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Program Strengths

Aspects of the cultural resource program have been operating since the early 1990s.

- There is a good archaeological inventory for the Colorado River corridor.

- Geologists have completed descriptive studies of the alluvial stratigraphy and geomorphology along portions of the river corridor.

- The tribal involvement program has established a good base level of participation and can serve as framework for strengthened future interaction.

- The Monitoring and Remedial Action Plan (MRAP) called for in the Programmatic Agreement met its intended purpose as an interim document to aid in the development of a Historic Preservation Plan (HPP).

- The cultural resource programs have hired and trained good staff that has strong local expertise and logistical skills.

Summary of Panel Recommendations

- **Refine** the definition of the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the program

- A Historic Preservation Plan (HPP) must be completed and adopted as <u>a top program priority</u>

- Expand Native American involvement at multiple levels

- Prepare an archaeological research design <u>as soon as possible</u>

- Redefine the roles of archaeological monitoring and monitoring of other cultural resources

- Develop an archaeological treatment plan

- Improve coordination and integration of a complex program

- Improve cultural resource contracting procedures