

SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

WATER COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 15, 2026, No Sooner Than 10:20 AM

SRP Administration Building
1500 N. Mill Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85288

Committee Members: Robert Arnett, Chair; Stephen Williams, Vice Chair; and Ken Clark, Melissa Harlan, Kevin Johnson, Kathy Mohr-Almeida, and Krista O'Brien

Call to Order

Roll Call

1. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The following agenda item(s) will be considered as a group by the Committee and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these item(s) unless a Committee Member requests, in which event the agenda item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item CHAIR ROBERT ARNETT

- Request for approval of the minutes for the meeting of September 17, 2026.

2. Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Project JACOB RODRIGUEZ

Informational presentation regarding an update on the Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Project wherein SRP, the Bureau of Reclamation, and regional water users are studying options to recover lost water storage capacity on the Verde River Reservoir system and other purposes to improve water supply resiliency in the region.

3. Executive Session, Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4), to Discuss or Consult with Attorneys for Legal Advice Regarding the Status of Negotiations to Resolve Water Rights Claims by Verde Glen Domestic Water Improvement District (DWID) in the Verde River Watershed Prior to Adjudicating Those Claims in Judicial Proceedings PATRICK SIGL and LUCAS SHAW

4. Water Rights Agreement with the Verde Glen DWID LUCAS SHAW

Request for approval for SRP to enter into an agreement with Verde Glen DWID regarding a water rights transfer and water delivery and uses for water stored in the C.C. Cragin Reservoir to resolve water right claims in Northern Gila County (see proposed resolution).

5. Report on Current Events by the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer or Designees JIM PRATT
6. Future Agenda Topics CHAIR ROBERT ARNETT

The Committee may vote during the meeting to go into Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3), for the purpose of discussion or consultation for legal advice with legal counsel to the Committee on any of the matters listed on the agenda.

The Committee may go into Closed Session, pursuant to A.R.S. §30-805(B), for records and proceedings relating to competitive activity, including trade secrets or privileged or confidential commercial or financial information.

Visitors: The public has the option to attend in-person or observe via Zoom and may receive teleconference information by contacting the Corporate Secretary's Office at (602) 236-4398. If attending in-person, all property in your possession, including purses, briefcases, packages, or containers, will be subject to inspection.



**THE NEXT WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026**

10/08/2026

MINUTES
WATER COMMITTEE
SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND
POWER DISTRICT

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September 17, 2026

A meeting of the Water Committee of the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (the District) convened at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2026, from the Hoopes Board Conference Room at the SRP Administration Building, 1500 North Mill Avenue, Tempe, Arizona. This meeting was conducted in-person and via teleconference in compliance with open meeting law guidelines. The District and Salt River Valley Water Users' Association (the Association) are collectively known as SRP.

Committee Members present at roll call were R. Arnett, Chair; K. Clark, M. Harlan, K. Johnson, K. Mohr-Almeida, and K. O'Brien; and L. Rovey of the Association.

Committee Member absent at roll call was S. Williams, Vice Chair.

Also present were Vice President B. Paceley; Board Members M. Herrera, S. Kennedy, and P. Rovey; Council Chair R. Shelton; Council Vice Chair S. Naylor; Council Liaison E. Pedersen; Council Members N. Brown, N. Haddad, R. Kolb, C. Resch-Geretti, and J. Travise; and I. Avalos, M. Burger, J. Felty, R. Held, L. Hobaica, C. Jovanovic, C. Larson, K. Lee, A. Lucas, S. Lutz, B. McHenry, C. McJunkin, M. Mendonca, L. Meyers, S. Morris, K. Morrison, B. Mutchler, M. Pendergraft, M. Purnell, J. Richardson, L. Shaw, and P. Sigl of SRP.

In compliance with A.R.S. §38-431.02, Andrew Davis of the Corporate Secretary's Office had posted a notice and agenda of the Water Committee meeting at the SRP Administration Building, 1500 North Mill Avenue, Tempe, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

Chair R. Arnett called the meeting to order.

Consent Agenda

Chair R. Arnett requested a motion for Committee approval of the Consent Agenda, in its entirety.

