



## RIO SALADO OESTE PRELIMINARY DESIGN AND ENGINEERING

Subcommittee: Energy and Water

**Request:** Appropriate \$2.0 million in Fiscal Year 2011 to the Army Corps of Engineers for preliminary engineering and design of the Phoenix Rio Salado Oeste Environmental Restoration Project.

### Community Value:

Rio Salado is an environmental restoration project with the Army Corps of Engineers that includes flood control improvements and recreation features for people in Phoenix and Maricopa County. A five-mile stretch of the Salt riverbed project is constructed from 24th Street to 19th Avenue. The Rio Salado Oeste project will connect and continue the restoration of the Salt River from 19th to 83rd avenues. The project corrects years of ecosystem damage to the riverbed and will trigger new investment beyond its banks.

### Background:

- Chief's Report from the Army Corps of Engineers was signed in December 2006
- Project authorization in the 2007 Water Resources Development Act
- Restores eight-miles of riparian habitat, approximately 1,500 acres
- Total costs of \$165 million (estimated federal share is \$105 million)

### Benefits:

- Flood control improvements
- Increase in ecosystem function
- Benefit local and migratory wildlife
- Increase in regional recreational trails
- Improved aesthetics
- New economic development beyond the banks of the project



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