



Rio Salado, Phoenix & Tempe Reaches, AZ

Investigations

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LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Phoenix Reach located along 5.0 mi of Salt River, from I-10 Bridge to 19th Avenue in Phoenix. Tempe Reach located along 1.3 miles on Indian Bend Wash from McKellips Road downstream to confluence with the Salt River in Tempe and includes two separated half-mile reaches of the Salt River. The ecosystem restoration project restores a highly degraded urban river, enhancing native plant communities and federally listed threatened & endangered species habitat by returning the area to a more natural condition. Recreation & environmental education opportunities are included. These habitats are especially valuable due to their scarcity and the number of species that depend upon them.

AUTHORIZATION: Water Resources Development Act of 1999, Section 101(a) (4)

ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2020: Carryover funds will be used to complete revised design for recreation trail, safety lighting, permit coordination, and final construction of Alt 4 North Bank trail and betterment lighting system. Negotiate with Non-Federal Sponsor (Tempe) the project cost increase due to engineering changes.

FY2021 PLANNED ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Optimal funding could be used to complete Rio Salado Tempe Phase 3 Alt 4 North Bank trail construction.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: SPL recognized changed conditions in April 2012. In channel ecosystem restoration portion of project could not be built due to increase water in channel. Tempe extended east end of Tempe Town eliminating in channel portion of the project from construction. City of Tempe is completing recreation trail on south bank underneath McClintock drive connecting to Tempe Marketplace Trail.

City of Phoenix Mayor submitted letter to SPL in August 2017 requesting close out of Rio Salado Phoenix (Separate cost share agreement from Rio Salado Tempe). In December 2017 Sen McCain's legislative liaison asked City of Phoenix to prepare a letter requesting SPL & USACE keep open authorized project in support of the Senator McCain - Arizona State University "Rio Salado 2. / Rio Salado Project Working Group Design Re-Evaluation Initiative. Any work in Rio Salado Phoenix related to The Rio Reimagined Initiative will require a new Feasibility study. SPL will close out Rio Salado Phoenix because no new project tasks were identified through Rio Reimagined discussions.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Flake and McCain; Congresspersons Gallego (AZ-7), Stanton (AZ-9)



FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

INVESTIGATIONS

Estimated Federal Cost	\$76,010,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$42,140,000
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$118,150,000
Allocation thru FY19	\$76,010,000
Allocation for FY20	0
President's Budget for FY21	0
House Report for FY21	0
Senate Report for FY21	0
Balance to Complete After FY21	0

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