On a motion duly made by Board Member K. Johnson and seconded by Board Member K. Mohr-Almeida, the Committee unanimously approved and adopted the following item on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the Water Committee meeting on August 18, 2026, as presented.

Corporate Secretary J. Felty polled the Committee Members on Board Member K. Johnson's motion to approve the Consent Agenda, in its entirety. The vote was recorded as follows:

YES:	Board Members R. Arnett, Chair; and K. Clark, M. Harlan, K. Johnson, K. Mohr-Almeida, and K. O'Brien	(6)
NO:	None	(0)
ABSTAINED:	None	(0)
ABSENT:	Board Member S. Williams, Vice Chair	(1)

Canyon Lake Drawdown Project

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Craig Larson, SRP Senior Director of Power Generation, stated that the purpose of the presentation was to provide information regarding the Canyon Lake drawdown project.

C. Larson provided a map of the Salt River lakes and dams and an overview of the Canyon Lake drawdown project. They reviewed SRP's external stakeholder communication and public outreach regarding the project.

C. Larson explained SRP's water operations at Canyon Lake and presented topographic maps of the upstream and downstream shorelines at Canyon Lake. They provided an overview of the inspections and primary work to be performed at Mormon Flat Dam, Horse Mesa Dam, and the river channel below Horse Mesa Dam. They concluded with key takeaways.

C. Larson responded to questions from the Committee.

Copies of the PowerPoint slides used in this presentation are on file in the Corporate Secretary's Office and, by reference, made a part of these minutes.

V. Kisicki, P. Likens, and J. Pratt of SRP entered the meeting during the agenda item.

C.C. Cragin Reservoir and Northern Gila County Communities Water Rights Agreements

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Lucas Shaw, SRP Director of Water Rights and Strategy, stated that the purpose of the presentation was to provide information regarding the background of the C.C. Cragin Reservoir and Pumping System and related water rights agreements.

L. Shaw provided images of the C.C. Cragin watershed and the 1965 C.C. Cragin reservoir's construction. They reviewed the Arizona Water Settlements Act, Section 3(B) – Availability of Water.

L. Shaw provided an overview of the following: 1) agreements and negotiation with Northern Gila County Communities, 2) C.C. Cragin reservoir and pumping system, 3) C.C. Cragin reservoir allocations, and 4) the Verde Glen Domestic Water Improvement District (DWID). They concluded with next steps.

L. Shaw responded to questions from the Committee.

Copies of the PowerPoint slides used in this presentation are on file in the Corporate Secretary's Office and, by reference, made a part of these minutes.

J. Richardson of SRP left the meeting during the agenda item. Council Member B. Brooks; and A. Chabrier of SRP entered the meeting during the agenda item. Board Member S. Williams entered the meeting.

Report on Current Events by the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer or Designees

Jim Pratt, SRP General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, reported on a variety of federal, state, and local topics of interest to the Committee.

Future Agenda Topics

Chair R. Arnett asked the Committee if there were any future agenda topics. None were requested.

There being no further business to come before the Water Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

John Felty
Corporate Secretary

Update on the Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Project

Water Committee

October 15, 2026

Jacob Rodriguez, Sr. Manager, Water System Projects

Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Project (VRSMP)

- Restore lost storage capacity on the Verde Reservoir System
- Feasibility Study:
 - Analyze four alternatives
- Additional Benefits:
 - Mitigate future sediment accumulation
 - Evaluate additional water storage alternatives
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) & Feasibility Study
 - Completion in summer/fall of 2027

