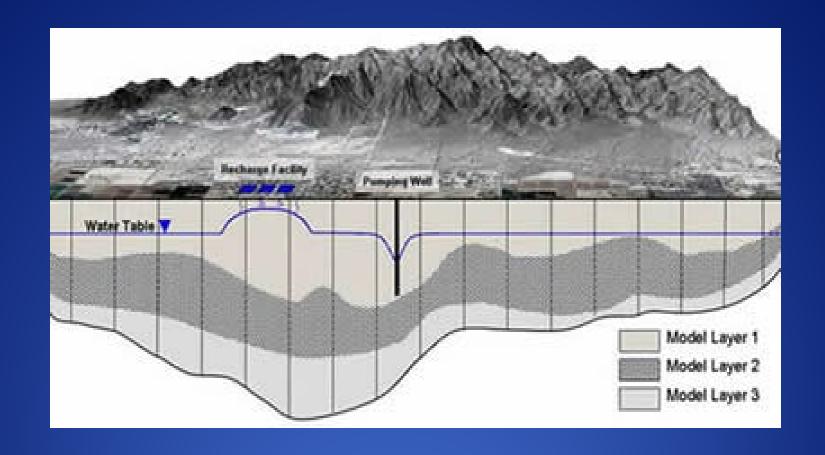
# PORA WATER COMMITTEE

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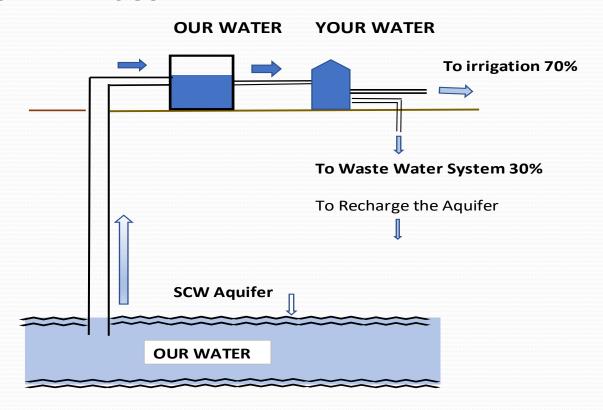
#### Surface Water

Lake Mead Ring. The Water Level is 153 Feet Below Full Pool. The Colorado River is the source of 40% of Arizona's Fresh Water.

