

**Arizona Water Protection Fund  
FY 2009 Grant Application Review**

Application # WPPF0380 Applicant: THE GILA WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP  
Title of Project: GILA RIVER WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION  
PROGRAM

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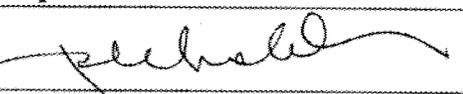
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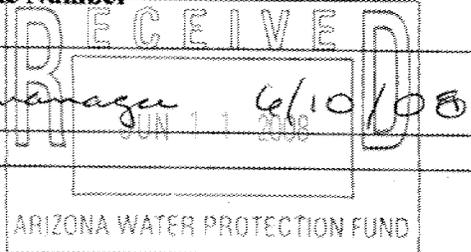
<b>Contact Person:</b> Name: Jan Holder Title: Program Manager Phone: Fax: e-mail:	<b>Any Previous AWPB Grants:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <b>If yes, please provide Grant #(s):</b> 07-145WPF 08-155WPF
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<b>Arizona Water Protection Fund Grant Amount Requested:</b>  \$148,612.80  If the application is funded, will the Grantee intend to request an advance: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Matching Funds Obtained and Secured:</b>												
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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.**

Jan Holder	Program Manager
<b>Typed Name of Applicant or Applicant's Authorized Representative</b>	<b>Title and Telephone Number</b>
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<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date Signed</b>



## **Gila River Water Conservation Education Program**

### **Executive Summary**

It is absolutely essential that we implement a water conservation program at this time. We must reduce our water consumption to protect an already stressed riparian area. There is unprecedented pressure upon the Upper Gila River and its tributaries at this time. These pressures include:

- The City of Safford is the primary domestic water provider in Graham County, and takes the majority of the water it uses directly from Bonita Creek or backup wells located within the flood plain of the Gila River.
- Graham County is experiencing a rapid growth period and the population is nearing 40,000. There are approximately 47 subdivisions under construction, approved, plated or proposed. One factor guiding this growth is The Newport McMoRan mine, which is completed and starting production. There is a pending proposal that is expected to pass the Arizona legislature this year, which will turn Eastern Arizona into a four-year college. With these factors added to the current population expansion rate, Graham County expects the population to reach 100,000 in ten years.
- The Arizona Water Settlements Act that was recently adopted by Congress, will settle a water dispute between the Gila River Indian Community many diverse parties. Graham County and communities are the epicenter of much of the settlement because the Gila River flows through the county. The mandate to deliver a required amount of water downstream to the Gila River Indian Community may have a significant impact on the Gila's riparian area.
- On June 28, 2007 the USFWS issued a Biological Opinion for Restoration of Native Fishes in Lower Bonita Creek and Implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding and 10-Year Operation Plan between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the City of Safford. The proposed action includes maintaining a healthy native fishery in Bonita Creek within the Gila Box National Riparian Conservation Area and construction of a fish barrier. The Bureau of Reclamation is party to this as the fish barrier is mitigation for the Central Arizona Project. A number of threatened and endangered species are located in the area, including the Southwest Willow Flycatcher, Razor Back Sucker, and the Gila Chub.
- The area's population currently uses 200 gallons of water per capita per day (GPCD). Compared with other communities in Arizona such as Flagstaff, who has a GPCD of 160, Cottonwood, who has a GPCD of 110, Prescott Valley, with a GPCD of 116, or Payson with a GPCD of 86, our community has a high per capita water use rate. Before our population reaches the projected 100,000 mark that we anticipate, we have a window of opportunity to build a partnership within the community that act upon a new water conservation ethic.

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## Project Overview

### Background

There is unprecedented pressure upon the Upper Gila River and its tributaries at this time. A number of separate issues are placing demands on these riparian areas:

- **Our Domestic and Industrial Water Comes from our River** The City of Safford is the primary domestic water provider in Graham County, and takes the majority of the water it uses directly from Bonita Creek or backup wells located within the flood plain of the Gila River. The City of Safford is entitled to 5,300 acre-feet of water from Bonita Creek through the Arizona Water Settlement Act. Currently, Safford is utilizing approximately 60 percent of their water right.
- **Rapid Population Growth** Graham County is experiencing a rapid growth period and the population is nearing 40,000. There are approximately 47 subdivisions under construction, approved, plated or proposed. One factor guiding this growth is The Newport McMoRan mine, which is completed and starting production. Another factor that will have a major impact on the expected growth is the proposal that is expected to pass this year, which would turn Eastern Arizona into a four-year college. With these factors added to the current population expansion rate, Graham County expects the population to reach 100,000 in ten years.
- **The Pending Water Settlement** The Arizona Water Settlements Act that was recently adopted by Congress, will settle a water dispute between the Gila River Indian Community many diverse parties. Graham County and communities are the epicenter of much of the settlement because the Gila River flows through the county. Community water supplies, agricultural water and industrial water are all part of the settlement. In practical terms, this settlement will reduce the amount of water that may be taken from the Gila River for agricultural purposes. Ten percent of the agricultural land in the Safford area will be retired under the terms of the settlement. Even though on the surface the retirement of agricultural land may seem to be of benefit to the Gila and its tributaries, the land that is being retired is being sold for housing developments. The mandate to deliver a required amount of water downstream to the Gila River Indian Community may have a significant impact on the Gila's riparian area.
- **USFWS Native Fish Decision** On June 28, 2007 the USFWS issued a Biological Opinion for Restoration of Native Fishes in Lower Bonita Creek and Implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding and 10-Year Operation Plan between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the City of Safford. The proposed action includes maintaining a healthy native fishery in Bonita Creek within the Gila Box National Riparian Conservation Area and construction of a fish barrier. The Bureau of Reclamation is party to this as the fish barrier is mitigation for the Central Arizona Project. A number of threatened and endangered species are located in the area, including the Southwest Willow Flycatcher, Razor Back Sucker, and the Gila Chub.
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It is absolutely essential that we implement a water conservation program at this time. We need to reduce water consumption to protect an already stressed riparian area. If we do not act, the Upper Gila and its tributaries may suffer the same fate as the Upper San Pedro, a river that is losing the battle between water consumption and riparian health.

### **Goals**

The goal of this program is to reduce the per capita per day consumption of water throughout the Upper Gila Watershed.

### **Objectives**

1. Implementation of a media plan
2. Implementation of a school education plan
3. Implementation of a water audit program
4. Implementation of a event plan
5. Implementation of a xeriscaping program plan

### **Statement of Problems/Causes**

The Upper Gila Watershed has no comprehensive water conservation program. Sporadic efforts by the City of Safford centered primarily on education in the lower grades of the schools. These efforts do not appear to have had any impact on the GPCD of the watershed, although the evidence is anecdotal, as provided by a previous employee of the City of Safford.

### **Statement of Solutions**

We will implement a comprehensive water education program in Graham and Greenlee Counties. This program will include a media campaign (including newspaper, radio, utility bill stuffers), an school education program (including education program utilizing the water wagon), home and business water audits, which will include a water use reduction toolkit program which will provide low-flow tap inserts and toilet flap replacements free of charge, and rebates for installing low water use toilets, and participation at the four largest community events for general education and xeriscaping education. This program will result in a reduction of the overall GPCD.

The Graham County Cooperative Extension has secured a grant that has been verbally approved from the US Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). We should have a signed contract in the next two months. We will be using the BOR funds as a match to the Arizona Water Protection Fund grant. A copy of the grant is attached. We will be overlapping the two grants, to assure an effective water conservation campaign.

### **Statement of Project Years of Benefit**

We believe that this program will have a significant five year benefit, as well as a measurable permanent benefit. In order to quantify the outcome of the program, we intend to perform water audits on the homes and businesses participating in the program, as well as measuring the GPCD in Safford, near the end of the grant period. We are targeting a GPCD of 120 in participating homes and businesses (from slightly over 200 currently), and a 2% overall reduction of the

GPCD. We are basing this reduction on information provided by the City of Tucson on programs they have implemented in the past.

