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Rodney J. Held  
Executive Director  
Arizona Water Protection Fund  
3550 N. Central Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, AZ 85012

Reference: The Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District (HNRCD) Water Protection Fund Grant application for the "Horseshoe Draw Watershed Project"

Dear Mr. Held, Mr. Chairman & Members of the Commission,

I support the proposed Hereford NRC D Horseshoe Draw Watershed Project. HNRCD proposes to construct dams or berms in the draw to detain storm-water runoff from approximately nine-thousand acres.

This project has the potential to achieve many benefits.

1. It would stop the severe ongoing head-cutting in the draw
2. It would allow for the placement of other structures to heal past erosion.
3. It would promote vegetation where it is now impossible for vegetation to grow.
4. It would greatly reduce sediment transfer into the San Pedro River.
5. It would increase the rate of recharge into the aquifer and thus promote a greater surface flow in the river. (Lacher Hydrological Consulting).
6. It would solve the problem of the washed out crossing on Paloma Trail. The families living south of the crossing are often isolated during flood season. Currently a temporary crossing is available, but only until the next flood.
7. It would create an elevated measure of safety & security to families south of the Paloma Trail crossing by providing an assured access for Border Patrol Agents, Sheriff's Deputies, and Fire Fighters and enable school children to get to school.
8. It will improve wildlife habitat.

Please give this important project your utmost consideration and approve a grant for its implementation.

Sincerely,

Ann English, Chair

Richard R. Searle, Vice-Chair

Patrick G. Call, Member