

## **Five-Year Road Map 2025-2030**

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The Mission of the CCRN is to implement a regional network of land and water management projects that result in a flowing San Pedro River and healthy riparian area in the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area and support conservation of water resources and a vibrant local economy within the Upper San Pedro Watershed.

### **Goal 1. Continue to operate and monitor all network projects, maintain all sites, and restore key areas of project sites for improved watershed health.**

- A. Secure funding and ensure sufficient capacity for operation and maintenance of CCRN sites and projects.
- B. Maintain and improve watershed conditions on CCRN sites through process-based restoration, vegetation management, and other actions in key areas that are identified annually. Develop monitoring strategies to assess benefits of restoration activities.
- C. Collect hydrologic monitoring data to evaluate the baseline conditions and effectiveness of CCRN projects, as defined by the CCRN objectives.
- D. Annually publish the quantifiable benefits of CCRN projects in terms that are approved by the members of the CCRN.

### **Goal 2. Complete construction of 3 new recharge projects: Coyote Wash Stormwater Management, Riverstone Effluent Recharge, and Bisbee Effluent Recharge Projects.**

- A. Develop plans and adhere to timelines for fundraising, design, permitting, engineering, and construction.
- B. Acquire necessary land, right-of-way easements, and water use agreements to construct and operate projects.
- C. Identify and secure the required funding to design, permit, and build the projects.
- D. Provide outreach and key information to partners and the public regarding the design and construction of these projects to ensure adequate funding and support.

**Goal 3. Identify and pursue opportunities to expand the network and implement additional near-stream projects adjacent to SPRNCA within the Sierra Vista and Benson sub-watersheds that are consistent with CCRN's mission.**

- A. These opportunities could include:
  - 1. Land protection, conservation, recharge, and other watershed improvement projects with the potential to support water supplies and/or watershed function.
  - 2. Strategies to reduce and/or prevent near-stream irrigated agriculture with the potential to impact streamflow.
  - 3. Additional projects that could benefit or protect SPRNCA river reaches identified by the SPRNCA Adaptive Management Committee
- B. CCRN projects should meet the following criteria:
  - 1. Technical feasibility and potential water benefits are assessed using the best available data and scientific expertise, including the Upper San Pedro Partnership and others.
  - 2. Regulatory and legal requirements and uncertainties are researched and understood, including water quality permitting.
  - 3. The project will be owned by a CCRN member that is responsible for long-term operation and maintenance.

**Goal 4. Collaborate with partners and communicate the CCRN's cooperative and results-oriented approach to regional water management.**

- A. Closely coordinate with the Adaptive Management Committee of the SPRNCA MOU to ensure that CCRN efforts support riparian health needs of the SPRNCA.
- B. Coordinate with conservation partners including the Fort Huachuca Sentinel Landscape Partnership and the Upper San Pedro Partnership to leverage resources, capacity, and expertise to advance shared goals.
- C. Maintain the CCRNSanPedro.org website and produce an annual report including lessons learned from projects, monitoring data, water benefits, and descriptions of new sites or projects.
- D. Engage with key partners and the public to maintain and grow network funding and support, including leading tours and presenting to interested groups.