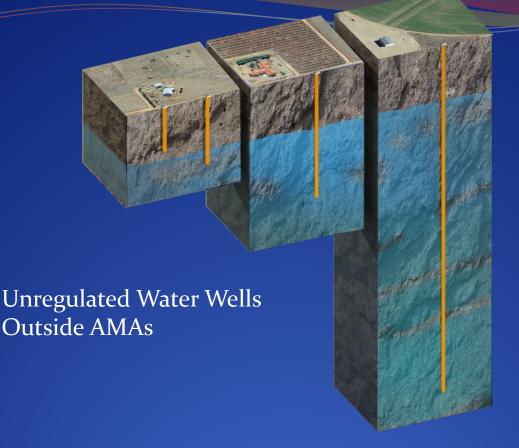


# Aquifer Model for Phoenix AMA Groundwater

#### YOUR WATER IS OUR WATER



# **Groundwater Going Your Water is Our Water**

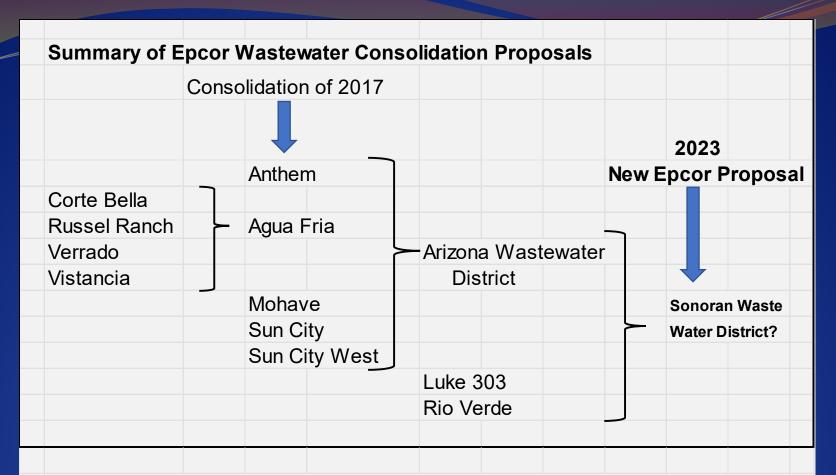


## **Groundwater Pumping**

Water Wells for: Small Farmer (400'-600') versus Big Farmer (1010') and Mega Farmer (2500')



Fissure from Subsidence in Pinal County



The Epcor Districts of Corte Bella, Russel Ranch, Verrado and Vistancia were combined into the Agua Fria District.

That district was consolidated with the districts of Anthem, Mohave, Sun City and Sun City West to become the Arizona Wastewater District.

Now the new proposal from Epcor wants to combine the Arizona Wastewater District with the Luke 303 and Rio Verde districts.

Proposed Standalone Rates				
Service Area	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Percent Change	
Arizona Wastewater	<mark>\$38.59</mark>	<mark>\$42.41</mark>	<mark>+ 9.9%</mark>	
Luke 303 Wastewater	\$60.00	\$210.00	+250%	
Rio Verde Wastewater	\$63.95	\$88.89	+39%	
Proposed Consolidation				
Rates				
Service Area	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Percent Change	
Arizona Wastewater	\$38.59	<mark>\$46.31</mark>	<mark>+20%</mark>	
Luke 303 Wastewater	\$60.00	\$46.31	-22.8%	
Rio Verde Wastewater	\$63.95	\$46.31	-27.6%	

#### PFAS:

One part per <u>trillion</u> (ppt) denotes one part per 1,000,000,000,000 ( $10^{12}$ ) parts, and a value of  $10^{-12}$ .

This is equivalent to about thirty seconds out of every million years.

Final MCLG	Compound	Final MCL (enforceable levels)
Zero		4.0 parts per trillion (ppt) (also expressed as ng/L)
Zero	PFOS	4.0 ppt
10 ppt	PFHxS	10 ppt
10 ppt	PFNA	10 ppt
10 ppt	HFPO-DA (commonly known as GenX Chemicals)	10 ppt
ı (unitless) Hazard Index	Mixtures containing two or more of PFHxS, PFNA, HFPO-DA, and PFBS	ı (unitless) Hazard Index

