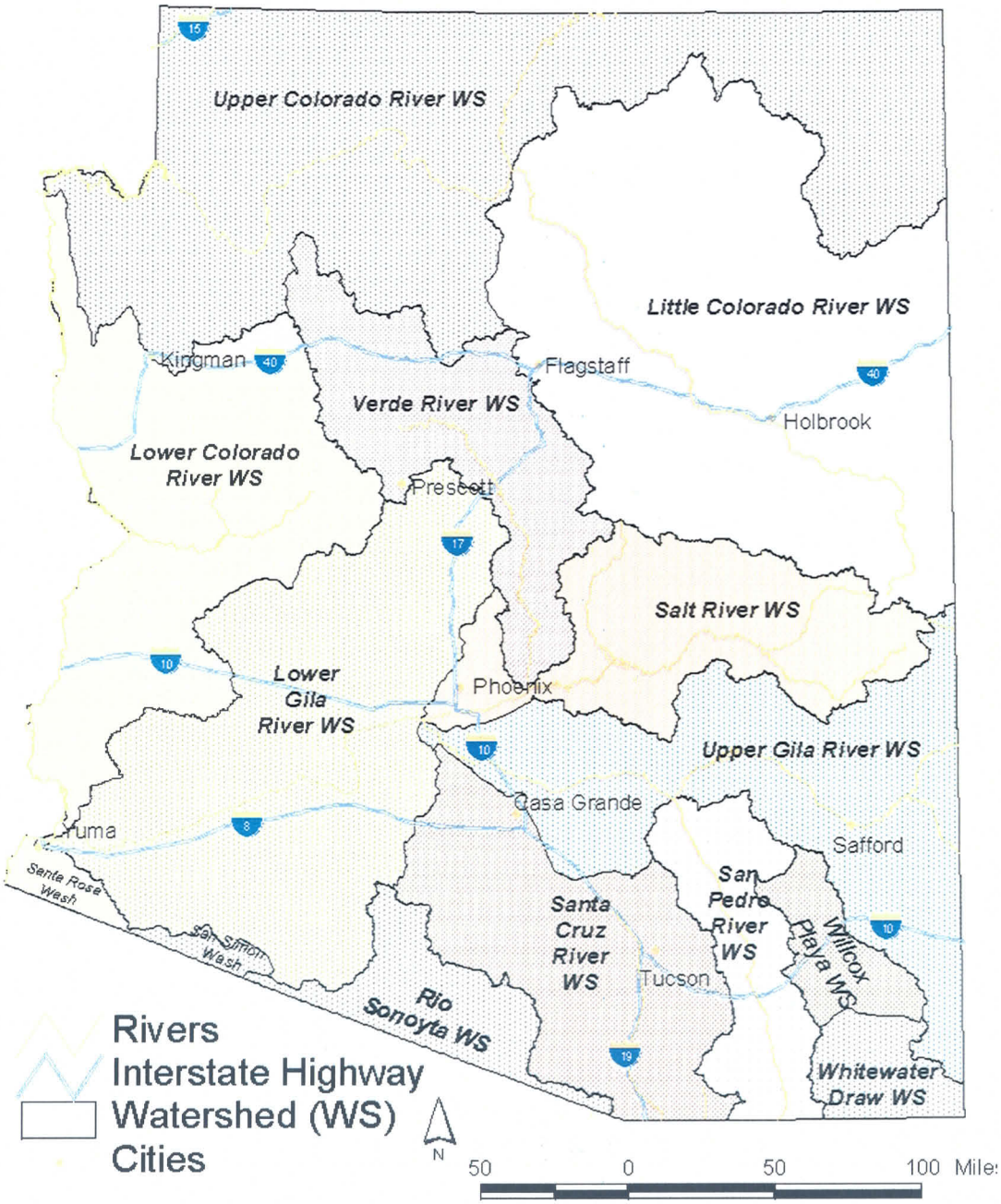
BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Council Chairman and Secretary, or their designated representatives, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to implement this Resolution.

