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This is the time of year to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year and to welcome all new members and others who are interested in the Arizona Riparian Council and its goals.

A brief review of the past thirteen months will show the newcomers that there has been much effort by many people to get the Riparian Council to the point we find it today. The initial idea of an Arizona Riparian Council originated with a small group at the First North American Riparian Conference in Tucson, Arizona on 16-18 April, 1985. By November of that year major issues had been identified and these we used to form the original interest committees. The initial organization meeting was held on November 21, 1985. Interest committee and Steering Committee meetings were held in spring of 1986. The first annual meeting was planned for October 1986. This meeting was to be the first general gathering of the Council and its introduction to all those interested in understanding and preserving riparian systems in the State and Southwest.

First Annual Meeting October 3-4, 1986

The first meeting of the Arizona Riparian Council was held on October 3-4, 1986 at the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff. Its theme was Riparian: A Common Thread. The meeting was designed to introduce members to the Council and each other and to review the present status of our knowledge of riparian systems and suggest future management and research directions. A plenary session was held the first morning. Talks were given by Bill Swan of the Department of Interior on Legal Aspects of Instream Flow and by U.S. National Forest Supervisors or their representatives from the National Forests in Arizona on the emphasis on riparian management in the National Forests. In the afternoon, the group heard talks by Chuck Mullens, USFWS, on Wetlands in the United States and Tanna Baldwin, AZ State Parks, on riparian education.

A business meeting was held following the plenary session.