

Tell the ISC to End Harmful Gila Diversion Project



The New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) will hold a vote on Thursday, June 18 to decide whether or not to continue funding the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluation of the harmful, wasteful Gila Diversion Project. [Please send a message to ISC commissioners urging them to VOTE NO and kill the project for good. Also, please ask commissioners to VOTE NO on continuing the ISC's partnership with the New Mexico Central Arizona Project \(NMCAP\) Entity.](#)

The NMCAP Entity is seeking to divert the flow of the Gila and San Francisco Rivers using approximately \$70 million available under the Arizona Water Settlement Act (AWSA). The costly project would benefit very few New Mexicans and significantly disrupt the state's last free-flowing river.

Diverting the Gila and San Francisco Rivers would have severe consequences for our riparian ecosystems and put the region's threatened and endangered species, such as the loach minnow and spikedace, at risk of extinction. AWSA funds would be better suited for agricultural conservation and municipal water infrastructure and conservation projects that would benefit a greater number of New Mexicans without damaging the Gila River.

After fifteen years, the NMCAP Entity has effectively nothing to show for the \$15 million in AWSA funding they have spent. The State of New Mexico should disband the CAP Entity and form a new and more representative organization to spend the remaining \$70 million in AWSA money on water projects that provide the greatest good for the greatest number of people in southwest New Mexico.

[Please send a message to ISC commissioners urging them to VOTE NO for more funding for the Gila Diversion Project. Also, please ask commissioners to VOTE NO on continuing the ISC's partnership with the NMCAP Entity.](#)

Let's keep the Gila River wild and free-flowing!

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