



City of Sierra Vista

Office of the Mayor

February 18, 2010

The Honorable Gabrielle Giffords
U.S. Congress
1728 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: FY11 Appropriation Request
Bureau of Reclamation Feasibility Study

Dear Congresswoman Giffords:

I wish to express my full support for the Bureau of Reclamation Feasibility Study as authorized by Congress last year. The Feasibility Study will include the selection and construction design of a cost-effective and viable water supply project that is necessary to achieve sustainability of our regional aquifer. Please note that the term "Feasibility Study" consists of much more than a study per se. The design of the selected project is also part of this process. At the conclusion of the Feasibility Study, an engineered project will be ready to construct.

As you are aware, we have been diligently working toward the sustainable yield of our aquifer for many years. We will continue to pursue a comprehensive and integrated approach to water management that includes conservation, reuse and recharge projects. However, it is absolutely necessary that we consider additional water supply measures to reach sustainable yield. The Feasibility Study will greatly contribute to our ability to comprehensively manage our subwatershed in a sustainable manner.

Thank you for considering this appropriation request. We truly appreciate your continued support of our efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Strain".

Robert B. Strain
Mayor