**Project Location and Environmental Contaminants Information**

n/a, as this is a water conservation education program

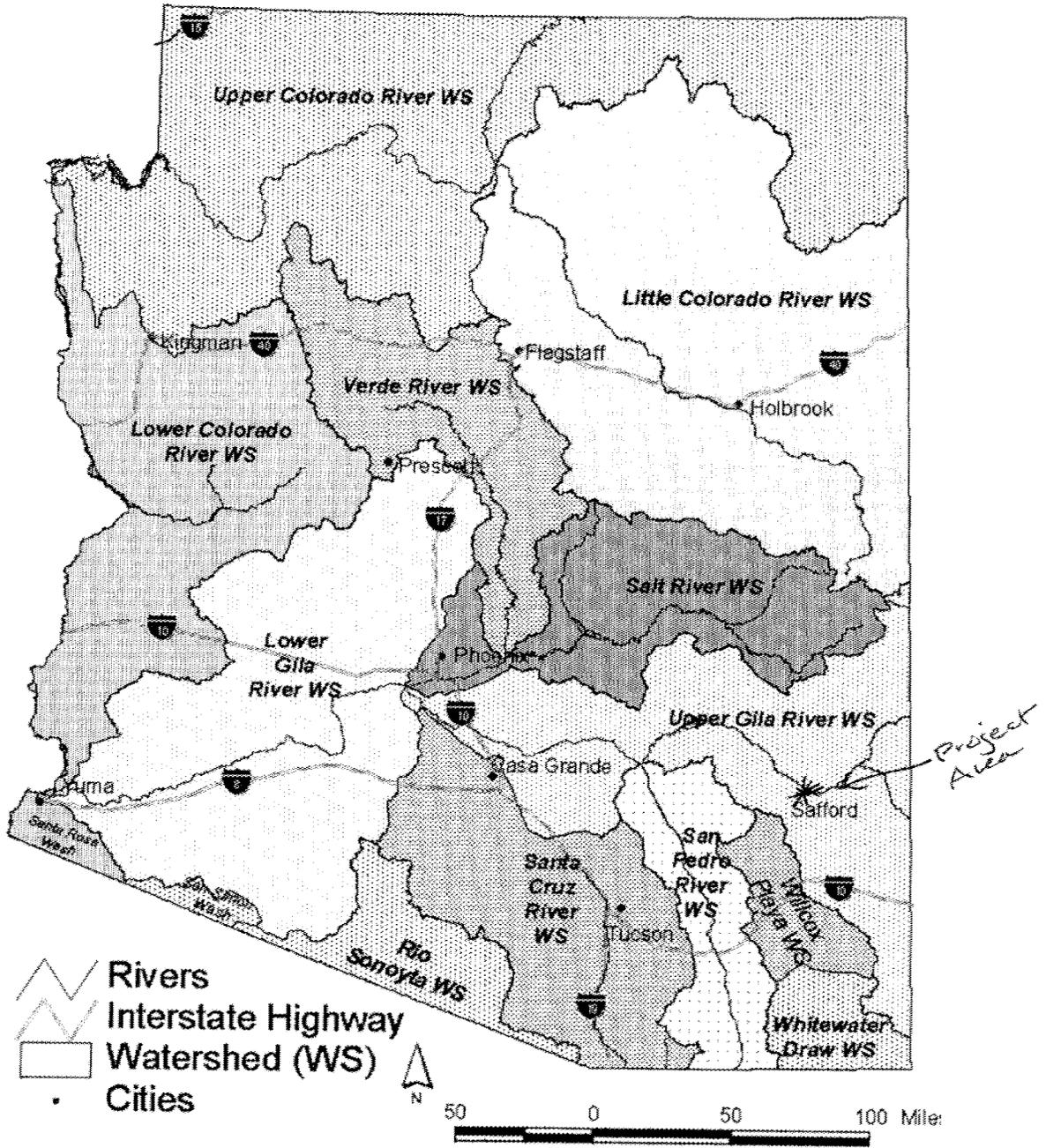
**Project Location/Ownership Map(s)**

n/a, as this is a water conservation education program

**Project Schematic**

n/a, as this is a water conservation education program

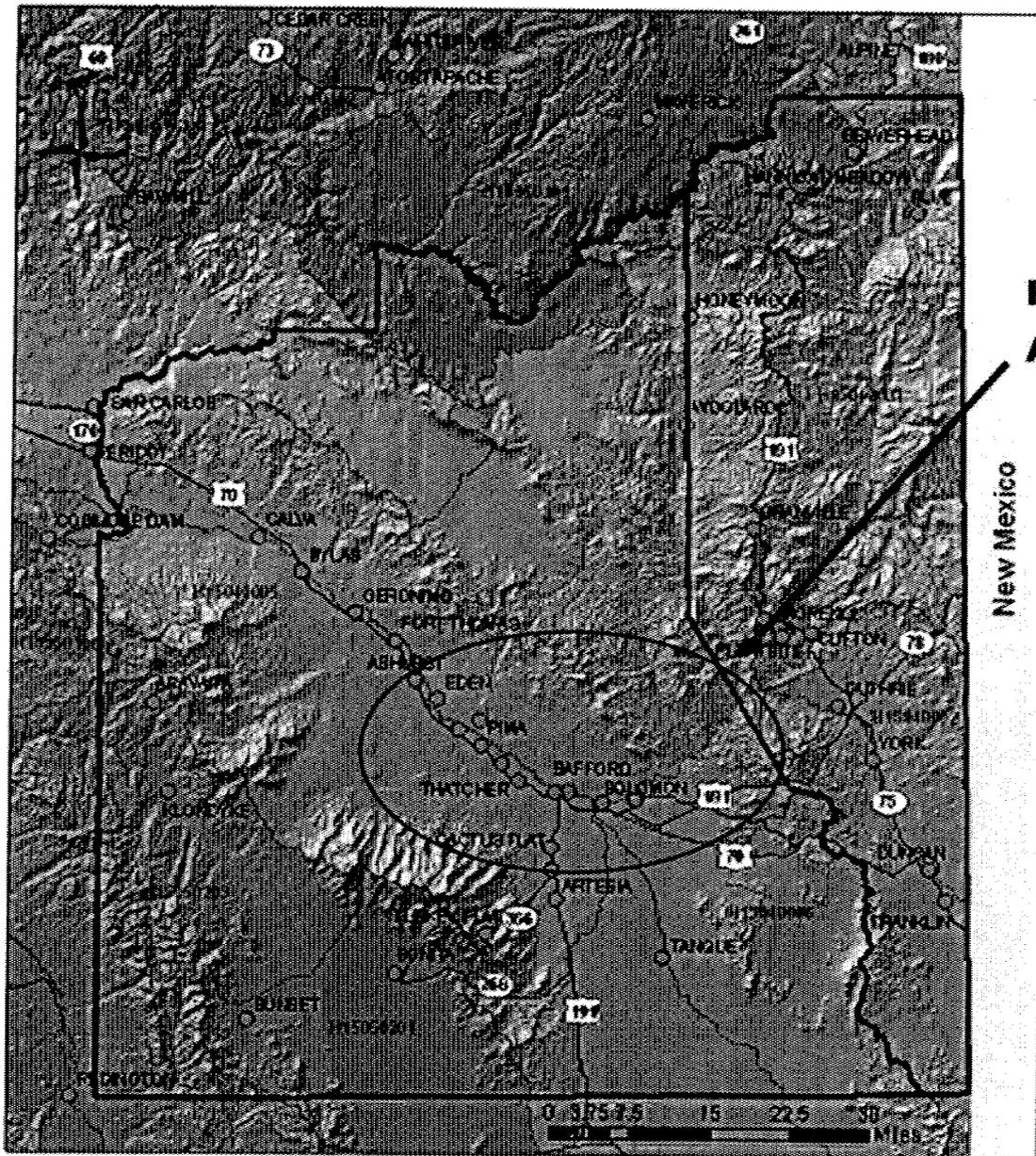
# Arizona Watershed Map FY 2009



Title of Project: Gila River Water Conservation Education Program

## Project Location & Environmental Contaminant Information FY 2009

<b>Project Location Information</b>			
1. County: <u>Gila River Water Conservation Education Program</u>	2. Section: <u>NW1/4</u>	3. Township: <u>7S</u>	4. Range: <u>25E</u>
<p>5. Watershed: <u>Upper Gila River</u></p> <p>6. Name of USGS Topographic Map where project area is located: <u>Safford F32109E1 geo</u></p> <p>7. State Legislative District: <u>1</u>            (Information available at <a href="http://156.42.40.10/mapping/default2.asp?tname=Interim.2004.Legislative.Map">http://156.42.40.10/mapping/default2.asp?tname=Interim.2004.Legislative.Map</a>)</p> <p>8. Land ownership of project area: <u>mixed</u></p> <p>9. Current land use of project area: <u>mixed</u></p> <p>10. Size of project area (in acres): <u>4,703,215</u></p> <p>11. Stream Name: <u>Upper Gila River</u></p> <p>12. Length of stream through project area: <u>20</u></p> <p>13. Miles of stream benefited: <u>60 miles</u></p> <p>14. Acres of riparian habitat: <u>6000 acres</u> will be:</p> <div style="margin-left: 200px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhanced  <input type="checkbox"/> Maintained  <input type="checkbox"/> Restored  <input type="checkbox"/> Created           </div>			
<p>15. Provide directions to the project site from the nearest city or town. List any special access requirements:  <u>n/a - this is a water conservation education program</u></p>			
<b>Environmental Contaminant Location Information</b>			
<p>1. Does your project site contain known environmental contaminants? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, please identify the contaminant(s) and enclose data about the location and levels of contaminants:            •</p> <p>2. Are there known environmental contaminants in the project vicinity? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, please identify the contaminant(s) and enclose data about the location and levels of contaminants:            •</p> <p>3. Are you asking for Arizona Water Protection Fund monies to identify whether or not environmental contaminants are present? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p>			



**PROJECT  
AREA**

New Mexico



## **Scope of Work**

### **Task #1: Development of an Implementation Plan**

**Task Description:** The grantee will develop an implementation plan which will include a Media Implementation Plan, a School Education implementation Plan, Water Audit Program Implementation Plan, an Event Implementation Plan, and a Xeriscaping Implementation Plan.

**Task Purpose/Objective:** To develop an implementation plan that successfully reduces the water consumption in the Upper Gila Watershed

### **Deliverable Description:**

1. Media Implementation Plan
  - a. Psychographic and demographic criteria for media selection
  - b. List of selected media
  - c. Media runtime schedules
  - d. Media cost schedules
  - e. Development of effective media message
2. School Education implementation Plan
  - a. Criteria for school and class selection
  - b. List of included schools
  - c. List of included classes
  - d. Schedule of school presentations
  - e. Selection of water conservation curriculum materials
3. Water Audit Program Implementation Plan
  - a. List and description of targeted audiences (high water users – municipal and industrial, etc.)
  - b. List and description of audit techniques
  - c. List and description of audit material and supplies (informative brochures, checklists, red dye tablets to detect leaks, low-flow faucet add-ons, coupons for low-flow toilet replacement, etc.)
  - d. Selection of water audit team
  - e. Design of water audit tracking and evaluation
4. Event Implementation Plan – This plan will utilize existing, well attended events in the Safford area, to reduce cost and maximize exposure
  - a. Criteria for selection of event coverage
  - b. List of existing events
  - c. Description and number of past event attendees
  - d. Description of proposed activity objectives and descriptions
  - e. Each activity's target audience
  - f. A description of informational material to be produced
  - g. Event schedule
5. Xeriscaping Implementation Plan - Design of a program intended to incentivize individuals, and companies to replace current, or implement new xeriscaping plans.
