



## RIO SALADO OESTE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Request:** Fund \$1.446 million to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) in FFY 2014 for the Rio Salado Oeste Environmental Restoration Project pre-engineering and design.

### Community Value:

The Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area is an environmental restoration collaborative project between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the city of Phoenix that includes flood control improvements, ecosystem restoration and recreation features. The Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area provides needed habitat for Arizona wildlife, economic development benefits and regional trails along the riverbed. The entire project includes three components - Rio Salado, Rio Salado Oeste and Tres Rios - that span more than 20 miles in Phoenix and link with other flood control and river restoration projects in the metro area.

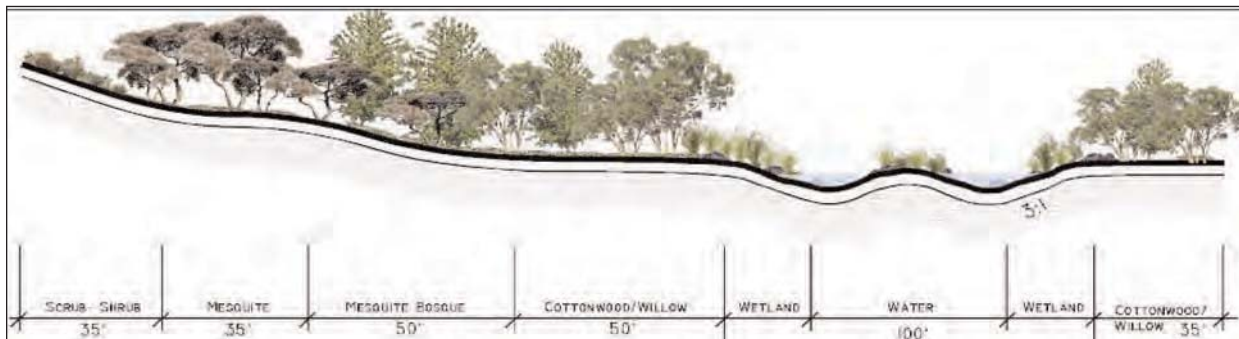
The first project, Rio Salado, a five-mile stretch of the Salt River, has been completed from 24th Street to 19th Avenue. The next segment of the plan is Rio Salado Oeste, which will restore an eight-mile reach of the Salt River between 19th and 83rd Avenues. The project is currently in the first phase of design from 19th to 51st Avenues. Since 2008, the project has received more than \$3.4 million in federal funding.

### Background:

- Chief's Report from the Corps 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 cost of \$165 million (estimated federal share is \$105 million).

### Benefits:

- Flood control improvements.
- Increase in ecosystem function.
- New economic development beyond the banks of the project.
- Benefit local and migratory wildlife.



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