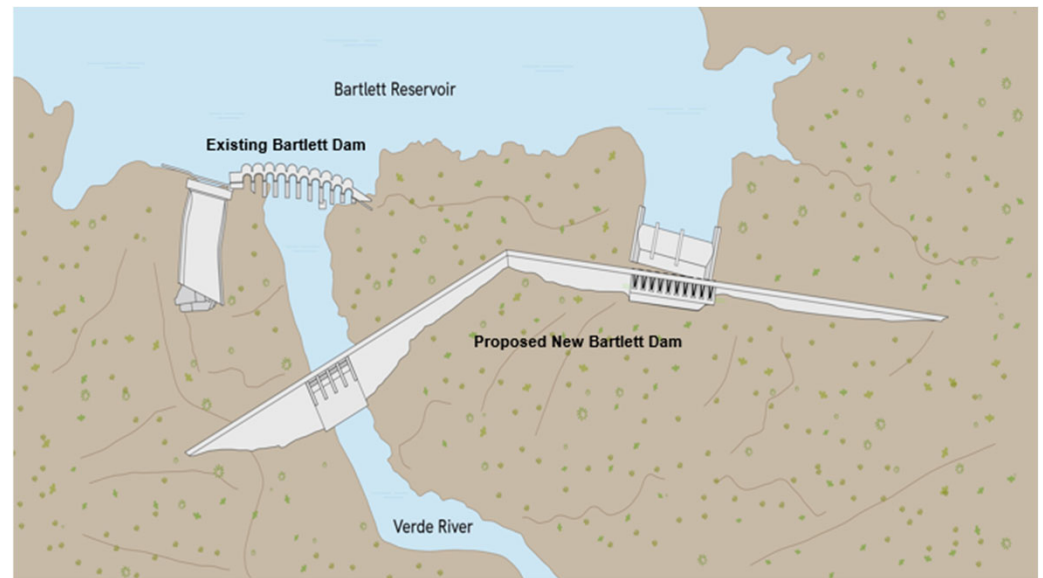


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VRSMP Feasibility Study and EIS

- Feasibility Study

- Analyzes the technical, financial, economic, and environmental feasibility of project alternatives.
- Used to select a preferred alternative and potential recommendation to Congress.

- Environmental Impact Statement

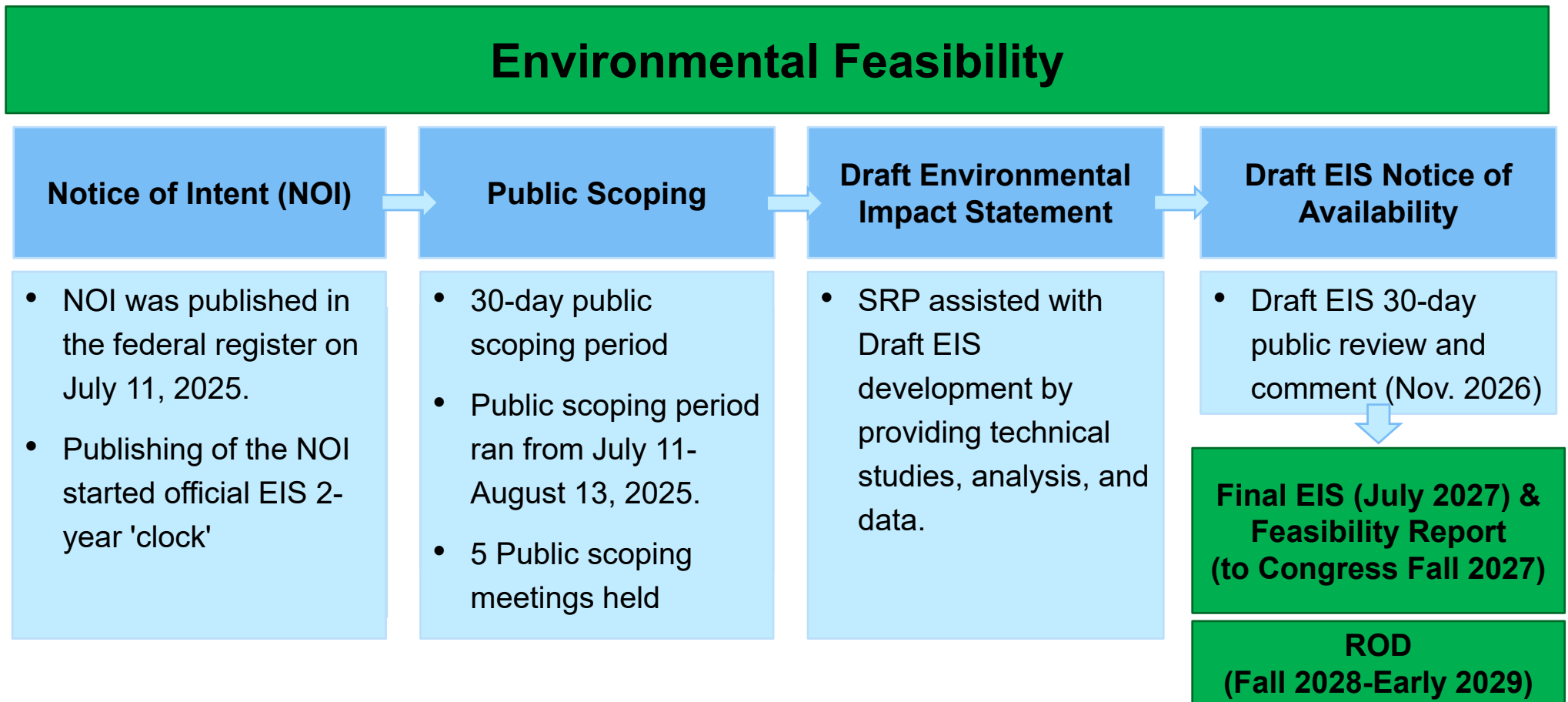
- Used to analyze the environmental feasibility of the proposed alternatives.
- Assess potential effects of the project alternatives on the environment; proposed mitigation strategies
- Record of Decision (ROD)

