

## **Project Purpose**

The purpose of the AWWQRP is to conduct scientific research and disseminate scientific information on ephemeral and effluent-dependent waters to help resolve issues of significance to both the regulated community and regulators at state, tribal and federal levels. To accomplish this purpose, research activities will focus on the following areas:

- Water quality criteria and standards for arid West habitats;
- Water quality criteria for chemicals of concern;
- Biological and ecological criteria and standards for arid West ecosystems;
- Whole effluent toxicity testing guidance for arid West waters; and
- Arid West water quality policy and implementation issues.