



2025–2030 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Approved Regional Plan for Yuma and La Paz County, AZ

“A roadmap for investment, resilience, and coordination.”



COLORADO RIVER BASIN

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY



Purpose of the Approved CEDS and why it matters

Why the CEDS Matters

- The CEDS is the region's **official economic development strategic plan**
- It identifies **priority projects** and shared goals
- It strengthens the County's position for **federal and state funding**
- It aligns partners around **one coordinated strategy**



The CEDS as a Funding & Coordination Tool

The CEDS provides **documentation + priorities that** grant reviewers look for. It improves regional coordination by reducing duplication and aligning partners around shared priorities.

- Infrastructure planning
- workforce initiatives
- Industry support
- Resilience / Recovery efforts

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Current projects added to the CEDS

Nominating Agency	Project Name/Description
City of San Luis	Downtown San Luis Redevelopment Design
City of San Luis	County 25th Extension to Avenue B Design
GYEDC on behalf of City of Yuma	Yuma Spaceport
City of Yuma	Strategic Planning for Industrial Use and Rail Spur Development
Yuma County	Avenue D/E Corridor Project
Town of Wellton	Williams Street road connector to facilitate proposed mixed-use/resort development
City of Somerton	Industrial infrastructure development (roads, water and sewer) for future distribution & manufacturing growth
City of Somerton	Somerton Innovation & Business Incubation Hub
Town of Parker & Colorado River Indian Tribe (CRIT)	Joint Venture Sewage Plant (addressing critical capacity issue)
Cocopah Indian Tribe	Cocopah Tribal Butcher Shop and Meat Processing Facility
La Paz County Parks	La Paz County RV Park Sewer Project
Town of Parker	Emergency Services Safety Center – Annexed Community
La Paz EDC on Behalf of La Paz County	Strategic Planning for Industrial Development and Rail Spur Access to County Landfill

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Next steps: How We'll Use the CEDS

The CEDS will be used as a working tool, not a shelf document

- Keep a living list of priority projects
- Match projects to upcoming funding programs
- Use as a framework for regional meetings + partnerships
- Track progress and update priorities over time

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The County's Role Going Forward

The County's involvement helps turn the CEDS into action through leadership, coordination, and support for priority projects

- Lead and advocate for priority projects
- Help move projects from concept to grant-ready
- Strengthen regional alignment through EDD participation
- Connect local partners to support implementation

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Thank you

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