Reviewed by the Office of the Attorney General
of the Colorado River Indian Tribes

Date: _____ Initials: UL

approved by tribal council 8-30-10

Arizona Watershed Map
FY 2011



Title of Project: _____

Project Location & Environmental Contaminant Information
FY 2011

Project Location Information

1. County: LA PAZ	2. Section: 10,15	3. Township: 9N	4. Range: 20W

5. Watershed: Lower Colorado River WS
6. 8 or 10 Digit Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 15030107
7. Name of USGS Topographic Map where project area is located: Parker , CALIF.-AZ
8. State Legislative District: 27

(Information available at: http://159.87.126.6/mapping/default2.asp?tname=Original.2009.Legislative.Map&org2009leg=on&service=ircmaps&init=true)

9. Land ownership of project area: Colorado River Indian Tribes
10. Current land use of project area: Ecological Restoration Site
11. Size of project area (in acres): 55 acres
12. Stream Name: CRIT10 Mesquite Bosque
13. Length of stream through project area: 7 miles
14. Miles of stream benefited: 2 miles
15. Acres of riparian habitat: 55 acres will be:

- ☐ Enhanced
- ☐ Maintained
- ☐ Restored
- ☒ Created

16. Provide directions to the project site from the nearest city or town. List any special access requirements:
3.5 miles SW of Parker
Traveling on Mohave Road exit onto Rodeo Road
Approximately 1 mile to project site

Environmental Contaminant Location Information

1. Does your project site contain known environmental contaminants? ☐ **YES** ☒ **NO** If yes, please identify the contaminant(s) and enclose data about the location and levels of contaminants:

2. Are there known environmental contaminants in the project vicinity? ☐ **YES** ☒ **NO** If yes, please identify the contaminant(s) and enclose data about the location and levels of contaminants:

3. Are you asking for Arizona Water Protection Fund monies to identify whether or not environmental contaminants are present? ☐ **YES** ☒ **NO**

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
Review Form

In accordance with the State Historic Preservation Act (SHPO), A.R.S. 41-861 *et seq*, effective July 24, 1982, each State agency must consider the potential of activities or projects to impact significant cultural resources. Also, each State agency is required to consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer with regard to those activities or projects that may impact cultural resources. Therefore, it is understood that **recipients of state funds are required to comply with this law** throughout the project period. All projects that affect the ground-surface that are funded by AWPF require SHPO clearance, **including those on private and federal lands.**

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) must review each grant application recommended for funding in order to determine the effect, if any, a proposed project may have on archaeological or cultural resources. To assist the SHPO in this review, the following information MUST be submitted with each application for funding assistance:

- A completed copy of this form, and
- A United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 minute map
- A copy of the cultural resources survey report if a survey of the property has been conducted, and
- A copy of any comments of the land managing agency/landowner (i.e., state, federal, county, municipal) on potential impacts of the project on historic properties.
  NOTE: If a federal agency is involved, the agency must consult with SHPO pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA); a state agency must consult with SHPO pursuant to the State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA),
  OR
- A copy of SHPO comments if the survey report has already been reviewed by SHPO.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Grant Program: Arizona Water Protection Fund
2. Project Title: CRIT 10 Mesquite Bosque 'Ahakhav Tribal Preserve
3. Applicant Name and Address: 26600 Mohave Rd., Parker, AZ 85344
4. Current Land Owner/Manager(s): Colorado River Indian Tribes
5. Project Location, including Township, Range, Section: 9N, 20W, SEC.10,15
6. Total Project Area in Acres (or total miles if trail): 55 acres
7. Does the proposed project have the potential to disturb the surface and/or subsurface of the ground? [X] YES [ ] NO
8. Please provide a brief description of the proposed project and specifically identify any surface or subsurface impacts that are expected: Pre plant tillage tree planting & post plant light disking
9. Describe the condition of the current ground surface within the entire project boundary area (for example, is the ground in a natural undisturbed condition, or has it been bladed,

paved, graded, etc.). Estimate horizontal and vertical extent of existing disturbance. Also, attach photographs of project area to document condition: disturbed, fallow agricultura land previously planted to alfalfa hay. Currently project site maintains a cover of crop of alfalfa and various native grasses.

10. Are there any known prehistoric and/or historic archaeological sites in or near the project area? ☐ YES ☒ NO

11. Has the project area been previously surveyed for cultural resources by a qualified archaeologist? ☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ UNKOWN Fallow Agricultural Land

    If YES, submit a copy of the survey report. Please attach any comments on the survey report made by the managing agency and/or SHPO

12. Are there any buildings or structures (including mines, bridges, dams, canals, etc.), which are 50-years or older in or adjacent to the project area? ☐ YES ☒ NO

    If YES, complete an Arizona Historic Property Inventory Form for each building or structure, attach it to this form and submit it with your application.

13. Is your project area within or near a historic district? ☐YES ☒ NO

    If YES, name of the district:

Please sign on the line below certifying all information provided for this application is accurate to the best of your knowledge.