  - a. List of selected target market (new homes, older homes, existing heavy water users, etc.)
  - b. List of xeriscaping activities and techniques (rain barrels, rainfall detention techniques, low-water use plants, etc.)
  - c. Materials and supplies list and description
  - d. List of targeted events or classes to be offered

- e. List and description of incentive rewards (coupons for low-water use plants, grass removal rebates, etc)

**Due Date:** September 2009

**AWPF Reimbursable Cost:** \$4,948.65 (includes 5% administrative costs)

**Matching Cost:** \$7,000.00

**Task #2:** Implementation of the Media Plan

**Task Description:** The grantee will implement the media plan as described in Task #1. The grantee shall complete a quarterly Media Report that will include a description development of media material, copies of finished material, copies tapes or photos of print or broadcast media, dates the selected media occurred, copies of invoices.

**Task Purpose/Objective:** To ensure the success of media efforts associated with the project

**Deliverable Description:**

- a. Copies of media material
- b. Media Plan Report
- c. Summary of media activities
- d. Copies of invoices

**Deliverable Due Date:** July 2011

**AWPF Reimbursable Cost:** \$39,669.00 (includes 5% administrative costs)

**Matching Cost:** \$10,000

**Task #3:** Implementation of the School Education Plan

**Task Description:** The grantee will implement the School Education Plan as described in Task #1.

**Task Purpose/Objective:** To ensure the success of the school education efforts associated with the project

**Deliverable Description:**

- a. Criteria for school and class selection
- b. List of included schools
- c. List of included classes
- d. Schedule of school presentations
- e. Selection of water conservation curriculum materials

**Deliverable Due Date:** July 2011

**AWPF Reimbursable Cost:** 10,909.50 (includes 5% administrative costs)

**Matching Cost:** \$4,760

**Task #4:** Implementation of the Water Audit Program

**Task Description:** The grantee will implement the Water Audit Program as described in Task #1. The grantee will complete a Water Audit report that will evaluate the success of the water audits, the success of the information offered and the number and percentage of the conservation techniques adopted, and the GPCD reduction of the participating entity.

**Task Purpose/Objective:** To ensure the success of water audit efforts associated with the project

**Deliverable Description:**

- Description of water audit objectives and descriptions
- Water audit target audience

- Material to be produced
- Supplies and tools needed
- Schedule
- Before and after audit results
- Copies of invoices

**Deliverable Due Date:** June 2011

**AWPF Reimbursable Cost:** \$56,427 (includes 5% administrative costs)

**Matching Cost:** \$80,390

**Task #5: Implementation of the Event Plan**

**Task Description:** The grantee will implement the Event Plan as described in Task #1. The grantee will complete the Event Plan to ensure it engages the target audience successfully.

**Task Purpose/Objective:** To ensure the success of event efforts associated with the project

**Deliverable Description:**

- List of events attended
- Description and number of event attendees
- Description of activity outcomes
- Description of each activity's attendees
- A copy of informational material produced
- Event schedule
- Copies of invoices

**Deliverable Due Date:** June 2011

**AWPF Reimbursable Cost:** \$9,786 (includes 5% administrative costs)

**Matching Cost:** \$22,445

**Task #6: Implementation of the Xeriscaping Plan**

**Task Description:** The grantee will implement the Xeriscaping Plan as described in Task #1. The grantee will complete the Xeriscaping Plan to

**Task Purpose/Objective:** To ensure the success of Xeriscaping efforts associated with the project

**Deliverable Description:**

- List of xeriscaping activities
- Description and number of xeriscaping activities
- Description of the success of the activity objectives
- List of implemented xeriscaping activities
- A description of informational material produced
- List of supplies and tools used
- Copies of invoices

**Deliverable Due Date:** June 2011

**AWPF Reimbursable Cost:** \$23,530.50 (includes 5% administrative costs)

**Matching Cost:** \$22,445

**Task #7: Final Report**

**Task Description:** The Grantee will prepare and submit a comprehensive final report. The final report shall include a summary of all projects and programs, outcomes of all tasks, analysis of all water conservation data, suggestions for any changes or future actions, and an evaluation of the success of meeting project objectives.