#### **EPA limits for PFAS**

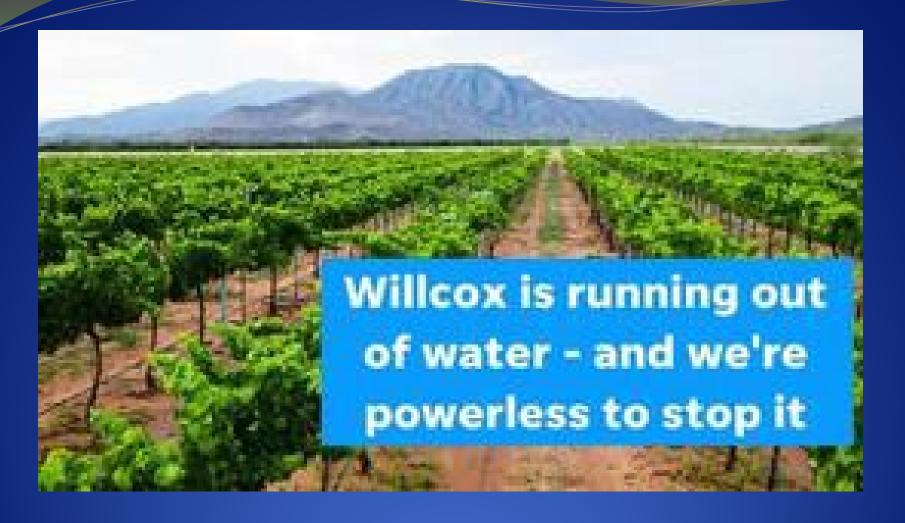
## EXTRA SLIDES



#### KNEE-DEEP IN WATER NEWS

The week in water: Our picks for the top water stories from the last seven days

- ABC 15 Arizona (Phoenix Business Journal): City of Phoenix implements water conservation requirements for major water users
- AMWUA: It's simple and easy: Fix leaks to save water and money
- KTAR News: Avondale launches water conservation program that offers financial incentives
- Casa Grande Dispatch: CG may remove City Hall grass to save water



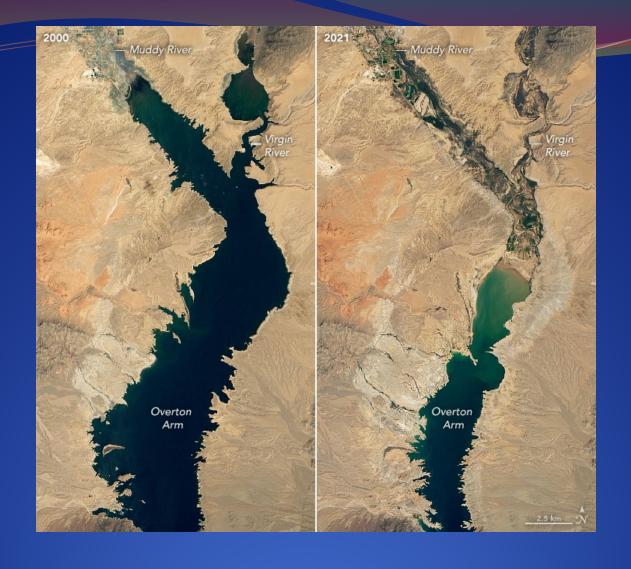
#### Water Politics



# Stinknet poses dangerous threat to Arizona neighborhoods

## ARIZONA WATER COMES FROM THREE SOURCES:

- 1. Surface Water: Rivers, Lakes, Rain, Snowmelt.
- 2. Groundwater: Water Wells
- 3. Recharged Water: *Natural* from aquifer contact with surface sources and *Artificial* from recharge ponds, injection wells.



Lake Mead From Space: August 7, 2000 and August 9, 2021

#### **Fugitive Water Offenders**

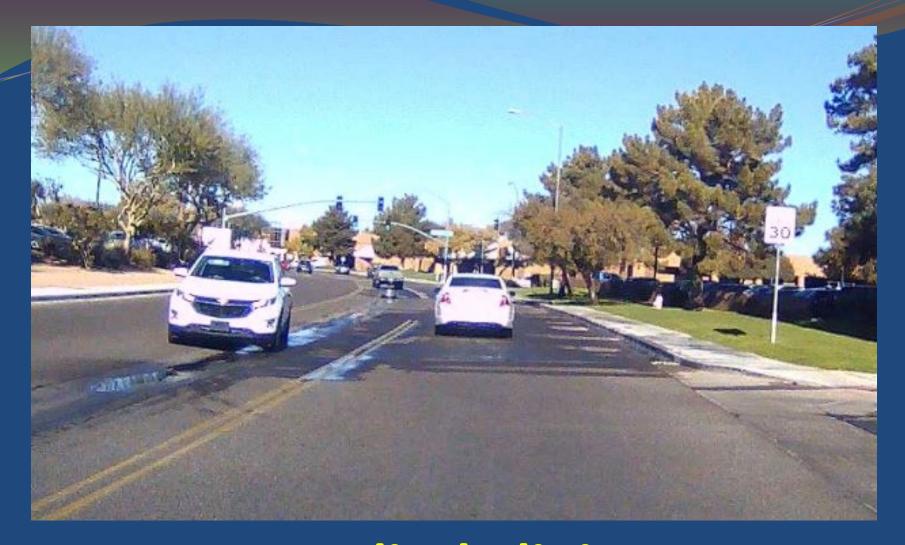
- Banner Health, Clinic "C": 2 letters, 3 phone calls/messages
- MMAC 23 SCW: New owner for Clinic "C"
- Healthcare Realty: 3 emails + photo, 2 phone calls
- Mecado DSSC: Letter +photo
- Rec Center CC&R: Phone call
- AZ Eye Institute: Delivered Letter + photo
- Chase Bank: Personal visits (2) with Letter
- Solstice Senior Living: Personal visits (2) with Letter
- Sun West Choice: Personal visits (2) with Letter
- Bank of America: Personal visits (2) with Letter
- Heritage Traditions: Personal visit
- Phone calls and drive-by's: Many

