



APRIL 2009 REPORT

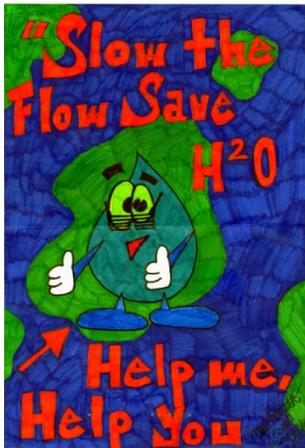
WATER AWARENESS MONTH



CONSERVATION & EDUCATION

WATER WISE: WATER AWARENESS MONTH

What's Your Water Footprint?



Water Wise continued its extensive educational campaign by producing a 16 page newspaper insert that was published in the Sierra Vista Herald, the Bisbee Daily Review, the Daily Dispatch and the Arizona Range News. These newspapers offered their generous support of this effort by publishing the insert in their respective papers as a public service. This year's theme was "What's Your Water Footprint" which focused upon the water used to produce the goods and services that people consume and ways to reduce this water use. Sierra Vista area school children participated in a poster contest that reflected this year's theme. The Upper San Pedro Partnership, the City of Sierra Vista, Cochise County and Fort Huachuca purchased space within the insert in further support of this educational effort.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES WEBINAR

ADWR Water Awareness Month: Water Conservation and Efficiency Webinar

The Arizona Department of Water Resources hosted a webinar on the remarkable water conservation program of the Town of Payson. Payson reduced its per capita water use from approximately 104 gallons per day to approximately 80 gallons per day. The Town's conservation programs include rebates provided to small businesses that remodel restrooms with water-efficient fixtures; donations of water-efficient toilets to be used in affordable housing units, apartments and motels; and xeriscaping landscaping ordinances. The Town attributes its success to the phenomenal commitment of its citizens. This webinar provided participating Upper San Pedro Partnership members with new water conservation ideas and a can-do attitude.



FUNDING

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS FY10

Congresswoman Giffords' office submitted Appropriations Requests on behalf of the following Partnership members: Bureau of Reclamation-\$1.26 million, USDA, Agricultural Research Service-\$650,000 and the U.S. Geological Survey-\$500,000. These funding requests are for the federal fiscal year 2010. The support of Representative Giffords with these funding requests is of critical importance to the Partnership and is greatly appreciated.





LOCAL AUTHORITY: SAN PEDRO WATER DISTRICT ORGANIZING BOARD

APRIL MEETINGS

The Upper San Pedro Water District Organizing Board, with the Arizona Department of Water Resources' technical assistance, completed initial drafts of its Comprehensive Water Management Plan, Organizational Plan, and Financial Plan. Further revisions to these plans are expected within the next two months. The District will subsequently begin its community outreach efforts.



PLANNING, RESEARCH, MONITORING & REPORTING

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

Eric Holler, Bureau of Reclamation, will begin preparing a Cost-Share Agreement that will include a detailed Scope of Work and an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) as the first step towards the completion of a feasibility study for water augmentation alternatives in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed. The required cost-share percentage is 55%. The draft IGA will be completed in the early summer of 2009.



COMMITTEES & WORKGROUPS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is assessing the progress that the Upper San Pedro Partnership has made toward the Action Steps in its 2009 Strategic Plan. The Executive Committee will also review the Executive Summary of the SECTION 321 REPORT that is being prepared by Susan Bronson, Administrator, and Bruce Gungle, U.S.G.S. This summary will be used for general outreach purposes.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

A new Upper San Pedro Partnership Outreach Committee has been formed that will be chaired by Tice Supplee, Audubon Arizona. Other members include Pat Call, Cochise County, Carol Dockter, City of Sierra Vista and Mary Ann Black, Arizona Association of Conservation Districts. The group will meet approximately monthly and will report back to the Partnership Advisory Commission for guidance and approval on policy issues.

321 REPORT WORK GROUP

The 321 Report Work Group reviewed the data and the manner in which it would be presented within the 2009 SECTION 321 REPORT. For example, the group is helping to develop a new matrix that uses a suite of indicators related to the sustainability of water in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed. The Work Group plans to present the draft report to the Partnership Advisory Commission for review this summer and to submit the report to the U.S. Department of the Interior in September 2009.

YOU BRING OUT THE RIVER IN ME

You bring out the river in me.
The flow free in me.
The go wild in me.

You bring out the river in me.
The be still in me.
The free fall in me.

The drown...
The current...
The ripple in me...

You bring out the pebble skipping in me.
You bring out the fishing in me.
You bring out the fresh air in me.

The swim in me.
The sun moving across the water in me.
The I have no worries in me.

The laughing,
the enjoying the day with my dad in me.
You bring out the peace in me.

Lawanda Jacks, age 18

River of Words Poetry Contest

San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area
Photo courtesy of Bonnie Winslow, BLM

