

Thank New Mexico's Leaders for Ending the Gila Diversion!

Thanks to your help, and after 15 years and \$15 million, the costly and harmful Gila Diversion Project proposal has finally come to an end!

Last week, we asked our supporters to help us put a stop to this threat to New Mexico's last free-flowing river. Within 48 hours, nearly 1,100 of you came through, generating over 8,000 emails to members of the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (ISC), urging them to stop funding the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process on the diversion. The ISC commissioners listened to your concerns and voted by a count of 7-2 to pull the plug on the boondoggle.

The ISC will now look for other ways to spend the approximately \$70 million in Arizona Water Settlements Act (AWSA) funds in a more responsible manner. These could include agricultural conservation and municipal water infrastructure projects that would benefit a much larger segment of New Mexico's population without damaging the Gila River.

Please join us in thanking New Mexico's leaders for putting an end to this mess once and for all. In addition to the ISC's deciding vote, Senators Martin Heinrich and Tom Udall have worked for years to protect the Gila River and advocate for more responsible uses of the AWSA funds. Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham made a promise to end the diversion project before even taking office and is now calling upon the ISC to redirect funds to more useful projects. Lieutenant Governor Howie Morales has been a longtime defender of the Gila River. And, of course, thanks to Interstate Stream Commissioners Sanchez, D'Antonio Jr., Becker, Garcia, Hammon, Timmons, and Trujillo!

[Sign our petition to thank these leaders for their work to protect the Gila River!](#)

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