

Colorado River Salinity Control Funding Opportunity

Project Description

Projects that will control nearly 12,000 tons of salt that would otherwise enter the Colorado River system are being solicited utilizing \$10 million in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The number of projects and locations will be determined when grant awards are made following the proposal submission due date of May 14, 2009, and subsequent award date no later than June 30, 2009. A Funding Opportunity Announcement seeking salinity control projects was posted on March 31, 2009, on <http://www.grants.gov>.

The Colorado River and its tributaries provide municipal and industrial water to approximately 27 million people and irrigation water to nearly four million acres of land in the United States. The river also serves approximately 2.3 million people and 500,000 acres in Mexico. The threat of salinity is a major concern in both the United States and Mexico. Salinity affects agricultural, municipal and industrial water users.



Project Benefits

These projects will:

- Reduce salinity which, in turn, causes over \$350 million in economic damage in the Lower Colorado River Basin states of Arizona, California and Nevada along with impacts in Mexico.
- Involve Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.
- Add to the overall long-running and successful salinity control program operating in the Upper Basin, intercepting salts at the source prior to entering the Colorado River.
- May be new one-time salinity control activities or may be in conjunction with existing salinity control projects.
- Be completed in one winter construction season from October 2009 to April 2010.

Budget Information

Recovery funding: \$10 million

For more information

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