**Task Purpose/Objective:** To describe the goals and accomplishments of the project.

**Deliverable Description:** Final Project Report

**Deliverable Due Date:** June 2011

**AWPF Reimbursable Cost:** \$3,342.15 (includes 5% administrative costs)

**Matching Cost:** \$0

**GILA RIVER WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM  
DETAILED BUDGET BREAKDOWN**

<b>Task 1</b>				
<b>Development of Implementation Plan</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Cost per Unit</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Direct Labor</b>				
Gila Watershed Coordinator	40	hrs	\$ 65.00	\$ 2,600.00
Program Coordinator	40	hrs	\$ 45.00	\$ 1,800.00
Clerical Support	40	hrs	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 4,400.00</b>
<b>Other Direct Costs</b>				
Mileage	400	miles	\$ 0.45	\$ 180.00
Printing	200	pages	\$ 0.15	\$ 30.00
Covers	20	pages	\$ 0.15	\$ 3.00
Postage	20	mailings	\$ 5.00	\$ 100.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 313.00</b>
<b>Task Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 4,713.00</b>
<b>Administration Costs (5%)</b>				<b>\$ 235.65</b>
<b>Task Total</b>				<b>\$ 4,948.65</b>

<b>Task 2</b>				
<b>Implementation of Media Plan</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Cost per Unit</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Direct Labor</b>				
Gila Watershed Coordinator	20	hrs	\$ 65.00	\$ 1,300.00
Program Coordinator	20	hrs	\$ 45.00	\$ 900.00
Clerical Support	40	hrs	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,000.00
Advertising Artist	20	hrs	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,500.00
Copywriter	40	hrs	\$ 75.00	\$ 3,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 7,700.00</b>
<b>Other Direct Costs</b>				
Mileage	400	miles	\$ 0.45	\$ 180.00
Print Media Placement	26	each	\$ 400.00	\$ 10,400.00
Broadcast Media Placement	52	each	\$ 375.00	\$ 19,500.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 30,080.00</b>
<b>Task Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 37,780.00</b>
<b>Administration Costs (5%)</b>				<b>\$ 1,889.00</b>

<b>Task Total</b>				<b>\$ 39,669.00</b>
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<b>Task 3</b>				
<b>Implementation of the School Education Plan</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Cost per Unit</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Direct Labor</b>				
Gila Watershed Coordinator	10	hrs	\$ 65.00	\$ 650.00
Program Coordinator	160	hrs	\$ 45.00	\$ 7,200.00
Clerical Support	40	hrs	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 8,850.00</b>
<b>Other Direct Costs</b>				
Mileage	1200	miles	\$ 0.45	\$ 540.00
Materials	800	each	\$ 0.25	\$ 200.00
Supplies	32	each	\$ 25.00	\$ 800.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 1,540.00</b>
<b>Task Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 10,390.00</b>
<b>Administration Costs (5%)</b>				<b>\$ 519.50</b>
<b>Task Total</b>				<b>\$ 10,909.50</b>

<b>Task 4</b>				
<b>Implementation of the Water Audit Plan</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Cost per Unit</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Direct Labor</b>				
Gila Watershed Coordinator	40	hrs	\$ 65.00	\$ 2,600.00
Program Coordinators	600	hrs	\$ 45.00	\$ 27,000.00
Clerical Support	80	hrs	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 29,600.00</b>
<b>Other Direct Costs</b>				
Mileage	1200	miles	\$ 0.45	\$ 540.00
Printed Materials	2400	ea	\$ 0.25	\$ 600.00
Supplies - dye tablet pkgs	1000	ea	\$ 1.50	\$ 1,500.00
Supplies - toilet flappers, faucet emitters, etc	1000	ea	\$ 1.50	\$ 1,500.00
Toilet Rebates	1000	ea	\$ 20.00	\$ 20,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 24,140.00</b>
<b>Task Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 53,740.00</b>
<b>Administration Costs (5%)</b>				<b>\$ 2,687.00</b>

<b>Task Total</b>				<b>\$ 56,427.00</b>
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<b>Task 5</b>				
<b>Implementation of the Event Plan</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Cost per Unit</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Direct Labor</b>				
Gila Watershed Coordinator	20	hrs	\$ 65.00	\$ 1,300.00
Program Coordinator	100	hrs	\$ 45.00	\$ 4,500.00
Clerical Support	40	hrs	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,000.00
Graphic artist	15	hrs	\$ 35.00	\$ 525.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 6,800.00</b>
<b>Other Direct Costs</b>				
Mileage	600	miles	\$ 0.45	\$ 270.00
Material	5000	each	\$ 0.15	\$ 750.00
Supplies	20	each	\$ 25.00	\$ 500.00
Equipment - Display	1	each	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 2,520.00</b>
<b>Task Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 9,320.00</b>
<b>Administration Costs (5%)</b>				<b>\$ 466.00</b>
<b>Task Total</b>				<b>\$ 9,786.00</b>

<b>Task 6</b>				
<b>Implementation of the Xeriscaping Plan</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Cost per Unit</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Direct Labor</b>				
Gila Watershed Coordinator	40	hrs	\$ 65.00	\$ 2,600.00
Program Coordinator	300	hrs	\$ 45.00	\$ 13,500.00
Clerical Support	40	hrs	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 16,100.00</b>
<b>Other Direct Costs</b>				
Mileage	400	miles	\$ 0.45	\$ 180.00
Material	500	each	\$ 0.26	\$ 130.00
Supplies	20	each	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,000.00
Incentives	500	each	\$ 10.00	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 6,310.00</b>
<b>Task Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 22,410.00</b>
<b>Administration Costs (5%)</b>				<b>\$ 1,120.50</b>

<b>Task Total</b>				<b>\$ 23,530.50</b>
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<b>Task 7</b>				
<b>Final Report</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Cost per Unit</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Direct Labor</b>				
Gila Watershed Coordinator	40	hrs	\$ 65.00	\$ 2,600.00
Program Coordinator	10	hrs	\$ 45.00	\$ 450.00
Clerical Support	10	hrs	\$ 25.00	\$ 250.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 3,050.00</b>
<b>Other Direct Costs</b>				
Printing	200	pages	\$ 0.15	\$ 30.00
Covers	20	pages	\$ 0.15	\$ 3.00
Postage	20	mailings	\$ 5.00	\$ 100.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 133.00</b>
<b>Task Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 3,183.00</b>
<b>Administration Costs (5%)</b>				<b>\$ 159.15</b>
<b>Task Total</b>				<b>\$ 3,342.15</b>

<b>Total Requested AWPF</b>	<b>\$ 148,612.80</b>
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**DETAILED MATCHING BREAKDOWN**

<b>Task 1</b>				
<b>Development of Implementation Plan</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Cost per Unit</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Direct Labor</b>				
Cooperative Extension Director (Coop Ext Match)	80	hrs	\$ 65.00	\$ 5,200.00
Cooperative Ext Coordinator (BOR Match)	40	hrs	\$ 45.00	\$ 1,800.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>
<b>Task Total</b>				<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>

<b>Task 2</b>				
<b>Implementation of Media Plan</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Cost per Unit</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Direct Labor</b>				
Cooperative Extension Director	10	hrs	\$ 65.00	\$ 650.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 650.00</b>
<b>Other Direct Costs</b>				

Print Media Placement (Freeport McMoRan Donation)	25	each	\$ 400.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>Task Total</b>				<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>

<b>Task 3</b>				
<b>Implementation of the School Education Plan</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Cost per Unit</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Direct Labor</b>				
Cooperative Extension Director	14	hrs	\$ 65.00	\$ 910.00
Program Coordinators	80	hrs	\$ 45.00	\$ 3,600.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 4,510.00</b>
<b>Other Direct Costs</b>				
Vehicle Use	1	each	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>Task Total</b>				<b>\$ 4,760.00</b>

<b>Task 4</b>				
<b>Implementation of the Water Audit Plan</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Cost per Unit</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Direct Labor</b>				
Program Coordinators	990	hrs	\$ 45.00	\$ 44,550.00
Cooperative Extension Director	120	hrs	\$ 65.00	\$ 7,800.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 52,350.00</b>
<b>Other Direct Costs</b>				
Vehicle Use	1	each	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Mileage	1	total	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
Supplies & Materials	1	total	\$ 24,190.00	\$ 24,190.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 28,040.00</b>
<b>Task Total</b>				<b>\$ 80,390.00</b>