- Congressional Approval

- Feasibility Study and EIS provide objective data used in the Congressional approval process.



VRSMP Environmental Impact Statement Timeline



Feasibility Study & EIS Next Steps

- Environmental Impact Statement

- Notice of Availability (NOA): November 6th
- Public Comment Period: November 6th - December 6th
- Public Meetings: November 16th – November 20th
- Comments Received: Require Responses

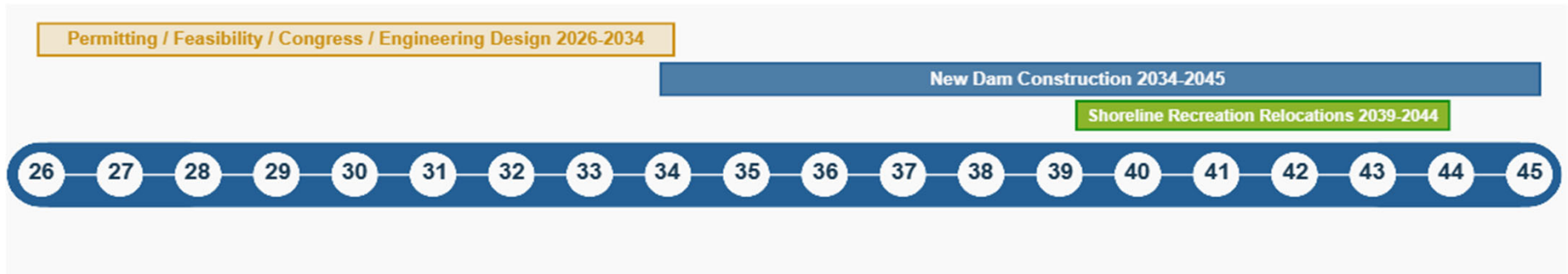
- Feasibility Study

- Draft Feasibility Report Review: September 16th – November 16th
- Public Draft Feasibility Report: Available for Public Review December 15th – January 17th



VRSMP Feasibility Alternative #2

- Alternative #2 Updated Cost Estimate = \$4.4.B
 - Approximate cost per acre-foot = \$11,772
 - SRP's restored capacity = 40,333 acre-feet
 - SRP share of construction costs = \$475M
- Alternative #2 Schedule



thank you!





