

STATEMENT OF
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BEFORE THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES
SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

CONCERNING
H.R. 5180 "LOWER COLORADO RIVER MULTI-SPECIES CONSERVATION
PROGRAM ACT"

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Chairman Radanovich, Congressman Hayworth, members of the subcommittee, I am Vice Mayor Jim Lane from Scottsdale Arizona, and we are pleased to be hosting this important hearing today. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you in support of H.R. 5180, the "Lower Colorado Multi-Species Conservation Program Act." The bill authorizes appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program ("MSCP") in the states of Arizona, California, and Nevada. The City of Scottsdale enthusiastically supports this bill, and we are appreciative of Congressman Hayworth for his sponsorship of the bill and for his attention to the significant water needs of the Valley of the Sun.

The City of Scottsdale has a significant interest in insuring that the MSCP is fully funded and implemented. The City is the third largest municipal subcontractor for water from the Central Arizona Project ("CAP"). In 2005, the City delivered more than 14 billion gallons of CAP water to its customers. This represents about two-thirds of Scottsdale's current drinking water supply, and while we constantly consider the value of alternative water supplies and conservation to the community, the reality is that our reliance on CAP water will only increase in the future. Implementation of the MSCP will protect the CAP's capacity to deliver this important water supply to Scottsdale and other CAP water users.

The MSCP is a cooperative effort between federal and non-federal entities in Arizona, California and Nevada to protect endangered, threatened and sensitive species on the Lower Colorado River. It also assures affected water and power agencies in these three states, including the Central Arizona Project, that their operations may continue upon compliance with Program requirements. It will create over 8,100 acres of habitat for the species covered by the Program, and includes plans to augment populations of two endangered fish. The MSCP also provides for ongoing habitat maintenance, and includes a research and management effort to ensure the program's effectiveness.

The total cost of the species conservation efforts implemented under the MSCP is currently estimated at \$626 million over the next 50 years. These program costs are divided 50-50 between the state and federal entities covered by the MSCP. H.R. 5180 is key to the success of the program, since it provides an authorization of appropriations for the federal share of MSCP costs. It also directs the Secretary of the Interior to manage and implement the MSCP in accordance with the Program Documents.

We believe that the MSCP represents a unique compromise that provides for the protection of sensitive and endangered species while allowing for reasonable use of Colorado River water. The passage of H.R. 5180, and the funding of the MSCP, are of vital importance to those of us who are impacted by and committed to the Program's success. We therefore urge the Subcommittee to recommend approval of the bill and that Congress provide the Bureau of Reclamation with sufficient appropriations to implement this important program.

Once again, the City of Scottsdale appreciates the opportunity to host the Subcommittee's field hearing on H.R. 5180, and we would be happy to answer any questions regarding our position on the bill.

Scottsdale City Councilman W. J. "Jim" Lane

Councilman W. J. "Jim" Lane began his first term on the Scottsdale City Council in June 2004.

Councilman Lane served on the 2002 Scottsdale Fire & EMS Advisory Committee, which was convened to evaluate and make recommendations to the city regarding the desired level of fire and emergency medical services relative to cost.

His community service also includes six years on the Scottsdale Paradise Valley YMCA Board of Management. He chaired the 1999 Kids Campaign annual fund raising effort.

He came to Scottsdale from New Jersey in 1973 to take a position with KPMG (Peat Marwick), an international CPA firm. He worked as a CPA for twenty years with five of those years in the Public Accounting and Auditing Division.

Councilman Lane has owned and operated businesses in construction, mining, computer technology, telecommunications and regional aviation. He currently owns the financial consulting company of Chatham Hill Group LLC. Councilman Lane is also an Adjunct Professor of Business and Accounting at Scottsdale Community College.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

He and his wife Joanne have three adult children (Bill, Scott & Nancy) along with two grandchildren (Megen & Aislyn).