

# VERDE RIVER BASIN PARTNERSHIP

November 16, 2009

Dear Citizen,

Are you concerned about the future of Verde River and our water resources?

If you are, this letter is a request by the Verde River Basin Partnership for your support to obtain funding that was promised under federal legislation in 2005. This legislation, Public Law 109-110, the Northern Arizona Land Exchange, Title II and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005, was the result of the intense concern citizens expressed in letters, petitions, and public meetings about the water impacts of the largest federal land trade in Arizona history, the Northern Arizona Land Exchange.

The Verde River Basin Partnership is a result of this legislation, which directs the Partnership to bring stakeholders together to identify our sustainable surface and groundwater supplies. Congress was authorized to appropriate funding essential to complete the studies necessary to identify our water resources in the Verde Basin and to develop options for sustainable water management.

To date, Senator John McCain has made two requests for appropriation of federal funds that have been denied. However, the land exchange is moving forward without the research required to understand its water resource impacts.

Your involvement is critical to urge your congressional representative to fulfill the promise made to you, the citizens of northern Arizona, in this legislation.

## **YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED NOW**

Please send a letter to your congressional representatives asking them to ***fund the studies now*** so their promise to you can be kept.

For your convenience, we have attached the names, email addresses and mailing addresses of the AZ Congressional Delegation members. We encourage you to email or write at least to Senators McCain and Kyl and Congresswoman Kirkpatrick; then, if you are able, to the other representatives on the attached list.

A sample letter is attached. Please download it, modify it as you wish (or write your own), and send it.

After contacting your representative we would also appreciate a copy of your letter being sent to:

[VerdeRiverBP@verdenet.com](mailto:VerdeRiverBP@verdenet.com)

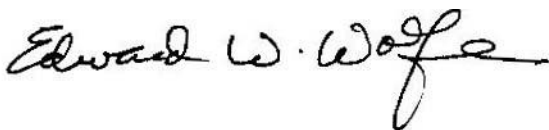
or send a hard copy to:

Verde River Basin Partnership

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Thank you for your involvement and support.



Edward W. Wolfe, Chair

Verde River Basin Partnership Coordinating Committee

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