C.C. Cragin Reservoir and Verde Glen Domestic Water Improvement District Water Rights Agreement

Water Committee Meeting (Open Session)

October 15, 2026

Lucas Shaw, Director Water Rights & Strategy

Agenda

- Summary of Terms of the Verde Glen DWID Water Rights Agreement
- Request for Approval to Execute Verde Glen DWID Water Rights Agreement

Summary of Terms of Verde Glen DWID Water Rights Agreement

Settlement Agreement Terms

- Underground water withdrawals are considered appropriable subflow
- Limit diversions and withdrawals to agreement quantity
- Measure and report annual water use
- Pay for portion of C.C. Cragin capital and O&M costs
- Individual property owners have option to execute agency agreement to legalize diversions and withdrawals
- Support SRP in adjudication of water rights for C.C. Cragin Reservoir

C.C. Cragin Water Rights Agreements

Committee Action Requested

In accordance with the terms discussed herein, request the Committee recommend that the Board authorize the Associate General Manager & Chief Water Resources and Services Executive, President, Vice President, or General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, or his or her designees, to execute:

- A water rights agreement with Verde Glen Domestic Water Improvement District under the general terms described herein;
- Any subsequent amendments to such agreement that does not materially modify the economic terms of the agreement
- Consent to partial severance and transfer of beneficial use water rights to water stored in C.C. Cragin Reservoir consistent with the Agreement.

thank you!



RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT AND THE SALT RIVER VALLEY WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION REGARDING A SEVERANCE AND TRANSFER OF WATER RIGHTS IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA ON THE VERDE RIVER WATERSHED

WHEREAS, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 45, Chapter 1, Article 6, Section 45-172, Verde Glen Domestic Water Improvement District has requested that the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District and Salt River Valley Water Users' Association approve a partial severance and transfer of water rights in the State of Arizona on the Verde watershed as shown on Exhibit A and described in Exhibit B, attached hereto and made a part thereof,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District and the Board of Governors of the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association hereby approves the partial severance and transfer of up to an average of 7.0 acre-feet of water per year, commencing on the date SRP begins deliveries to the Verde Glen Domestic Water Improvement District from C. C. Cragin Reservoir, with a maximum annual delivery amount not to exceed 8.21 acre-feet, from the lands within the Salt River Reservoir District to the Verde Glen Domestic Water Improvement District water system. This Resolution applies to Certificate of Water Right No. 3696.0005 (Application No. A-3906, Permit No. A-2634). The remainder of the use under this existing Certificate will continue to be used by SRP within the Salt River Reservoir District. No right to store water in C. C. Cragin Reservoir is being transferred by this Resolution.

Water rights as described above (from C. C. Cragin Reservoir) will be partially severed from within the NE SE, Section 33, Township 14 North, Range 11 East, Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Coconino County, Arizona. Water is diverted from C. C. Cragin Reservoir through a tunnel beginning within the NW SW Section 33, Township 14 North, Range 11 East and extending to a pump station within the NE NW Section 5, Township 13 North, Range 11 East in the State of Arizona.

Water rights will be transferred to the Verde Glen Domestic Water Improvement District water service area located in a portion of Section 26 , Township 12 North, Range 10 East, in the State of Arizona, as shown on Exhibit A and described in Exhibit B

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this approval is conditioned upon the following requirements:

1. The Agreement by and between the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District and the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association (collectively, "SRP") and Verde Glen Domestic Water Improvement District ("Agreement") is executed on or before October 31, 2027 and the conditions for effectiveness of the Agreement have occurred.

2. Verde Glen Domestic Water Improvement District shall prepare a formal application for severance and transfer in accordance with the Agreement and submit it to the Department of Water Resources within sixty (60) days of the Effective Date of the Agreement.

5. The continued effectiveness of the Agreement.

6. Under the terms of the Agreement, the water rights subject to the Agreement and Application revert to SRP upon termination of the Agreement.

7. The Arizona Department of Water Resources Director's Final Decision and Order granting the severance and transfer application shall contain the following:

A Conclusion of Law that "A severance and transfer hearing is not an adjudication, and this Decision and Order does not validate any water rights or claims at issue in any proceeding."

Exhibit A

Map of Water Service Area for Verde Glen Domestic Water Improvement District

Exhibit B

Legal Description of Verde Glen Domestic Water Improvement District Water Service Area

Verde Glen Domestic Water Improvement District water service area is located in the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 26, Township 12 North, Range 10 East; and within that portion of the North half of the Southwest quarter of Section 26, Township 12 North, Range 10 East, lying West of the East Verde River in the State of Arizona.