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August 29, 2008

Senator John McCain  
Senator Jon Kyl

**Letter of Support for Federal Funding for Verde River Basin Partnership**

Honorable John McCain:  
Honorable Jon Kyl:

Please see the attached letter from Congressional Representatives Ed Pastor and Raúl Grijalva to USGS Director Mark Meyers supporting \$750,000 in funding in fiscal year 2009 for the Verde River Basin Partnership.

You have previously received letters from the Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee and the Upper Verde River Protection Coalition in support of this funding. Those organizations represent cities and towns on both sides of Mingus Mountain.

Given that you both sponsored the legislation that authorized the Verde River Basin Partnership I feel a similar joint letter from you would carry significant weight with USGS Director Mark Meyers. I am requesting that you send a letter with similar content to Director Mark Meyers.

Sincerely yours,

Jack D. Wilson

cc: Prescott City Council Members w attachment  
Harvey Skoog, Mayor, Town of Prescott Valley w attachment  
Karen Fann, Mayor, Town of Chino Valley w attachment  
Doug Von Gausig, Mayor, Town of Clarkdale w attachment  
Tony Gioia, Mayor, Town of Camp Verde w attachment  
Diane Joens, Mayor, City of Cottonwood w attachment  
John Rasmussen, Coordinator, Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee w attachment

Attachment: August 1, 2008 letter from Representatives Ed Pastor and Raúl Grijalva

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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

August 1, 2008

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Mr. Mark Myers  
Director  
United States Geological Survey  
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive  
Mail Stop 100  
Reston, Virginia 20192-0002

Dear Mr. Myers:

As you know, in November, 2005, the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-110) was signed into law by President Bush. Title II of this law authorizes the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to assist in a collaborative and science-based water-resource planning and management partnership for the Verde River Basin. We are requesting that you consider using \$750,000 of Fiscal Year 2009 funding in the Water Resources Investigation account to support the first year of work specified in the report *"Hydrology Science Plan to Support Title II of the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005"* as prepared by the USGS Arizona Water Science Center, in cooperation with the Verde River Basin Partnership, in December, 2006.

This funding supports the first of a four year scope of hydrologic work specified in the legislation and elaborated upon in the above referenced plan. Specified deliverables include: (1) a water-budget analysis of the Middle Verde River Basin and a report of a preliminary analysis of potential long-term consequences of various water-use scenarios within 14 months after the date of enactment of the Act; (2) a preliminary report submitted by the Partnership that sets forth findings and recommendations of the Partnership regarding the long-term availability of water supply within the Verde Valley within 16 months after the enactment of the Act; and (3) a final report four years after enactment of the Act that summarizes results of water-resource assessments conducted under Title II.

The planned work will provide critical data needed to address issues related to water resources in central Arizona, and to protect the health of the Verde River. We are hopeful that you will see fit to set aside funding for this important project. Should Fiscal Year 2009 funds not be available, we support efforts to include the necessary funds in the Fiscal Year 2010 budget to be submitted to Congress next year.

We look forward to working with you on this important project.

Sincerely,

Ed Pastor  
Member of Congress

Raúl Grijalva  
Member of Congress