#### **PORA Water Committee**

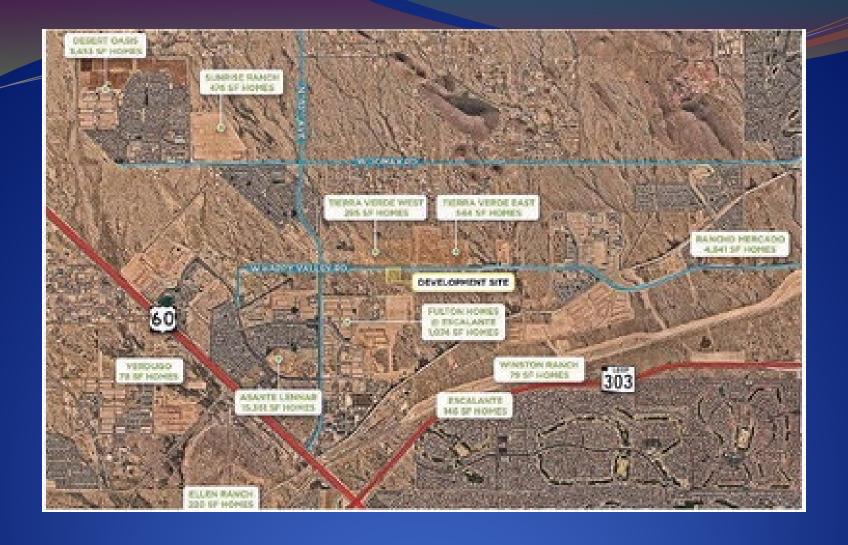
• Saved MILLIONS of Gallons of Water through the Efforts of the Community, Epcor and the Fugitive Water Initiative!



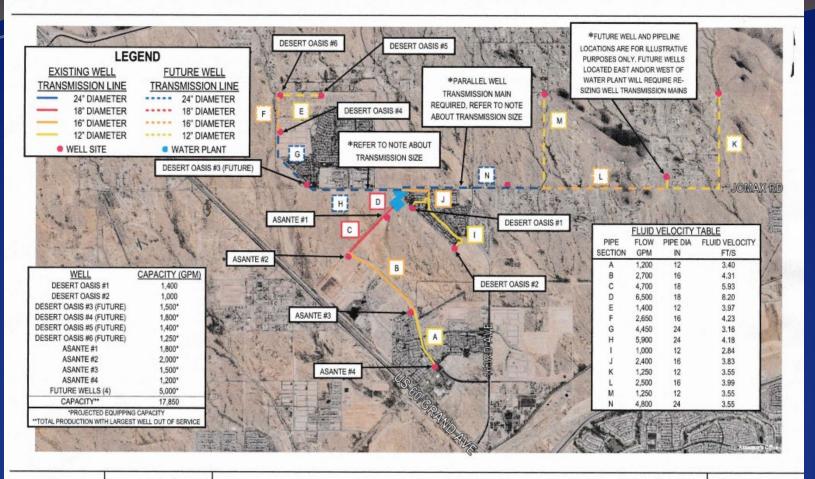
**Medical Clinics – Leak Area** 



## Medical Clinic Fugitive Water



City of Surprise - 26,000 New Homes Development Continues to the West and North of SCW







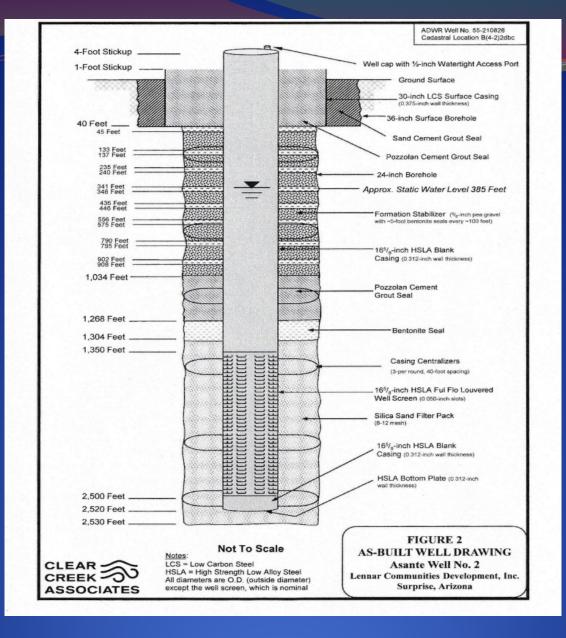
CITY OF SURPRISE
SPA2 NORTH WELL AND TRANSMISSION MAIN LOCATION MAP

FIGURE 3-7

#### North Surprise - Water Well System

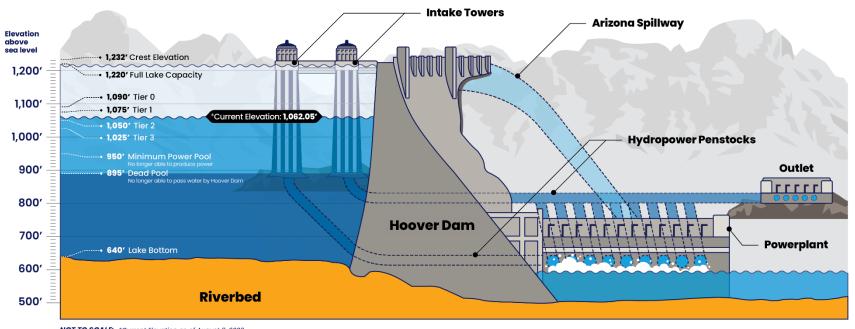


North Surprise - Water Master Plan - 379 Pages



North Surprise - Asante Water Well

### Key Elevations



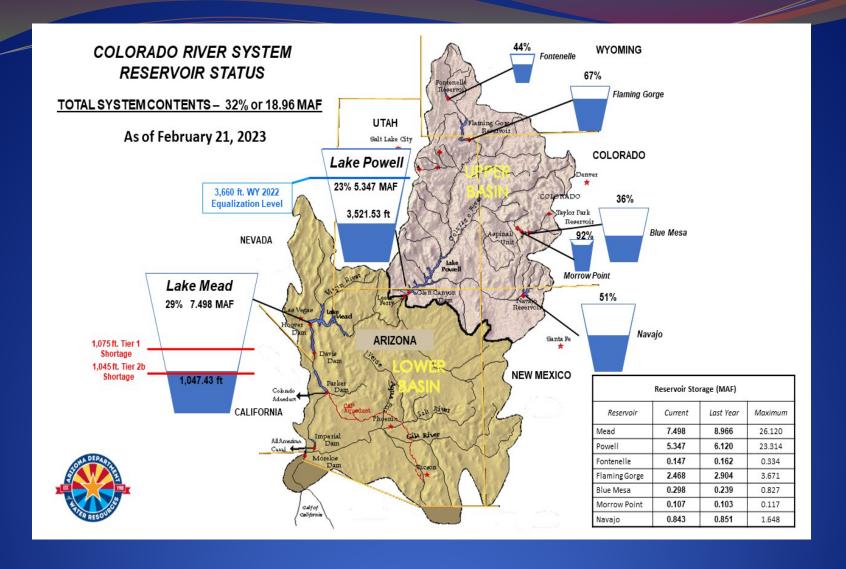
NOT TO SCALE: \*Current Elevation as of August 8, 2023



Central Arizona Project Canal - 336 miles. Provides 40% of the State's Water Needs. It is Subject to Lake Mead Fluctuations



Lake Mead Water Levels 2022, 2023, and 2024



#### Colorado River System



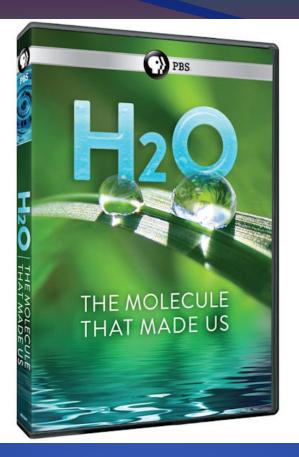
#### **Lake Powell**

**Reaching Historic Low Level** 



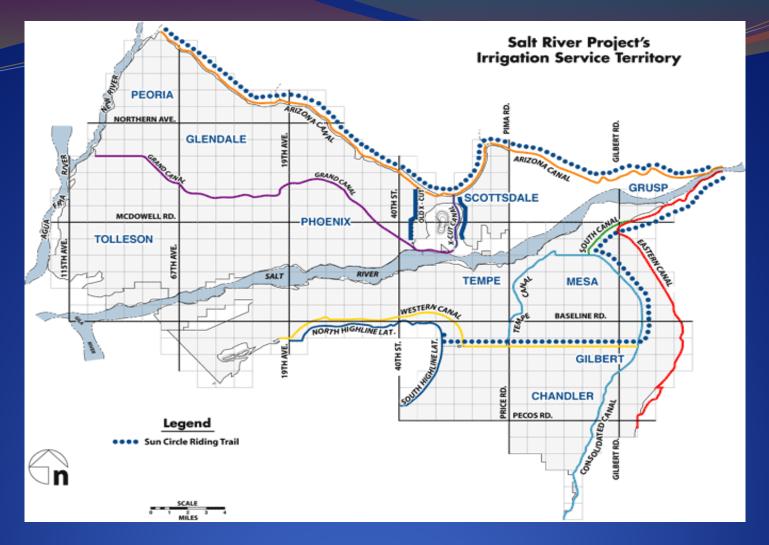
## Beyond the Mirage

"The Future of Water in the West." A PBS Documentary about the Colorado River: beyondthemirage.org



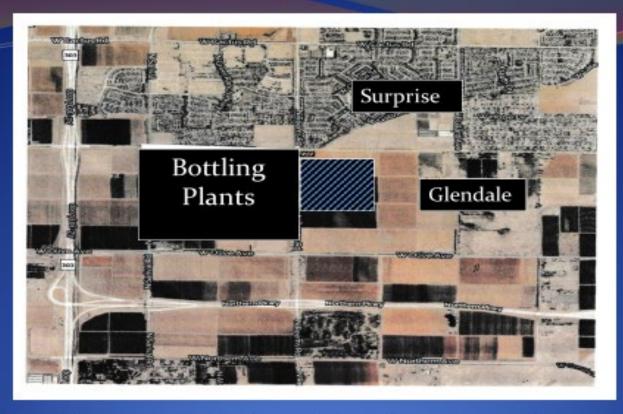
#### H<sub>2</sub>O the Molecule that Made Us

A PBS Documentary. Episode III - Crisis: "Dry Areas are Getting Dryer and Wet Areas are Getting Wetter."



