



## AUGUST 2009 REPORT

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### FUNDING

#### CONGRESSWOMAN GIFFORDS' VISIT WITH THE USPP



On August 5<sup>th</sup>, Congresswoman Giffords visited the Upper San Pedro Partnership to share good news regarding the federal funding of Partnership projects in Federal Fiscal Year 2010. Thanks to the support of Congresswoman Giffords, the U.S. House of Representatives recommended that \$600,000 be appropriated for the Bureau of Reclamation Feasibility Study. Also, the House recommended that \$254,000 be included in the base of the Agricultural Appropriations bill for the USDA, Agricultural Research Service, Southwest Watershed Research Center. Including this funding in the base of the bill, will preclude the need to request the funding on an annual basis as an “earmark”.

Holly Richter, Executive Committee Chair, briefed Congresswoman Giffords on the status of Partnership projects and challenges facing the Partnership. The Congresswoman and Partnership members exchanged ideas for maintaining the Partnership’s momentum.

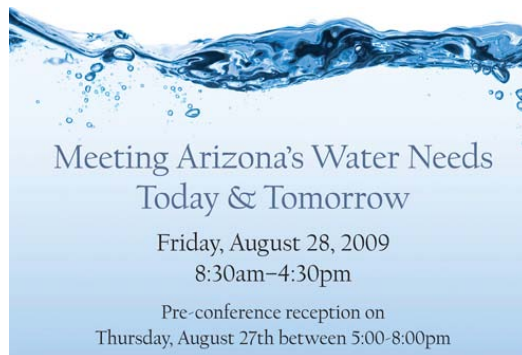
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## CONSERVATION & EDUCATION

### MEETING ARIZONA WATER NEEDS TODAY & TOMMORROW

Several Upper San Pedro Partnership members attended the Arizona Investment Council's conference on Arizona's water supply needs. Conference topics included *The Challenge Ahead: Arizona's Water Supply and Infrastructure*; *The Energy/Water Nexus: How Policies Overlap*; *Best Management Practices, Conservation and Smart Water Policy* and *Funding Water Infrastructure*. Speakers included Herb Guenther, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources and Sharon Megdal, Director, University of Arizona, Water Resources Research Center.



### WATER WISE: PETEY MESQUITEY on "NIFTY NATIVES"

Peter Gierlach of Spadefoot Nursery, aka Petey Mesquitey, was the guest speaker at a Water Wise sponsored presentation on the use of native plants in outdoor landscaping. Petey Mesquitey demonstrated how the use of these drought-resistant, low water use plants are anything but boring. This event was organized by Water Wise and was open to the public free of charge.



## COMMITTEES & WORK GROUPS

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee identified possible funding sources for at least part of the Feasibility Study local match. The Bureau of Reclamation prepared a draft Inter-governmental Agreement (IGA) and the City of Sierra Vista proposed to prepare a draft IGA-type agreement for review at the next meeting. Fort Huachuca introduced the committee to a potential water conservation project in Sonora, Mexico that could yield 400 to 500 acre feet of water savings annually. This project could provide significant hydrological benefits to the Sierra Vista subwatershed.

I got some ocean front property in Arizona  
From my front porch you can see the sea  
I got some ocean front property in Arizona  
If you'll buy that, I'll throw in the golden gate for free.  
*Ocean Front Property, George Strait*

