



# RUNNING ON EMPTY

## Facing Water Scarcity across the Southwest

### A three-part series

We need a guaranteed supply of Colorado River Water through the Central Arizona Project. This water is used by us for agriculture and for maintaining our riparian restoration site. The water supply is threatened by climate change, providing us with less water and less for all who depend on the CAP water.

Future potential contamination of our groundwater supply from the copper mine south of and adjacent to our reservation community. The mine tailings are not lined, so the chemicals used in copper ore processing will eventually leak into our groundwater supply, including sulfates. We use groundwater for consumption and daily use.

#### SESSION 3:

## Water Issues in Our Community

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Kol Ami Synagogue & Zoom

***\*There is no cost to attend***



Austin Nunez is chairman of the San Xavier District, one of the eleven political districts of the Tohono O’odham Nation (formerly known as the Papago Tribe of Arizona). He is currently serving his ninth four-year term, having continuously served since 1987.

In his job as chairman, he presides over district council and community meetings; and is CEO for the district’s governmental operations. Prior to becoming district chairman, Austin worked for four years in Native American community development programs, first serving as assistant director for an international community development organization, serving nineteen Native American nations in Arizona; and secondly for the then Papago Tribe of Arizona, as assistant director for the Community Development Program. He is also board president for the Indian Land Working Group, a national organization dedicated to the restoration and recovery of the Native land base, and the control and use of this land base by indigenous Native American communities. He has held this post since 2001.

