

Summary of Norm Gaume's Findings pertaining to Gila River Diversion—Metrics

- 3,700 acre-feet—Median annual water supply legally available for diversion
- None or low—amount of new usable water supply for human use after reservoir losses
- \$1.1 billion cost (present value of initial capital costs and annual costs)
 - With \$250 million state appropriation plus all federal AWSA funds, Deming monthly water bill would increase from \$14 to \$158 per month
 - Irrigation water \$8,000 per acre-foot
- Six listed species in project area
 - ISC dismisses impacts, ignores future compliance costs

ISC's planning process—“Its conduct calls its own conclusions into question.” ABQ Journal editorial, October 3, 2014.

- Mendacious—examples
 - Project clearly not feasible yet ISC suppresses feasibility issues rather than publicly investigate them—absolutely not “best available science” per ISC goal
 - ISC ignores lack of need, financial infeasibility, environmental impacts
 - ISC position re quantity of new usable water—premature to evaluate
 - ISC's description of RJH Consultants conclusions in approved work plan, versus what RJH Consultants really said
 - ISC's consulting engineer's latest reservoirs conclusion—won't hold water. Line with thin black plastic, which is infeasible and won't work
 - Cost estimates—Huge increases from \$350 million to \$1.1 billion during 2014
- Wasteful—throwing money at the wrong questions—examples
 - \$3.3 million work plan for 1st half FY15 approved by ISC June 2014 without discussion
 - Primary issues ignored, secondary and peripheral issues focus of generously funded studies.
 - ISC hides water availability facts, ignores net yield, no public information
 - Expensive consultants producing unreliable science and engineering
 - ESA example—assumes impossible flow augmentation of river in dry times
 - Ignore future costs of ESA compliance
 - BHI fatally flawed preferred alternative Phase I followed by BHI \$700,000 contract for six month effort to produce Phase II
 - Ignores net yield while evaluating absurd concepts
 - ISC sponsored then abandoned Sandia National Laboratories model—model could have easily addressed net yield--\$80,000 state and \$600,000 federal funds
- Unlawful
 - Open Meetings Act, Inspection of Public Records Act, other state law violations

ISC's pending decision re New Mexico Unit of the Central Arizona Project

- Yes: waste millions more, expend years and huge human effort, then fail
- No: \$90 million federal AWSA dollars to spend now on meritorious, workable, needed projects “that meet a water supply demand” at no cost to NM taxpayers