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***RE: Cocopah Colorado River Limitrophe Restoration Project***

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is to express my support for the proposal from the Cocopah Indian Tribe to develop and implement 431 acres of habitat restoration where the floodplain of the Colorado River runs through their reservation lands. This project proposes to restore native riparian habitat in two areas where decades of diminished Colorado River flows have transformed the floodplain area into dry desert choked with invasive salt cedar—41 acres on Cocopah North Reservation and 390 acres on Cocopah West. Tribal water will be used to implement and sustain both sites. As you might imagine, the river has been severely degraded in this region due to diminished Colorado River flows. This project supports the Cocopah Tribe in realizing their vision for their lands connected to the river and revitalize precious riverside habitat in a parched region.

As representative for Arizona's Seventh Congressional District and Ranking Member of the House Natural Resources Committee, I support the Cocopah Tribe's ability to implement their vision for how they will use their water rights. The Cocopah people have a long been stewards of this great river, and I am excited that this project will help continue that legacy. Additionally, this project supports several priorities of the Biden-Harris administration, including E.O. 13895 *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities through the Federal Government*, and the President's memorandum, *Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships*.

I encourage full and fair consideration of their proposal under all applicable rules and regulations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress