



# 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. An internal IT issue prevented submittal of this report earlier.

**Beneficiary Name:** Gila River Indian Community  
**Funding Cycle:** Round 3  
**Report No.:** 4  
**Six-Month Period:** 1/1/22 – 6/30/22  
**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 2 fleet vehicles (two water trucks); 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):**

Bids for all three vehicles were received, but the total cost exceeded the Round 3 award amount. Therefore, the scope of this round was reduced and only the two originally proposed water trucks will be purchased (the tractor truck was removed from the scope of this round). Additionally, an invitation to bid was prepared and advertised for the installation of light duty zero emission charging equipment and infrastructure. Due to delays caused by the COVID pandemic, project completion (procurement and scrapping) is not expected to occur until at least the fourth quarter 2022, approximately 18 months later than the original project schedule.

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

A re-invitation for bid for the three vehicles and the light duty zero emission charging equipment and infrastructure was prepared and published.

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

A contract was put in-place for the purchase of two water trucks. Construction of the vehicles is pending.

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

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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: 9/14/22