



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY GARRISON
DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS
3040 BUTLER ROAD
FORT HUACHUCA ARIZONA 85613-7010

Directorate of Public Works

June 10th, 2013

Cochise County
1415 Melody Lane Building C
Bisbee, AZ 85603

To Whom it May Concern:

RE: Support letter for WaterSMART grant

The U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Fort Huachuca (Fort) was significant requirements with respect to water quantity under the Endangered Species Act for its potential impacts to surface water flow volume in the San Pedro River. The Fort extracts groundwater from the regional aquifer many miles from the river and is required to offset the impacts of that pumping. Over the last 20 years, the Fort has reduced its groundwater pumping by nearly 70% and has offset its groundwater pumping to become net-zero on post since 2003.

Improvements in water quantity and quality take consistent hard work, cooperation, dedication, and most importantly planning and management. The Fort has expended millions of dollars on infrastructure, conservation easements, water conservation strategies, and education to reach this goal and is in the process of becoming net-zero regionally. **The USAG Fort Huachuca** strongly supports Cochise County in their efforts to obtain funding from the WaterSMART grant to expand our existing watershed management through planning and coordination of the stakeholders in our County that will benefit every resident and visitor to our region.

We look forward to Cochise County being awarded this critical funding and being an active participant in the solution to preserving, enhancing, and protecting our valuable water resources.

Very Respectfully,

Cynthia K. Trout, PE
Acting Chief, Environmental and Natural
Resources Division



May 30, 2013

Cochise County
1415 Melody Lane Building C
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To Whom It May Concern:

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The **Upper San Pedro Partnership** is a consortium of federal, state, local, and non-profit agencies and organizations working together to meet the long-term water needs of the Sierra Vista Subwatershed by achieving sustainable yield of the regional aquifer to preserve the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area and to ensure the long-term viability of Fort Huachuca. The purpose of the Partnership is to coordinate and cooperate in the identification, prioritization, and implementation of comprehensive policies and projects to assist in meeting water needs in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed of the Upper San Pedro River Basin.

Improvements in water quantity and quality take consistent hard work, cooperation, dedication, and most importantly planning and management. In the spring of 2012, the partnership attempted to develop a Water Resources Management Plan for the subwatershed but was unable to do so because the partnership members did not have the time and resources to devote to the development of this plan. That is why the Supervisors of the **Upper San Pedro Partnership** strongly supports Cochise County in their efforts to obtain funding from the WaterSMART grant to expand our existing watershed management through planning and coordination of the stakeholders in our County that will benefit every resident and visitor to our region.

We look forward to Cochise County being awarded this critical funding and being an active participant in the solution to preserving, enhancing, and protecting our valuable water resources.

Sincerely,

Patrick Call
Chairman, Upper San Pedro Partnership Advisory Committee

*<http://www.usppartnership.com>
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May 30, 2013

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The Cochise Water Project is a first-of-its-kind non-governmental effort dedicated to conserving water in the Sierra Vista area. This non-profit organization is dedicated solely to the reduction of groundwater use in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed by decreasing water use in both residential and commercial areas. Our goal is to have people think about saving water the same way they think about recycling or turning off the lights... not only is it the right thing to do – it's the smart thing to do!

Improvements in water quantity and quality don't just happen. They take consistent hard work, cooperation, dedication, and most importantly planning and management. **The Cochise Water Project** strongly supports Cochise County in their efforts to obtain funding from the WaterSMART grant to expand our existing watershed management through planning and coordination of the stakeholders in our County that will benefit every resident and visitor to our region.

We look forward to Cochise County being awarded this critical funding and being an active participant in the solution to preserving, enhancing, and protecting our valuable water resources.

Sincerely,

Patrick Call
Executive Director

Website: www.thecochisewaterproject.com

Working Together To Enhance Our Natural Resources



Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District

A Local Division of State Government

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June 3, 2013

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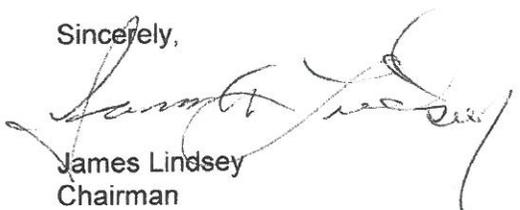
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Improvements in water quality don't just happen. They take consistent hard work, cooperation, dedication and mostly planning management. That is why the Supervisors of the Hereford Natural Resources Conservation District strongly support Cochise County in their efforts to obtain funding from the WaterSMART grant to expand our existing watershed groups. This would be achieved through planning and coordination of the stakeholders in our County. It also benefits every resident and visitor to our region.

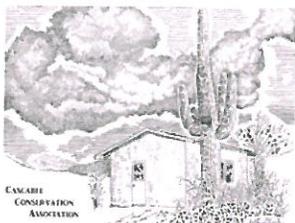
The Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District is a local district of state government, Chapter 6, Arizona Revised Statue, Title 37 established in 1944. The District coordinates activities with people and agencies to improve natural resources within the district. This is accomplished by promoting conservation, watershed management, enhancement and restoration of riparian areas and integrated land use through planning and education.

We look forward to Cochise County being awarded this critical funding and being an active participant in the solution to preserving, enhancing, and protecting our valuable water resources.

Sincerely,


James Lindsey
Chairman

Website: <http://www.herefordnrcd.com>



CASCABEL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

SUPPORTING CONSERVATION, COMMUNITY AND CONTEMPLATION
IN THE MIDDLE SAN PEDRO RIVER VALLEY

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(520) 212-4628 / <cascabelconservation.org>

June 7, 2013

Cochise County
1415 Melody Lane, Building C
Bisbee, AZ 85603

To Whom It May Concern:

The Cascabel Conservation Association (CCA) is writing in strong support of Cochise County's proposal for a WaterSMART grant. The county oversees some of the most important watersheds in the state, most notably that of the San Pedro Valley, and this grant will help preserve, enhance, and protect the county's water resources.

The Cascabel Conservation Association (formerly Cascabel Hermitage Association) has been a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization since 1996 and has over 100 members, a majority of whom are San Pedro Valley landowners. Our mission statement reads:

The Cascabel Conservation Association is dedicated to the collaborative stewardship of the Middle San Pedro River watershed in a way that promotes the health, stability and diversity of the whole community, including its earth, waters, plants, and animals. We strive to integrate the needs of the land with the needs of a sustainable human community through educational, economic, agricultural, contemplative and other conservation-related endeavors.

This grant would allow the county to expand its watershed management efforts through better planning and coordination with all stakeholders, benefiting both residents and visitors alike. Protecting and maintaining these water resources is one of the greatest challenges the county faces with increased growth. The county also has some of the finest recreational lands in the state, drawing many visitors each year to enjoy the natural wealth and beauty that its watersheds host.

We look forward to the successful funding of this grant and working collaboratively with the county and other stakeholders in this watershed protection initiative.

Sincerely,

Norm "Mick" Meader

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Chair, Conservation Committee
Cascabel Conservation Association
<http://cascabelconservation.org>