LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The study area is located entirely within the City of Phoenix, along eight miles of the Salt River, from 19th Avenue to 83rd Avenue, downstream (West or Oeste) of the ongoing Rio Salado project and upstream of the Tres Rios Project. The recommended plan includes restoration of nearly 1,500 acres of riparian and flood plain habitat with recreation and incidental flood damage reduction.

AUTHORIZATION: Flood Control Act of 1938, Sec 6 (Gila River & Tributaries, AZ & NM) 28 Jun 38, HR 2425 dated 17 May 1994; Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2007, Sec 1001 (5).

ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2017: None.

FY18 PLANNED ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Optimal funding ($1.446M) would be used to complete remaining Pre-Construction Engineering & Design (PED) phase activities: (1) Complete Water Supply and Low Flow Channel Task Orders Plans & Specifications (P&S) to 100 percent design completion, and conduct District Quality Control (DQC) and Agency Technical Review (ATR) on contractor's work products; (2) Prepare draft Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) & Project Management Plan (PMP); (3) Conduct Real Estate coordination and review Land, Easements, Rights-Of-Way, Relocation, and Disposal Areas (LERRD) crediting; (4) Award a Task Order #3 contract modification for additional design work at low flow channel & outfalls; (5) Award a contract to design a newly identified 51 Avenue grade control structure.

 ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: Office of Management & Budget (OMB) Negative Clearance 12 Jan 09; Project not consistent with the policies and programs of the President; Future expenditures not considered an efficient way to target funds for aquatic ecosystem restoration. Way Forward: Los Angeles District met with Non Federal Sponsor (September 2016) to discuss a narrower project focus on Low Flow channel connectivity & conveyance, while reducing or eliminating upland restoration component to improve project Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR). USACE Project Manager spoke with Non Federal Sponsor staff on 22 March 2017 to confirm our joint understanding about potential change in Project focus; Non Federal Sponsor has a continuing and renewed strong interest in completing the Rio Salado Oeste Project.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Flake and McCain; Congressman Gallego (AZ-7).

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: PED

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