

For discussion at 4/4/09 Stakeholder/Implementation/Technical Committee Meeting

4/1/09 rev.	<b>Draft General Desired Future Condition Statements</b>	<b>Misc. Comments/Questions/Notes</b>
<b>Water Supply</b>		
	A balance exists between water supply and demand to meet future agricultural, municipal, domestic, commercial, industrial, and ecosystem demands while assuring a sustainable water supply to support economic growth, recreation, healthy watersheds and ecosystems, fire and road safety, and drought reserve needs.	Includes both groundwater and surface water sources.
	<i>A coordinated, integrated system</i> of water management exists in the Silver City and mining district service area.	What does that mean and why?
<b>Water Quality</b>		
	Water quality is improved from current conditions.	
<b>Ecosystem Health</b>		
	Watersheds are restored and protected by improved soil resource and natural streamflow regimes (including small and medium-level overbank events) such that human communities, healthy riparian systems with rich and diverse native plant, animal, and fish populations exist along rivers and natural waterways in the four-county area.	Objective measures include details on perennial marsh/cienega/seep, and 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> order streams in the Gila watershed; no net loss of perennial marsh/cienega/spring/seep in the Gila Watershed.
	The Gila River is an unimpaired, free-flowing river with uncompromised instream flows and natural flow regimes.	
	Means exist for controlling wildfires.	Why?
<b>Flood Protection</b>		
	Adequate flood protection for personal property and other purposes exists along the Gila and San Francisco rivers.	
	Adequate erosion protection exists for lands adjacent to the Gila River.	
<b>Species Protection</b>		
	Improve biodiversity and maintain or improve habitat to protect extant threatened and endangered species, native species including restoration of extirpated native species where applicable, and other wildlife and fish populations, including game species.	Objective measures – Perennial marsh/cienega/spring/seep0, and 1 <sup>st</sup> through 5 <sup>th</sup> order stream habitats persist in the

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		Gila to sustain viable and resilient populations of resident Species of Greatest Conservation Need
	Control or eliminate non-native species.	Why?
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>		
	Provide for recreation activities like birding, angling, and river running.	
<b>Water Rights</b>		
	Restore water rights previously lost as a result of the 1964 AZ v. CA decree.	
	Improve acequia diversions to assure water rights can be fulfilled.	
<b>Economic Factors</b>		
	Opportunities exist for economic growth in a healthy regional economy including maintaining a diverse, robust, and sustainable agricultural community compatible with area ecology.	
<b>Community Values</b>		
	Maintain the local, rural character, customs, culture, and values in the Gila Valley including livestock, farms, and recreation.	
	Create or maintain a region where residents can obtain adequate food, shelter, and livelihood while protecting the environment and its communities.	
	Private property owners can operate and manage farms and land to maintain the desirable ecological and environmental climate along the river.	
	Improve the general welfare of the residents of Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, and Luna counties.	
<b>Other</b>		
	Elected officials make all decisions concerning present and future water management.	
	Cooperative relationships exist between state and federal resource agencies and private entities to promote conservation and other common efforts.	
	A regulatory framework exists to accommodate and reward best water management practices.	
	The four-county area has a plan for distributing future revenues from the AWSA to support locally generated water supply/demand projects.	