Eldred Enas 8/27/10

Applicant Signature /Date

Eldred Enas

Applicant Printed Name

FOR SHPO USE ONLY
SHPO Finding: ☐ Funding this project will not affect historic properties. ☐ Survey necessary – further GRANTS/SHPO consultation required (*grant funds will not be released until consultation has been completed*) ☐ Cultural resources present – further GRANTS/SHPO consultation required (*grant funds will not be released until consultation has been completed*)
SHPO Comments
For State Historic Preservation Office: Date:

Parker Area Tourism
1217 California Avenue
Parker, AZ 85344

August 18, 2010

Colorado River Indian Tribes
CRIT Lands

To Whom it May Concern:

I have just been informed that there is a plan for a large project to rebuild the preserve. However, it is contingent on receiving grant funding. I write this letter in strong support of the Colorado River Indian Tribes and CRIT Lands receiving these funds. The preserve is a beautiful piece of scenery in the middle of the desert that no one really expects to view. The preserve is extremely important for the wildlife natural to the area and maintains cultural significance to members of the Colorado River Indian Tribes and its visitors. Tribal culture and tourism is especially of interest to those visiting from other states and countries.

Thank you for the opportunity to write this letter. If you have any questions of this office, please do not hesitate to call anytime.

Sincerely,

Mary Hamilton
Executive Director
Parker Area Tourism

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PARKER AREA
Chamber of Commerce

August 20, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

The Parker Area Chamber of Commerce would like to offer our support to the Ahakhav Preserve in their efforts to seek grant funding for improvements for the CRIT Lands southwest of Parker.

The Parker Area Chamber of Commerce has an official Arizona Office of Tourism Visitor's Center here in Parker, where we provide travel and tourist information to thousands of visitors annually. The Ahakhav Tribal Preserve and the tribal reservation is one of the premiere destinations in our community, particularly for our "environmental tourists," and any enhancements to the Tribal Preserve and the CRIT Lands would certainly benefit those visitors as well as our local community.

We look forward to this project and offer our support to assist with the proposed enhancement of the CRIT Lands.

Sincerely,

Randy Hartless

Randy Hartless, Executive Director

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August 18, 2010

To Whom it May Concern:

The Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) would like to offer its support to the "Ahakhav Tribal Preserve in their efforts to seek grant funding for improvements to the Preserve.

The Colorado River Indian Tribes include four distinct Tribes: the Mohave, Chemehuevi, Hopi, and Navajo. The primary community located within the CRIT Reservation is Parker, Arizona which is located on a combination of Tribal land, leased land that is owned by CRIT, and land owned by non-Native Americans. The Ahakhav Preserve is comprised of 1,250 acres of Reservation land and provides a riparian habitat for native wildlife. It is also used by tribal and non tribal community members, visitors and eco-tourists to recreate.

The Preserve is pursuing grant project proposals to implement over 50,000 Honey Mesquite trees which are culturally significant to the people of the Mohave tribe. One proposal is to enhance 115 acres of the existing park area and the adjacent 165 acre revegetation site. While two projects, CRIT10 and Deer Island Revegetation, will provide for soil stabilization and will create additional wildlife habitat.

The continued success of the Preserve plays a vital role in the Lower Colorado River's eco-system and provides cultural integrity for the local community members. We look forward to their success in the proposed projects and offer our support and assistance.

Sincerely,

COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES

Eldred Enas
Tribal Chairman

TOWN OF PARKER

August 18, 2010

'Ahakhav Tribal Preserve
26600 Mohave Rd.
Parker, AZ 85344
(928) 669-2664

Subject: Arizona Water Protection Fund Grant Proposals

To Whom It May Concern:

The Town of Parker was pleased to learn of your desire to submit grant proposals for riparian enhancement and restoration projects. We are happy to present this letter of support to the Ahakhav Tribal Preserve in their efforts to seek grant funding for improvements on the Preserve's CRIT10 and Deer Island Revegetation Projects.

The Town of Parker is supportive of any effort to protect and preserve the Lower Colorado's eco-system. Efforts to cultivate indigenous vegetation should assist in sustaining a riparian habitat for the native wildlife.

We look forward to the continued success of the Ahakhav Tribal Preserve and support your pursuit grants to fund these projects.

Sincerely,

Steve Madoneczky
Mayor

La Paz County Board of Supervisors

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Sandy Pierce - District 1
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Dan Field - County Administrator
Donna J. Hale - Clerk of the Board

August 17, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the Ahakhav Tribal Preserve CRIT 10 Project.

The preserve has been part of our communities for fifteen years. The preserve has created a variety of types of recreation and learning experiences for our citizens of La Paz County and for our tourist.

This project will be environmentally and culturally important to the Colorado River Indian Tribes' members.

Thank you for your consideration on this project.

Sincerely,

Sandy Pierce

Sandy Pierce
La Paz County Supervisor
Dist. 1