#### Surface Water - Arizona Canal

Transports Salt River Water to Glendale, Peoria, Phoenix, Scottsdale



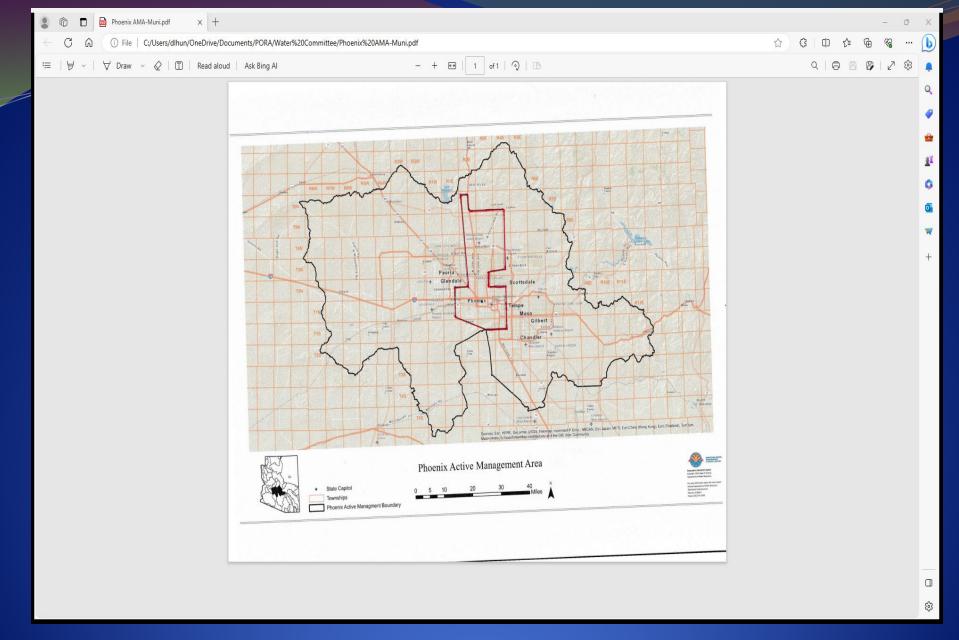
#### Surface Water & Groundwater

Bottling Plants: Surprise to the North, Glendale to the South

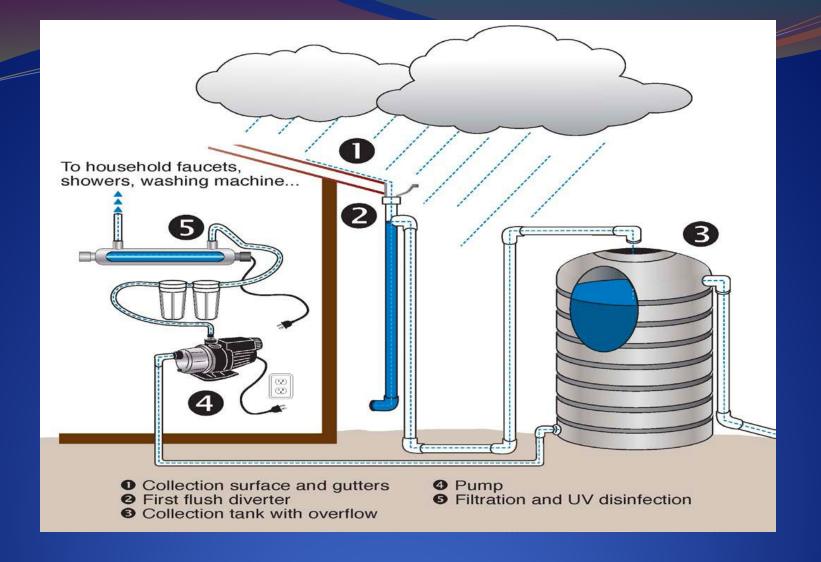


#### Water Conservation Kit

Available by Request on Internet At "Water Conservation Kit-Epcor"

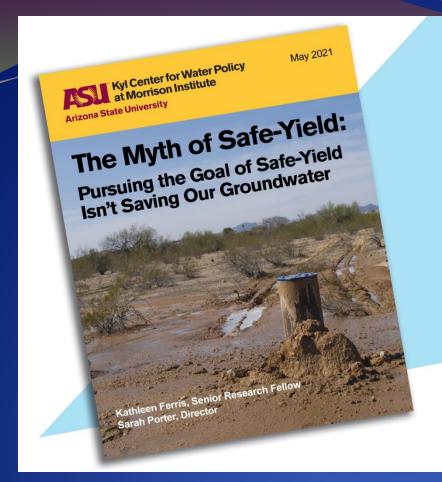


#### **Phoenix AMA Model**



#### Rainwater for Potable Use

**Basic Capture and Treatment System** 



If Arizona is to prosper into
the next century, our focus
needs to turn to what is
essential for our future:
The preservation of our
groundwater and our
increasingly fragile aquifers.

