

11/10/2025 LMB Pre-Hearing Questions
Gilbert Road Pipeline Phase 2

1. Is SRP going to build booster pump stations for each of the irrigation wells drilled in order to supply water to the AZ CANAL?
 - a. No, the wells will not require booster pump stations.
2. Is there a well being drilled near the Evergreen Wash?
 - a. Yes. SRP will be drilling a well west of Evergreen Wash.
3. How far south will the GILBERT RD pipeline go?
 - a. The GILBERT RD pipeline will extend to wells located off the Community near GILBERT RD and MCDOWELL RD. The proposed pipeline will connect wells to AZ CANAL and will provide a redundant water service.
4. How many years have it been since SRP installed wells in the area?
 - a. Around six years ago. SRP drilled three more upstream in 2014 and the last one was years ago next to the BEELINE HWY. These wells can recharge 3-ft of water a day. The problem is when go to withdraw around the landfill, SRP must run all four wells to make a dent.
5. What other municipalities benefit if this ROW goes through?
 - a. Scottsdale, Phoenix, Chandler, Mesa, and Tempe have percentage ownership in the Granite Reef Underground Storage Project (GRUSP). The cities are entitled to a percentage of the volume. There is an accounting system to see which city has deposited and withdrawn water and how much.
6. Will the ROW for the pipeline help to streamline the depositing and withdrawing process?
 - a. Yes. Another alternative is to work with ADOT for BEELINE HWY access further upstream.
7. How much does Salt River get back from water?
 - a. The Salt River Pima–Maricopa Indian Community benefits from the GRUSP through its effect on raising the regional water table. Because the water table is elevated, the Tribe does not have to drill as deeply or pump as much to access groundwater for its domestic water supply.
 - b. Surface water from the canals is used by the Tribe for crop irrigation
8. How long does process take to construct the pipeline and bring the system online?
 - a. 1-2 months to get pipe installed and operational. It is anticipated to be operational by beginning of summer if the ROW is approved.
9. ROW being acquired... Is the BEELINE HWY a Maricopa County Road?
 - a. BEELINE HWY is an ADOT road. SRP will need to have utility easements and permits to cross beeline, but they didn't want to get started with project without approval of the Community.
10. What construction detours might the Community see near this GILBERT RD and BEELINE HWY intersection?
 - a. Drivers should not see any detours because construction will be made along the road. SRP will be using a "jack and boring system" to tunnel underneath the BEELINE HWY.

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11. What process ensures the soil is compacted or sturdy?
 - a. The project, including all backfill requirements, will comply with the required construction standards.
12. Is the pipeline going to be sleeved?
 - a. Yes, the proposed pipeline will be sleeved under the BEELINE HWY to ensure no collapse.
13. What is the Utility easement term? How long is it?
 - a. It's a 50-year easement.

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No questions were asked during the 11/17/2025 Public Land Management Board Hearing.

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1. Last 10 years the Tribe has experience huge floods, what problems will we have if the pipe is there?
 - a. Flooding is not expected to impact the pipeline as it will be underground.
2. Who benefits from the pipeline? There are multiple parties that benefit from the project.
 - a. The Community can receive water in the AZ Canal which could supply the Stapley booster station to serve irrigation north of the canal, and/or the AZ Canal lateral to serve irrigation south of the canal, and/or serve water to shareholders downstream.
3. Regarding Granite Reef Underground Storage Project (GRUSP), Salt River Project (SRP) has partnered with other communities, has landfill sat in on these conversations so they can use the water?
 - a. Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Engineering and Public Works staff were present during the GRUSP conversation.
4. Who is liable for GILBERT RD pipe repairs?
 - a. SRP is 100% liability for installation, repair, and maintenance of the pipeline.
5. Is SRP going to be paying lease money?
 - a. The tribe will be compensated for the easement. Money will be paid in an upfront lump sum payment.
6. Does Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) have a priority in water rights?
 - a. Most Tribes do have higher water priority to CAP water and SRPMIC has SRP water allotments as well. The benefit of this project is it takes GRUSP water and pumps it into the AZ CANAL.
7. How does the construction of the pipeline impact the businesses and traffic at GILBERT RD and BEELINE HWY?
 - a. SRP would begin and complete construction in 2026. Construction would include "Jack and bore" beneath the BEELINE HWY with little to no anticipated impact to traffic or the Salt River Landfill.
8. Is the appraised value to be paid annually or for the whole 50 years?
 - a. The appraised value will be paid upfront in a single lump sum for the whole 50 year term.
9. Was there a discussion to reduce the term to less than 50 years?
 - a. The 50 year easement term is set based on economy of effort to secure the easement and supported by the BIA.
10. What is the price of the project?

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- a. The whole GILBERT RD Pipeline Phase 1 and Phase 2 is expected to cost ~ \$6 million.

11. Is the Community putting any funds into the project?

- a. GILBERT RD Pipeline is 100% funded by SRP. The Community is not putting any funds into this project.

12. What is the benefit for the Community, the water appears to be going from the Community to the City of Mesa?

- a. The water is travelling from Mesa onto the Community and deposited into the AZ CANAL. The project benefits the Community by regulating the ground water beneath the Salt River Landfill and provides a redundant water supply.

13. Is the water going to be transfer in an aqueduct?

- a. The project includes the construction of a 36" diameter pipeline which will be buried. A portion of the pipeline has been built (GILBERT RD Pipeline – Phase 1) and is hanging beneath the GILBERT RD bridge.

14. Does this project involve taking water out or placing water into the AZ CANAL?

- a. Water is going into the canal.

15. Where is the water coming from that will be transported in the pipeline? The GRUSP?

- a. The water is coming from wells south of the Community which aid in regulating the GRUSP water table. Although wells exist north of the landfill, additional wells are needed south of the Community to regulate the ground water table.

16. What are the benefits to the Salt River Landfill?

- a. The pipeline will allow for better management of the groundwater beneath the Salt River Landfill. If groundwater levels are too high, the Environmental Protection Agency could fine the Salt River Landfill.

17. Will the Community get credit for the water in the GRUSP?

- a. The participants that put water in the GRUSP will get credit for the water stored there. Although the Community is not getting credit for the water in the GRUSP, the Community is benefiting by the water being pumped into the AZ CANAL.