<b>Task 5</b>				
<b>Implementation of the Event Plan</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Cost per Unit</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Direct Labor</b>				
Cooperative Extension Director	80	hrs	\$ 65.00	\$ 5,200.00
Program Coordinators	400	hrs	\$ 45.00	\$ 18,000.00
Volunteers	40	hrs	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,000.00
Water Provider Volunteers	40	hrs	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,000.00

<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 25,200.00</b>
<b>Other Direct Costs</b>				
Vehicle Use	1	each	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>Task Total</b>				<b>\$ 25,450.00</b>

<b>Task 6</b>				
<b>Implementation of the Xeriscaping Plan</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Direct Labor</b>				
Program Coordinators	281	hrs	\$ 45.00	\$ 12,645.00
Water Provider Volunteers	94	hrs	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,350.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 14,995.00</b>
<b>Other Direct Costs</b>				
Software	4	each	\$ 550.00	\$ 2,200.00
Coupons	500	each	\$ 10.00	\$ 5,000.00
Vehicle Use	1	each	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 7,450.00</b>
<b>Task Total</b>				<b>\$ 22,445.00</b>

<b>Total Match</b>	<b>\$ 150,045.00</b>
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<b>BOR Match</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>
<b>Freeport Mac MoRan Match</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>Cooperative Extension Match</b>	<b>\$ 40,045.00</b>

<b>Total AWPf and Matching Funds</b>	<b>\$ 298,657.80</b>
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## 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: Gila River Water Conservation Education Program
3. Applicant Name and Address: Gila Watershed Partnership, 711 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Safford, AZ 85546
4. Current Land Owner/Manager(s): n/a - this is a water conservation education program
5. Project Location, including Township, Range, Section: n/a - this is a water conservation education program
6. Total Project Area in Acres (or total miles if trail): 4,703,215
7. Does the proposed project have the potential to disturb the surface and/or subsurface of the ground?  
 YES     NO
8. Please provide a brief description of the proposed project and specifically identify any surface or subsurface impacts that are expected: n/a - this is a water conservation education program.
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: n/a

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  UNKNOWN

**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.**

[Signature] /Date 6/10/09 JAD HOLDER  
Applicant Signature /Date 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:

**STATE OF ARIZONA  
HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM**

*Please type or print clearly. Fill out each applicable space accurately and with as much information as is known about the property.*

**PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION**

*For properties identified through survey: Site No. n/a - this is a water conservation education program*

Survey Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Historic Names (*enter the name(s), if any that best reflect the property's historic importance*): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town: \_\_\_\_\_  Vicinity County: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Parcel No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Quarters: \_\_\_\_\_ Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

Block: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Plat (Addition): \_\_\_\_\_ Year of plat (addition): \_\_\_\_\_

UTM Reference - Zone: \_\_\_\_\_ Easting: \_\_\_\_\_ Northing: \_\_\_\_\_

USGS 7.5' quadrangle map: \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHITECT: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known Source: \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDER: \_\_\_\_\_  not determined  known Source: \_\_\_\_\_

CONSTRUCTION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  known  estimated Source: \_\_\_\_\_

**STRUCTURAL CONDITION**

Good (*well maintained; no serious problems apparent*)

Fair (*some problems apparent*) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Poor (*major problems; imminent threat*) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Ruin/Uninhabitable

**USES/FUNCTIONS**

Describe how the property has been used over time, beginning with the original use: \_\_\_\_\_

Sources: \_\_\_\_\_

**PHOTO INFORMATION**

Date of photo: \_\_\_\_\_

View Direction (looking towards): \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a recent photograph of property in this space.  
Additional photographs may be appended.

**Project Site Photographs**



**Bonita Creek – Location of the pipeline for the municipal water supply**

**SIGNIFICANCE**

*To be eligible for the National Register, a property must represent an important part of the history or architecture of an area. The significance of a property is evaluated within its historic context, which are those patterns, themes, or trends in history by which a property occurred or gained importance. Describe the historic and architectural contexts of the property that may make it worthy of preservation.*

A. HISTORIC EVENTS/TRENDS – Describe any historic events/trends associated with the property: \_\_\_\_\_

B. PERSONS – List and describe persons with an important association with the building: \_\_\_\_\_

C. ARCHITECTURE – Style: \_\_\_\_\_  no style

Stories: \_\_\_\_\_  Basement Roof Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe other character-defining features of its massing, size and scale: \_\_\_\_\_

**INTEGRITY**

*To be eligible for the National Register, a property must have integrity (i.e. it must be able to visually convey its importance). The outline below lists some important aspects of integrity. Fill in the blanks with as detailed a description of the property as possible.*

Location -  Original Site  Moved: Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original Site: \_\_\_\_\_

**DESIGN**

Describe alterations from the original design, including dates: \_\_\_\_\_

**MATERIALS**

*Describe the materials used in the following elements of the property:*

Walls (structure): \_\_\_\_\_

Walls (sheathing): \_\_\_\_\_

Windows: \_\_\_\_\_

Roof: \_\_\_\_\_

Foundation: \_\_\_\_\_

**SETTING**

Describe the natural and/or built environment around the property: \_\_\_\_\_

How has the environment changed since the property was constructed? \_\_\_\_\_

**WORKMANSHIP**

Describe the distinctive elements, if any, of craftsmanship or method of construction: \_\_\_\_\_

**NATIONAL REGISTER STATUS (if listed, check the appropriate box)**

Individually Listed;  Contributor;  Non-contributor to \_\_\_\_\_ Historic District

Date Listed: \_\_\_\_\_  Determined eligible by Keeper of National Register (date: \_\_\_\_\_)

**RECOMMENDATIONS ON NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY (opinion of SHPO staff or survey consultant)**

Property  is  is not eligible individually.

Property  is  is not eligible as a contributor to a listed or potential historic district.

More information needed to evaluate.

If not considered eligible, state reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Timeline**

Upper Gila Water Conservation Education Program												
Timeline												
TASK		2009			2010			2011				
1	Implementation Plan											
2	Media Plan											
3	School Education Plan											
4	Water Audit Plan											
5	Event Plan											
6	Xeriscaping Plan											
8	Final Report											

**Key Personnel**

**Jan Holder** Ms Holder has over 25 years experience in advertising and marketing prior to joining the Gila Watershed Partnership in 2002. She has written, managed, and administrated over two million dollars in grants over the past ten years. She has eight year of experience in solving environmental challenges throughout the Upper Gila Watershed. She is the Program Manager for The Gila Watershed Partnership, which is the oldest watershed group in Arizona. Ms. Holder will be administrating the grant, writing the grant reports, and supplying oversight to the program.

**William Brandau** Mr. Brandau has recently been hired the University of Arizona Graham County Extension Director and Area Agent. He recently retired as the Safford Field Manager for the Bureau of Land Management, and has lived and worked in Graham County since 1976. Mr. Brandau is a community leader, who has worked to improve environmental conditions and foster agreements between widely divergent positions. He assisted in the formation of the Gila Watershed Partnership, and has been active in addressing water quality and quantity issues since that time. Mr. Brandau will assist in developing program content, writing the implementation plans, and providing all oversight for the program.

**Cindy Pearson** Cindy Pearson is the assistant to the University of Arizona Graham County Extension Director. Ms. Pearson will be coordinating the project, assisting in the writing of the implementation plans, writing and editing program materials, coordinating the water audits, and coordinating events.

**Amy Herbert** Ms. Herbert is the Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper, and Education Coordinator for the Gila Watershed Partnership. She will be providing administrative assistance, including editing and printing written materials, placing media orders and helping to coordinate the school education for the program. She will also be assisting with the reports.

