

Group 1

# Topic of Interest: 1 or 3 SRMSs?

## Also include REDAs?

- Open discussion among group. Answer: mixed response; maybe?
  - Considerations
    - Level of similarities in impacts in SEZs (and potentially REDAs)?
    - Proximity of development areas to each other (SEZs and potentially REDAs)?
    - Precision vs simplicity– would be more precise to have one for each zone but simpler to have a combined strategy

# Question 1 – Impact Assessments

- General Issues of Importance (not specific to these SEZs):
  - Jurisdictional Waters
  - Avian Mortality
  - Climate change
  - Wilderness Characteristics
- SEZ-Specific
  - Brenda – Tyson Wash should be avoided if still in SEZ
  - Gillespie – high density of washes in SE ½ of SEZ

# Question 2: Data Sources

- Species of Greatest Conservation Need
- Latest FWS County Data (T&E and candidate)
- Conservation Plans from sources other than BLM
- Wildlife Linkages
- Citizen Wilderness Proposal Areas
- Are all data up-to-date?

# Question 3: Process

- Great Direction for BLM. Important goals:
  - Incentivize development in low conflict areas like SEZs and REDAs
    - Provide additional certainty on mitigation costs
    - Streamline mitigation process
  - Improve conservation outcomes from mitigation actions
- Important to focus on continued improvement going forward
  - Dry Lake Was a Pilot
  - Important to Ensure Durability and Additionality for mitigation
  - Important to ensure mitigation costs are fair and add certainty

# Question 3: Process (cont.)

- Should Strive for Integrated Strategy Among Agencies
- Need Clarification for Regulatory Authority over mitigation types
- In AZ, only 3 zones, limited acreage (especially if additional avoidance areas are identified through SRMS)
  - emphasizes importance of REDAs and establishment of new SEZs

# Question 4: Stakeholders

- Army Corps of Engineers
- More Developers
  - Consider workshop focused for developers (coordinate with SEIA)
- More Utility Representatives
  - e.g., AZ Power Plant and Line Siting Committee

# General

- If there are different fees for different SEZs, could influence which SEZs get developed first
- Future Meetings
  - Webinars vs. in-person meetings (some topics may warrant one type over another, e.g., fees)
- Statute of Limitations for SRMS (period in which revision/update necessary)?