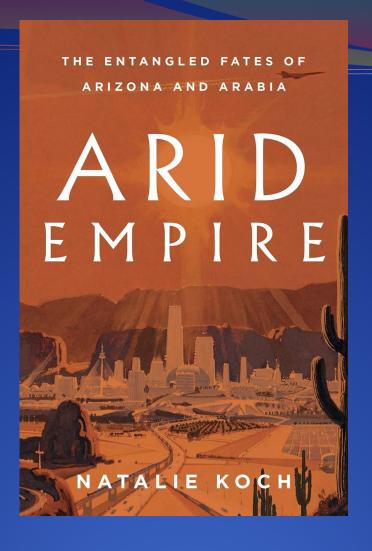
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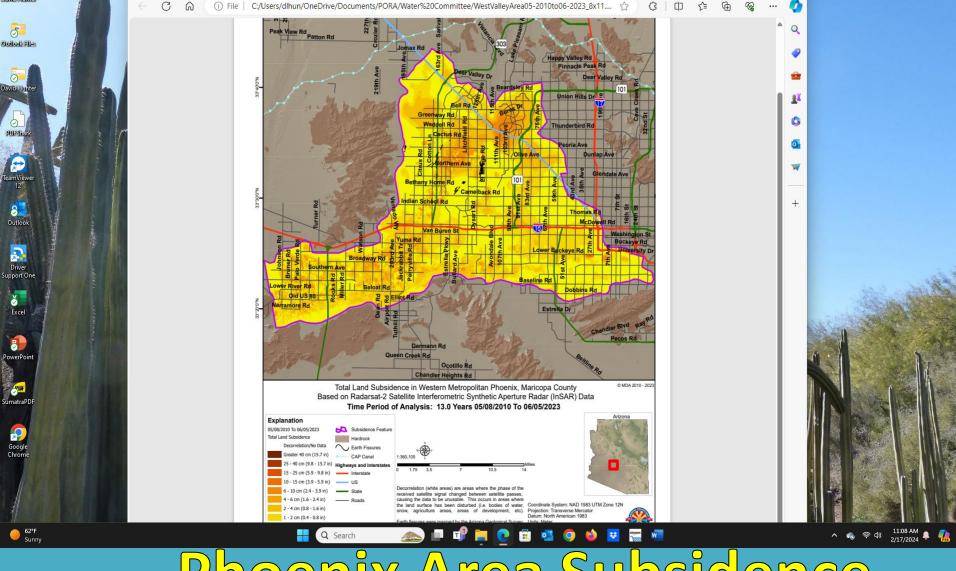
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#### Notes from "Let There Be Water," a book by Seth M. Siegal

#### Israel:

- ✓ Began preparing for water scarcity in the 1930's.
- ✓ Is a democracy, however water management is entirely a socialist commodity with the state controlling all water ownership and usage.
- ✓ Utilizes drip irrigation for 75% of it irrigated fields, reducing water use and improving crop yield.
- ✓ Notes that the cost of drip irrigation equipment is expensive, but should not impede its use.
- ✓ Uses eighty-five percent of the country's sewage for treatment and reuse.
- ✓ Built 5 coastal desalination plants in less time than it took California to overcome legal issues in order to build the Carlsbad desalination plant.
- ✓ Has a culture that accepts and admires water conservation.
- ✓ Grows water efficient crops.
- ✓ Believes a global water crisis is looming, the time to act is now.



David Honter

Phoenix Area Subsidence 1993 - 2023