November 5, 2014

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CECW-CE (Lisa Kiefel)
441 G Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20314-1000

RE: Letter of Support – Coconino County, Arizona Feasibility Study (CCAFS)

Dear Ms. Kiefel:

The Town of Tusayan is a participant in the Coconino Plateau Watershed Partnership (CPWP) and is familiar with the efforts to have the subject study completed. The study authorized by Congress in 2010 through Reclamation’s Rural Water Program. Since authorization, the Federal government has provided $2.68 million toward their 41% share of the project. The initial cost estimate of the study was $14.7 million. Federal funding for the project has stopped yet it remains the only ongoing effort to evaluate water resource development options on the Coconino Plateau. Non-Federal partners are now being asked to provide cost share amounts greater than originally anticipated.

Our organization strongly supports the submittal of the Coconino County, Arizona Feasibility Study for inclusion in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Annual Report to be issued in February 2015. WE would like to propose the USACE work together with Reclamation and use available funding from the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 to help complete this important study. The study benefits cities, towns and Indian reservations in Northern Arizona faced with projected unmet water demands.

If you need any further information regarding our agency’s support please contact me at 602-625-7000.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Greg Bryan, Mayor
Town of Tusayan