**Project Site Photographs**



**Bonita Creek – Location of the pipeline for the municipal water supply**

## Status of TMDLs in the Upper Gila Watershed

AZ	<u>HASSAYAMPA RIVER AB BLIND CREEK</u>	CADMIUM	JAN-01-2002	EPA APPROVED	<u>UNLISTED BUT IMPAIRED</u>	None Reported	1
AZ	<u>HASSAYAMPA RIVER COPPER</u>	COPPER	JAN-01-2002	EPA APPROVED	<u>COPPER</u>	1998, 1996	1
AZ	<u>HASSAYAMPA RIVER ZINC</u>	ZINC	JAN-01-2002	EPA APPROVED	<u>UNLISTED BUT IMPAIRED</u>	None Reported	1
AZ	<u>LITTLE COLORADO RIVER NUTRIOSO CK TO CARNERO CK</u>	TURBIDITY	JAN-01-2002	EPA APPROVED	<u>TURBIDITY</u>	1998, 1996	1
AZ	<u>LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATER CYN TO NUTRIOSO CK</u>	TURBIDITY	JAN-01-2002	EPA APPROVED	<u>TURBIDITY</u>	1998	1
AZ	<u>VERDE RIVER (SYCAMORE CREEK) TURBIDITY/SEDIMENT</u>	TURBIDITY	JAN-01-2002	EPA APPROVED	<u>TURBIDITY</u>	1998, 1996	1
AZ	<u>VERDE RIVER AB WEST CLEAR CK</u>	TURBIDITY	JAN-01-2002	EPA APPROVED	<u>UNLISTED BUT IMPAIRED</u>	None Reported	1
AZ	<u>VERDE RIVER ABOVE RAILROAD DRAW</u>	TURBIDITY	JAN-01-2002	EPA APPROVED	<u>UNLISTED BUT IMPAIRED</u>	None Reported	1

EPA's 2002 REPORT ON APPROVED TMDLS FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA -- note that nothing is approved for the Upper Gila Watershed

### The following is copied from the ADEQ "Arizona's 2007 Nonpoint Source Annual Report Nonpoint Source Program - July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007"

Goal: Develop TMDLs for 303(d) listed waterbodies.

Milestone & Progress Summary Project or Program Completion

Progress Summary –

The Turkey Creek Copper and Lead TMDLs were submitted to and approved by USEPA Region IX in October 2006. These were the only TMDLs approved by Region IX in FY07. Six other TMDLs are near completion, including the Alamo Lake and Lake Mary Regional mercury TMDLs. These mercury TMDLs have been delayed due to two main issues; adoption of the Implementation Procedures for the Fish Consumption Advisory Program and determining the watershed natural background mercury concentrations. Additional soil sampling is planned on both projects so that the draft TMDLs can be released for public comment and submitted for approval once the implementation procedures have been adopted.

For Pinto Creek, a site specific standard (SSS) for dissolved copper at 42µg/L is being proposed and is hardness independent. The SSS is included in the Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards rules package and final submittal of the TMDL can not occur until the rules are adopted.

Sampling to determine the Mule Gulch SSS has been delayed due to low rainfall amounts over the past year; however, automated equipment has been deployed throughout the watershed in anticipation of the summer monsoon season. Additional automated equipment has also been deployed along Queen Creek to fill data gaps needed for hydrologic modeling efforts to move forward.

Significant progress has been made on the upper Gila River and Parker Canyon Lake TMDL projects. Sampling summer storm runoff will complete the Parker Canyon Lake data needs with sampling along the upper Gila continuing through the fall. New studies include Watson, Lyman, and Crescent lakes, East Verde River, and the lower San Pedro River.

Hold public meetings to involve local and affected stakeholders.

Progress Summary –

Stakeholder meetings were held during the last year for Pinto Creek, Queen Creek, and the upper Gila River.

Receive and evaluate comments.

Progress Summary –

ADEQ received and addressed comments for the Alamo Lake and Turkey Creek TMDLs.

# **Water Conservation Education Program**

## **Graham County Arizona**

### **Notice of Funding Opportunity 08SF320001**

University of Arizona  
Graham County Cooperative Extension Office  
2100 South Bowie Ave  
P.O. Box 127  
Solomon, AZ 85551

February 2008

**Executive Summary:**

Graham County has no comprehensive unified program to educate our domestic water users on water conservation. This project would unite all providers of domestic water and other partner under a water conservation program that would educate the consumer and provide positive solutions for water conservation. The providers of water in Graham County, which include the City of Safford, Graham County Utilities Cooperative, Eden and Ash Creek Water Companies, have agreed to participate in and support this program. These providers service approximately 8000 meters and use approximately 6000 acre-feet of water. Gila Watershed Partnership, Town of Thatcher, Graham County, Eastern Arizona College, Graham County Chamber of Commerce have agreed to partner in the effort.

**Program Highlights:**

1. The program will be name branded to provide a common community wide water conservation effort.
2. The program will provide a coordinated water conservation education program directed at the general population, youth school programs and community organizations. This program will be coordinated with all domestic water providers in the community to provide a common and credible conservation message.
3. The program will include home visits where upon request a trained individual audits a home's water usage and provides to owner a specific list of water conservation steps they could implement.
4. The program will provide planned water conservation events at four major community events to present the program to the community.
5. The program would be available to all water consumers with the exception of those on meters and those that use domestic wells.

**WATER CONSERVATION FIELD SERVICES PROGRAM PROJECT BENEFITS**

Applicant's Name: University of Arizona Graham County Cooperative Extension

Date January 29, 2008

Please check the appropriate water management benefits for agricultural or urban measures that you anticipate addressing in you proposal. Where available, please provide an estimate of the benefit to units (i.e. Acre Feet, Dollars, and Percentages)

**It is essential to establish benefits of the Program. Please help us with your best estimate for each benefit (direct and indirect) that applies.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Reduces Leaks and Seepage	_____ Acre Feet/Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduces System Spills	_____ Acre Feet/Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Makes More Water Available	_____ Acre Feet/Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduces Operation Costs	_____ \$ /Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduces Energy Costs	_____ \$ /Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduces Waste Treatment Costs	_____ \$ /Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Improves Crop Yield	_____ Percent/Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduces On-Farm Costs	_____ \$ /Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduces Per Capita Use	_____ Gallons/Capita/Day
<input type="checkbox"/> Provides Technical Training	_____ # of People
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides Water Conservation Education	<u>8,782</u> # of People/Households

_____ Improves Water Supply Reliability	_____ Frequency (Years)*
* Estimate of how often the improvement will occur (i.e. 1 = each year)	
_____ Delays Construction of New Supplies	_____ Years
_____ Reduces Drainage/Erosion	_____ Tons
_____ Improves Water Quality	_____ % reduction of _____
_____ Enhances Aquatic/Riparian Habitat	Describe: _____
_____ Protects/Assists endangered species efforts	Describe: _____

OTHER:

**Background Data:**

Graham County is located in Eastern Arizona, in the Upper Gila Watershed. The primary communities in the county are Safford, Thatcher, Pima, Ft Thomas, Soloman and Bonita. The county is experiencing a rapid growth period and the population is nearing 40,000. There are approximately 47 subdivisions under construction, approved, plated or proposed. The Newport McMoRan mine is nearing completion and starting production. Another factor that will have a major impact on the expected growth is the proposal that is expected to pass this year, which would turn Eastern Arizona into a four-year college. With these factors added to the current population expansion rate, the population is anticipated to reach 100,000 in ten years.

**Project/Activities Description & Outcomes:**

This program will be a partnership with all domestic water providers in Graham County and University of Arizona Cooperative Extension to implement a Water Wise program in Graham County. The program will be directed at all domestic water consumer in the county.

**Year One Program Strategies:**

1. We will inform the community of the upcoming program and the benefits through our local newspaper. We will insert three, one eighth-page advertisement. In addition, we will work with the local radio station to produce two public service announcements announcing the program.
2. We will provide education and awareness through inserts in water utility bills to all water metered consumers. There are approximately 9,000 metered water consumers in Graham County. We will produce one insert per quarter, for a total of four inserts per year.
3. We will educate our youth through the schools utilizing the Water Wagon. Through these In-school visits, water conservation materials will be supplied for the students to take home.
4. County Extension staff, our partners (employees of the water providers), and volunteers (200 volunteer hours @ \$17.75 per hours for a total of \$3,550.00) will participate in four high-visibility events during the year where the water conservation program can be presented, explained and materials provided. These events include the annual Gardening and Landscaping Conference, the Gila Valley Family Festival, Safford City's Harvest Festival, the Project Wet event, and Graham County Fair.
5. In-home visits will be scheduled where "water audits" will be performed. We will provide feedback to the family with recommendations for water-saving measures.

