

Tucson Environmental Water Banking through Conservation Program Draft - Advisory Board Responsibilities

The Tucson Environmental Water Banking through Conservation Program (Tucson Environmental Water Banking Program) is a pilot water banking program that links water conservation at a particular home or business to support of on-the-ground restoration at a local site in the Santa Cruz River Basin. *An Advisory Board made up of interested Tucson citizens provides the essential accountability component for the Tucson Environmental Water Banking Program.*

Composition: The approximately 10-member Advisory Board should be comprised of individuals who:

- are motivated to conserve water in our community and restore our desert rivers
- bring a diversity of perspectives to the Program
- offer technical, educational, fundraising, or community development expertise
- are active and engaged members of the community
- are willing to fulfill the duties described below

Roles of the Advisory Board:

- 1.) Oversee management and disbursement of funds generated from the Environmental Water Bank
 - a. Recommend the **most appropriate restoration sites** to receive funds (Program staff will provide mapping support and a “short list” of potential sites)
 - b. Recommend the **best use for funds** at selected restoration sites (e.g. water purchase, native vegetation planting, irrigation equipment, or erosion control)
 - c. Monitor how **funds are being utilized** (e.g. review reports)

- 2.) Promote understanding of the Tucson Environmental Water Banking Program
 - a. Be knowledgeable about the Program’s purpose and progress (this should be possible by attending Advisory Board meetings)
 - b. Encourage individuals and businesses to participate in the program
 - c. Review grant proposal ideas (provided by Program staff) and if interested, write letters of support
 - d. Identify and suggest additional Program partners

Time Commitment: The Advisory Board for the Tucson Environmental Water Banking Program will meet monthly (each meeting will run approximately two hours) throughout the first year of the pilot. Two to three field trips to potential “receiving” restoration sites will also be scheduled during the first year. During the second year, meetings will be quarterly. Advisory Board members are requested to serve at least two years.

If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Board, please send a brief letter of interest to Emily Brott (ebrott@sonoraninstitute.org; or Sonoran Institute, 7650 E. Broadway Blvd. Suite 203, Tucson AZ 85710). Please include information about your specific interest in the program as well as your relevant qualifications.