



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Southwest Region



Arizona Renewable Energy Project American Recovery and Reinvestment Act FACT SHEET

Project Description

The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) Southwest Arizona National Wildlife Refuge Complex (NWRC) will receive \$636,000* through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for two projects that will add solar electricity generators and repair inlet and outlet water control structures. The Refuge Complex includes Cibola National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Imperial NWR, and Kofa NWR.



Cibola Lake on Cibola NWR

Cibola, and Imperial NWR were established in 1964 and 1941 respectively as refuges for migratory birds. Together, these two Refuges, located along the lower Colorado River near Yuma, feature 44,000 acres of marshland, mountains and desert terrain. Kofa NWR, located two-and-a-half hours northeast of Yuma, boasts 665,000 acres of desert habitat, and is the primary home of the desert bighorn sheep, and Arizona's only native palm tree, the California Fan.

The Southwest Arizona NWRC offers visitors an abundance of outdoor activities, and a chance to view many endangered animal and plant species. The Service is soliciting bids for each project.

Project Benefits

The Service expects to create six to seven new jobs with the award, additional benefits should include:

- Decreased noise and air pollution.
- Increased energy efficiency.
- Improved habitat for wildlife by increasing or decreasing water flow from Colorado river.

Budget information

Cibola NWR - \$386,000

Imperial NWR - \$250,000

Kofa NWR - pending bid amounts

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