



# GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

### Volkswagen Settlement Indian Tribe Trust Program Semi-Annual Report

This report is hereby presented to Wilmington Trust, as Trustee for the Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust for Indian Tribe Beneficiaries (“the Tribal Trust”). The Beneficiary named below submits this report in compliance with the semiannual reporting requirements described in Section 5.3 of the Modified Trust Agreement, for the six-month period specified below.

**Beneficiary Name:** Gila River Indian Community  
**Funding Cycle:** Round 3  
**Report No.:** 3  
**Six-Month Period:** 7/1/21 – 12/31/21  
**Lead Agency:** Department of Environmental Quality  
**Lead Agency Contact:** Ryan Eberle

#### **Summary of all Financial Costs (expended through Reporting Date):**

| Funding Source      | Amount | Description   |
|---------------------|--------|---|
| VW Settlement Funds | \$0    | Replace 3 fleet vehicles (tractor truck and two water trucks);<br>Install light duty zero emission charging equipment |
| Tribal Funds        | N/A    |   |
| EPA DERA Funds      | N/A    |   |

#### **Beneficiary Reporting Obligations (per Section 5.3 of the Indian Tribe Trust)**

##### **Description of Status (include actual or projected termination date):**

Project is in the final phases of the procurement stage. Some vehicle bids were received during the initial invitation for bid, but not for all vehicles. A re-invitation for bid is being prepared. Due to delays caused by the COVID pandemic, project completion (procurement and scrapping) is not expected to occur until at least the third quarter 2022, approximately 15 months later than the original project schedule.

##### **Development (planning work accomplished for the project):**

Vehicle bid specifications were compiled and an Invitation for Bid was created. Some bids were received. Another Invitation for Bid is currently being prepared.

##### **Implementation (purchases, construction/installation of infrastructure, etc.):**

No purchases have been completed at this time. The procurement process is still in-progress.

##### **Any modification to each approved Eligible Mitigation Action (including changes to equipment costs, cost share, etc.):**

There are no modifications at this time.

I, Ryan Eberle, attest that the information provided in this report is true and correct and that the submittal of this report is made under penalty of perjury.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Ryan Eberle, Acting DEQ Director

Date: 1/28/22