

ARIZONA CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP



To Our Partners:

The Arizona Association of Conservation Districts entered into a cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Land Management to help implement the BLM Arizona Landscape Enhancement Collaborative. Under our cooperative agreement, BLM and AACD have agreed to achieve integrated, multiple resource restoration across public and private landscapes, involving multiple partners and stakeholders. One goal of this partnership is to foster locally-led landscape scale conservation projects, focused on salt cedar control and riparian habitat restoration efforts along the Lower Gila and lower Colorado River in Southwestern Arizona.

The purpose of this letter is to invite interested members of the Arizona Conservation Partnership to participate in an initial planning meeting for this riparian restoration effort. The purpose of this meeting is to have an initial discussion about opportunities to leverage BLM Landscape Enhancement Collaborative funding with other partnership funding to implement Riparian habitat restoration efforts on federal, state, Tribal and private lands, along the Gila and Colorado rivers, targeting invasive and exotic brush species, noxious weeds and salt cedar.

The meeting will be on September 6th, starting at 9:30am along the Colorado river at:
The Ahakhave Tribal Preserve
25401 Rodeo Dr. Parker, AZ 85344

Land ownership in Arizona is a complex tapestry of private, state, tribal, and federally owned lands. As such, maintaining healthy and productive landscapes requires a continuous coordinated effort between many parties. The vision of the Arizona Conservation Partnership is to join forces and leverage resources to enhance Arizona's working landscape for ecological and economic prosperity. Arizona's Conservation Districts are in a unique position to coordinate locally led landscape scale conservation efforts across this complex landscape of land ownership and regulatory control.

Please contact Tyler Gillespie at 520-483-7843 or tyler@western-environmental.org if you are interested in participating.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Dunn".

Bill Dunn, President
Arizona Association of Conservation Districts