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## Colorado River Basin Water Supply & Demand Study Report Comments

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I am not a professional in this field but I do have a technical background (physics)

I live in Tucson so this is an important subject to me

I will leave the detailed comments to more qualified people but I do have some general comments:

1. Your study seems like a through, objective study of a very complex system with high levels of uncertainty in many areas.
2. As you move forward from this study, I feel it is important to take a harder look at "quality of life" issues of the options such as:
  - a. Impact (both positive and negative) on non-human species (both endangered and others) of options being considered for implementation.
  - b. Since this area has many national (and other) parks that are used for recreation by people both inside and outside the study area, impacts both positive and negative of the various options on these parks must be carefully considered. This is both for quality of life issue for all of us and financial (tourism dollars) issue for the areas near the parks.
3. It is important that these studies be continued now. Hopefully, as this moves forward, regional and local planners can get on board with your efforts. Effectively, water planning is growth planning. Allowing growth in any area without an identified, sustainable water plan goes beyond ignorant to criminal. There are too many third world nations that are currently proving this. We should not do it to ourselves.

*Thanks*

*Dick Strange*