**Year Two Program -- We will continue the fist year program and add the following:**

1. Working with homeowners on planning water efficient homes and xeriscape landscaping that will include both existing homes and new construction.
2. Expanding the water audits to include industrial, commercial, and institutional users.
3. Expansion of the school visits and event education to Greenlee County.

## Supplemental Questions

**Phoenix Area Office  
Notice of Funding Opportunity  
Supplemental Information Questionnaire  
Fiscal Year 2008**

On a separate sheet of paper, please briefly answer all of the following questions that apply ONLY to the activity of your proposed grant.

### III. Water Management/Conservation Education, Training or Research Activity

1. To which Reclamation project in the PXAO service area do you have a connection? Salt River Project (SRP), Central Arizona Project (CAP)
  - a) Salt River Project (SRP):
    - In 2005, The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Salt River Project partnered on the purchase of property along the Gila River in the Safford area. The land purchase mitigated effects to the endangered Southwestern Willow Flycatcher by the modification and operation of Roosevelt Dam, as specified in the Salt River Project Habitat Conservation Plan. Central Arizona Project (CAP):
    - On June 28, 2007 the USFWS issued a Biological Opinion for Restoration of Native Fishes in Lower Bonita Creek and Implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and 10-Year Operation Plan between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the City of Safford. The proposed action also includes maintaining a healthy native fishery in Bonita Creek consistent with existing uses and the BLM's ongoing management of the area within the Gila Box National Riparian Conservation Area and construction of a fish barrier. The Bureau of Reclamation is party to this as the fish barrier is mitigation for the Central Arizona Project. The proposed action also includes water withdrawal by the City of Safford (Safford), which is considered an interrelated action with the BLM action of allowing the delivery of water from Bonita Creek to the City. Safford operates and maintains the Bonita Creek Municipal Water System (Bonita water system) within the BLM Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area (RNCA). The Bonita water system provides drinking water for Safford and the surrounding communities. Currently, Safford and BLM refer to the 1986 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for system management guidelines and actions. Safford and BLM have developed a new MOU, no. AZ-410-0608, and the Bonita Creek Water Production and Delivery System 10-Year Operation and Maintenance Plan (10-year plan) to provide future management (see Appendix in U.S. Bureau of Reclamation 2007a). The MOU allows operation, maintenance, and expansion of the water system to meet full capacity of the Safford water right, to the extent allowed under their right-of-way issued prior to 1976. Currently, Safford is utilizing approximately 60 percent of their water right. The proposed action includes operation, maintenance, and expansion of the Bonita water system within Safford's existing right-of-way under the 10-year operation and maintenance plan. The native fish restoration project cannot occur without Safford's approval, as a substantial portion of lower Bonita Creek flows through Safford lands.
    - The Arizona Water Settlements Act, adopted by Congress: finalizes an agreement between the U.S. and Arizona for Central Arizona Project repayment obligations. Settles water disputes between the Gila River Indian Community and all parties (including New Mexico parties); and Settles pending litigation by the Tohono O'odham Nation. Graham County communities are the epicenter of much of the settlement because the Gila River flows through the county. City of Safford is the primary domestic water provider in Graham County and is entitled to 5,300 acre

feet of water from Bonita Creek through the Arizona Water Settlement Act. Community water supplies, agricultural water and industrial water are all part of the settlement. Threatened and Endangered species are located in the watershed of the county. The three primary species are Southwest Willow Flycatcher, Razor Back Sucker, and the Gila Chub. The Gila Chub resided in Bonita Creek and this program should have a positive effect, since the majority of the domestic water in the county comes from Bonita Creek.

2. Why is financial assistance from Reclamation needed to complete this project/activity?  
Even with the rapidly-expanding population, Graham County is still a relatively poor area. The water providers do not have the financial resources necessary for conservation education.
3. What is the need for this education/training activity with relation to good water management, efficient use of water, and water conservation?

This program is directed at the domestic water consumption. The area's population currently uses 200 gallons of water per capita per day (GPCD). Compared with other communities in Arizona such as Flagstaff, who has a GPCD of 160, Cottonwood, who has a GPCD of 110, Prescott Valley, with a GPCD of 116, or Payson with a GPCD of 86, our community has a high per capita water use rate. Before our population reaches the projected 100,000 mark that we anticipate, we have a window of opportunity to build a partnership within the community that act upon a new water conservation ethic.

The educational program planned for Graham County will help water consumers learn to conserve water through:

- a. Blue tablets for toilet tanks
- b. Toilet tank flaps
- c. On-site water audit

Or

What new research project are you proposing and what immediate water savings will it produce in both the short term and the long term?

4. How do you intended to disseminate your message or findings?
  - a. On-site water audits
  - b. School Education
  - c. Water Conservation Displays
  - d. Mailings to utility users
  - e. Community Events
  - f. Local newspaper, Courier
5. What is the composition and number/size of your target audience?  
City of Safford water meters  
Graham County Utilities water meters  
Eden Water Company  
Ash Creek Water Company
6. Can you measure the impact of your message upon good water management, efficient use of water, and water conservation?  
We plan on utilizing a quantitative sampling to measure our effectiveness, based on measuring the change in behavior of our consumers. We will measure:
  - The GPCD of homes before their water audit and after they implement the recommended changes
  - The GPCD of the average home before and after the programAlthough the overall change may be slight, or may not be measurable at the end of two years, we intend to evaluate the GPCD over time. Even a 1% or 2% lowering of the GPCD will have a major impact over time.
7. Who are the partners in this activity and what is their contribution?

City of Safford water meters  
Graham County Utilities water meters  
Eden Water Company  
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## **NEPA Questions**

### **(2) Any endangered or threatened species in the project area?**

Threatened and Endangered species are located in the watershed of the county. The three primary species are Southwest Willow Flycatcher, Razor Back Sucker, and the Gila Chub. The Gila Chub resided in Bonita Creek and this program should have a positive effect, since the majority of the domestic water in the county comes from Bonita Creek.

### **Needs Statement:**

Graham County currently has no formal unified program to educate water consumers on conservation. Resources for homeowners and businesses wishing to learn more about water conservation are inadequate. There is no organized resource for dissemination of appropriate information on the subject. Therefore, the Graham County Cooperative Extension and partners' would like to follow the examples of some of our neighboring counties and start a Water Conservation program. The Gila River Water Settlement has been signed and is being implemented in 2008. It is critical that our whole community to be aware and practice water conservation so the water resources are better used.

This program would attempt to unite the whole community around a water conservation ethic. It would be directed at the whole community providing awareness of the issue and need, as well as providing specific measures they can use to conserve water in their homes and businesses. The program would include; general public, schools, homeowners, and businesses by providing resources for those wishing to learn more about and how to implement water conservation.

### **Measurable Objectives:**

1. Number of schools visited and children educated with water wagon
2. Number of events covered
3. Number of adults provided information on water conservation
4. Number of blue tablet provided and response cards returned that report a leak was fixed
5. Number of homes audited
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### **Staffing and Personnel:**

Staffing for the program will come from existing University of Arizona, Graham County Cooperative Extension staff. The programs will also rely on partnerships with the City of Safford, Graham County Utilities Cooperative, Ash Creek and Eden Water Companies, Gila Watershed Partnership, Graham County Chamber of Commerce, Graham County and Eastern Arizona College and trained volunteers.

**BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction**

OMB Approval No. 0348-0044

**SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY**

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		Total (g)
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (a)	
1. Managing Water in the West.	# 08SF320001	\$	\$	\$50,000.00	\$	\$50,000.00
2.						
3.						
4.						
5. Totals		\$	\$	\$50,000.00	\$	\$50,000.00

**SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES**

6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				Total (f)
	(1) Managing Water in the West (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
a. Personnel	\$15,660.00	\$	\$	\$	\$15,660.00
b. Fringe Benefits	6,985.00				6,985.00
c. Travel	1,800.00				1,800.00
d. Equipment					
e. Supplies	14,395.00				14,395.00
f. Contractual					
g. Construction					
h. Other					
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)	39,683.00				39,683.00
j. Indirect Charges	10,317.00				10,317.00
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$50,000.00				\$50,000.00
7. Program Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 00.0

**SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES**

(a) Grant Program	(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e) TOTALS
8. Recipient Employee funding	18,214.00	\$	\$	18,214.00
9. Fringe Benefits	6,726.00			6,726.00
10. Insertion of Education & Outreach Materials in Utility bills. See letters from City of Safford and Graham County Utilities, and others			15,410.00	15,410.00
11. E&O from donation from Freeport McMoran Inc.			10,000.00	10,000.00
12. TOTAL (sum of lines 8-11)	\$24,940.00	\$	\$25,410.00	\$50,350.00

**SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS**

	FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (Years)				
	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
13. Federal	\$50,000.00	\$	\$	\$	\$
14. Non-Federal	00.0				
15. TOTAL (sum of lines 13 and 14)	\$50,000.00	\$ 00.0	\$ 00.0	\$ 00.0	\$ 00.0

**SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT**

(a) Grant Program	FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (Years)			
	(b) First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth
16. Managing Water in the West -- 2008	\$50,000.00	\$	\$	\$
17. Managing Water in the West -- 2009		50,000.00		
18.				
19.				
20. TOTAL (sum of lines 16-19)	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$	\$ 00.0

**SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION**

21. Indirect Charges:	22. Indirect Charges: at 26% equals \$10,317.00 for 2008
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23. Remarks:



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June 3, 2008

Arizona Water Protection Fund  
3550 North Central Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85012

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Chairman Graham County Board of Supervisors



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Terry Hinton, Town Manager

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# MT. GRAHAM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

TOGETHER FOR HEALTH

June 3, 2008

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Sincerely,

Patrick J. Peters  
President & CEO

**GRAHAM COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
GRAHAM COUNTY UTILITIES, INC.  
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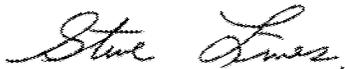
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Sincerely,



Steve Lines  
General Manager  
Graham County Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Graham County Utilities, Inc.

June 4, 2008

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality  
319 Grant Program  
1110 W. Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: *Gila River Water Conservation Education Grant*

I am writing this letter to express my support for the Gila Watershed Partnership and their application for grant funding for the *Gila River Water Conservation Education Grant*. The project will implement a much needed comprehensive water education program in Graham and Greenlee Counties, and reduce GPCD in those counties. Arizona NEMO supports the goals of this project because it is consistent with the program objectives of our educational outreach to watershed groups across the State, but, more importantly, will educate the community on the link between water quality and watershed health. In addition, this project will improve and restore the health of this watershed, which will have lifelong benefits for all of us.

Arizona NEMO [Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials] is tasked with educating land-use decision makers to make voluntary actions that will mitigate water pollution. NEMO is a non-regulatory, research-based educational program using geospatial information and other advanced technologies for outreach education, analysis, and research addressing water quality and sustainability concerns in Arizona.

NEMO looks forward to collaborating with the Gila Watershed Partnership and will provide access to watershed planning tools, GIS maps, and outreach support, consistent with our Watershed Plan outreach. Please contact me if you have any questions or if you are in need of additional information.

Sincerely,



Terry Sprouse  
[www.ArizonaNEMO.org](http://www.ArizonaNEMO.org)



June 3, 2008

Arizona Water Protection Fund  
3550 North Central Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85012

Dear Representatives of the Arizona Water Protection Fund:

The City of Safford is the largest provider of water in the Gila Valley and we are members and supporters of the Gila Watershed Partnership. I am writing this letter to express our continuing support for the Gila Watershed Partnership and their application for grant funding for the Gila River Water Conservation Education Program. This program is important to our area as we take the majority of our water directly from the Gila River and its tributaries. The increasing pressures upon our water supply, from the new mine, the increased population, and the Gila River Indian Water Right Settlement makes it critical that we protect our riparian areas by reducing our water consumption.

The City of Safford supports their efforts to secure these grant funds, and are confident that they will be used in a very worthwhile and efficient manner. These efforts will protect the health of our riparian areas, which will have lifelong benefits for all of us.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jay W. Howe  
City of Safford  
Utilities Director

# Desert Fishes Council



Consejo de los Peces del Desierto

*Dedicated to the Conservation of North America's Arid Land Ecosystems*

June 5, 2008

Arizona Water Protection Fund  
3550 North Central Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85012

Re: Gila River Watershed Partnership Funding Application

Dear Administrators of the Arizona Water Protection Fund:

The Desert Fishes Council is an international group of university researchers, governmental agency scientists and resource managers, and members of private organizations dedicated to the conservation of North America's arid land ecosystems. As such, we share the many expressed concerns relating to water use in areas such as the Gila River drainage.

We are keenly aware of the demands on our water resources brought about by burgeoning human populations in the American Southwest and Northern Mexico. Perhaps the most efficient way to address this problem is through education of residents within the areas of use and demand. Consequently, we strongly support the grant application of the Gila River Conservation Education Program. The public must be made fully aware that each time they turn on a tap in their homes and businesses they are depleting a natural stream or aquifer that supplies the life requirements of plants, animals, riparian areas and all life forms therein.

Please consider the grant request thoughtfully and thoroughly. Doing so is surely in the best interests of the Gila River and the State of Arizona.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin P. Pister". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Edwin P. Pister  
Executive Secretary



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*Charlie Ester*  
Water Resource Operations  
P.O. Box 52025-2025, PAB 120  
Phoenix, AZ 85072-2025  
E-mail: ceester@srpnet.com

June 9, 2008

Arizona Water Protection Fund  
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Phoenix, AZ 85012

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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Charles Ester*

Charles Ester  
Manager  
Water Resource Operations  
Salt River Project

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June 10, 2008

Arizona Water Protection Fund  
3550 North Central Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85012

Dear Representatives of the Arizona Water Protection Fund:

I am writing this letter in support for the Gila Watershed Partnership (GWP) and their application for grant funding for the Gila River Water Conservation Education Program. This program is important to the Upper Gila River in Graham and Greenlee Counties, as our water come from the Gila River and its tributaries.

The pressures upon our water supply from the increased population, rapid increase in subdivisions, new industry and expansion of old industry and the Gila River Indian Water Right Settlement makes it critical that we conserve and protect our water supplies and all the associated benefits of a sustainable water supply.

The Gila River and it tributaries represent some of the most important riparian areas in Arizona. The Gila Box National Riparian Conservation Area is within both counties. Bonita Creek an Arizona designated Unique Water is in Graham County. It is important that both of these riparian systems and all their associated values be maintained. A water conservation program will help in that effort.

Water conservation has been identified as part of my program needs assessment in Graham and Greenlee counties. There has not been comprehensive continuous water conservation program in either county with the goal of changing our conservation ethic and reducing our water consumption. I have applied for a water conservation grant through the Bureau of Reclamation. I have not received written confirmation of approval. My grant coupled with this funding if approved will be the beginnings of a sustainable program that has wide support in both Counties.

I support GWP's efforts to secure these grant funds and I will be a primary contributor to the match for this grant. I am confident that funds will be used in a very worthwhile and efficient manner. This effort will conserve our water supply while protecting the health of our riparian areas, which will have lasting benefits for all of us.

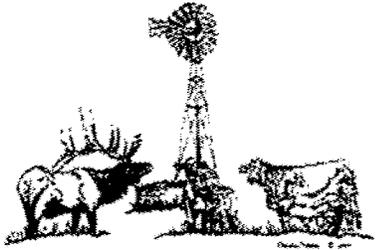
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Sincerely,



Bill Brandau  
Graham County Cooperative Extension Director  
Area Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources  
University of Arizona Cooperative Extension  
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UPPER EAGLE CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION



June 10, 2008

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