

# ***PORA WATER COMMITTEE***

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Notes for  
Meeting  
12-16-2025



# Fugitive Water from Medical Clinic “B”

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# **Fugitive Water on Spanish Garden from Shopping Center**





# Fugitive Water from Shopping Center

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# **Fugitive Water from Victory Autism Academy**

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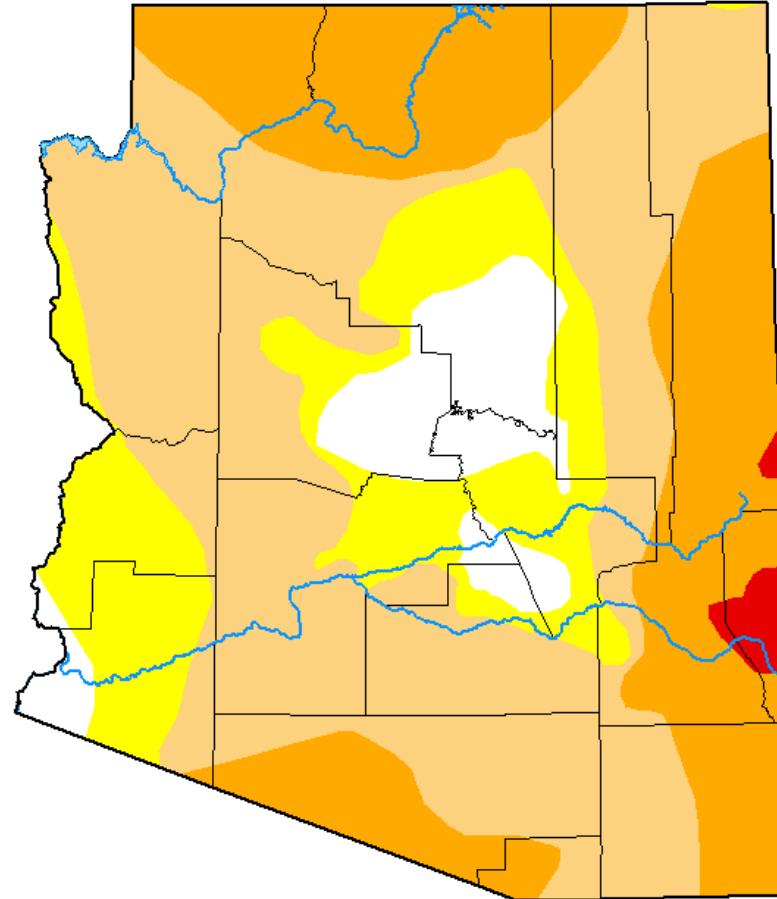
# Residential Backflow Regulator

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# U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona



**December 2, 2025**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	8.23	91.77	74.89	28.97	1.03	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 11-25-2025	8.23	91.77	76.46	28.99	1.03	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 09-02-2025	0.00	100.00	100.00	91.35	39.48	1.98
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-07-2025	3.74	96.26	76.63	45.54	14.03	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-30-2025	0.00	100.00	100.00	79.21	25.06	1.49
<b>One Year Ago</b> 12-03-2024	9.16	90.84	56.37	37.19	11.19	0.00

## Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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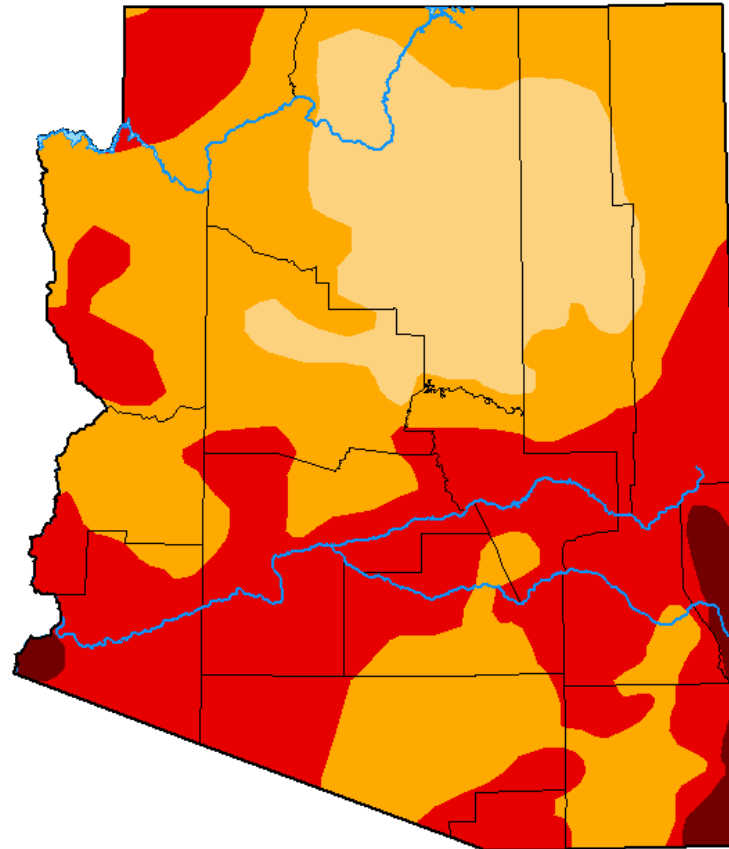
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Western Regional Climate Center



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# Arizona Drought Monitor

# U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona



**August 26, 2025**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 28, 2025)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	0.00	100.00	100.00	82.80	39.48	2.32
<b>Last Week</b> 08-19-2025	0.00	100.00	100.00	82.80	38.78	2.32
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-27-2025	0.00	100.00	99.34	82.18	60.75	6.14
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-07-2025	3.74	96.26	76.63	45.54	14.03	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 10-01-2024	27.62	72.38	39.91	4.61	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 08-27-2024	17.38	82.62	20.84	1.92	0.00	0.00

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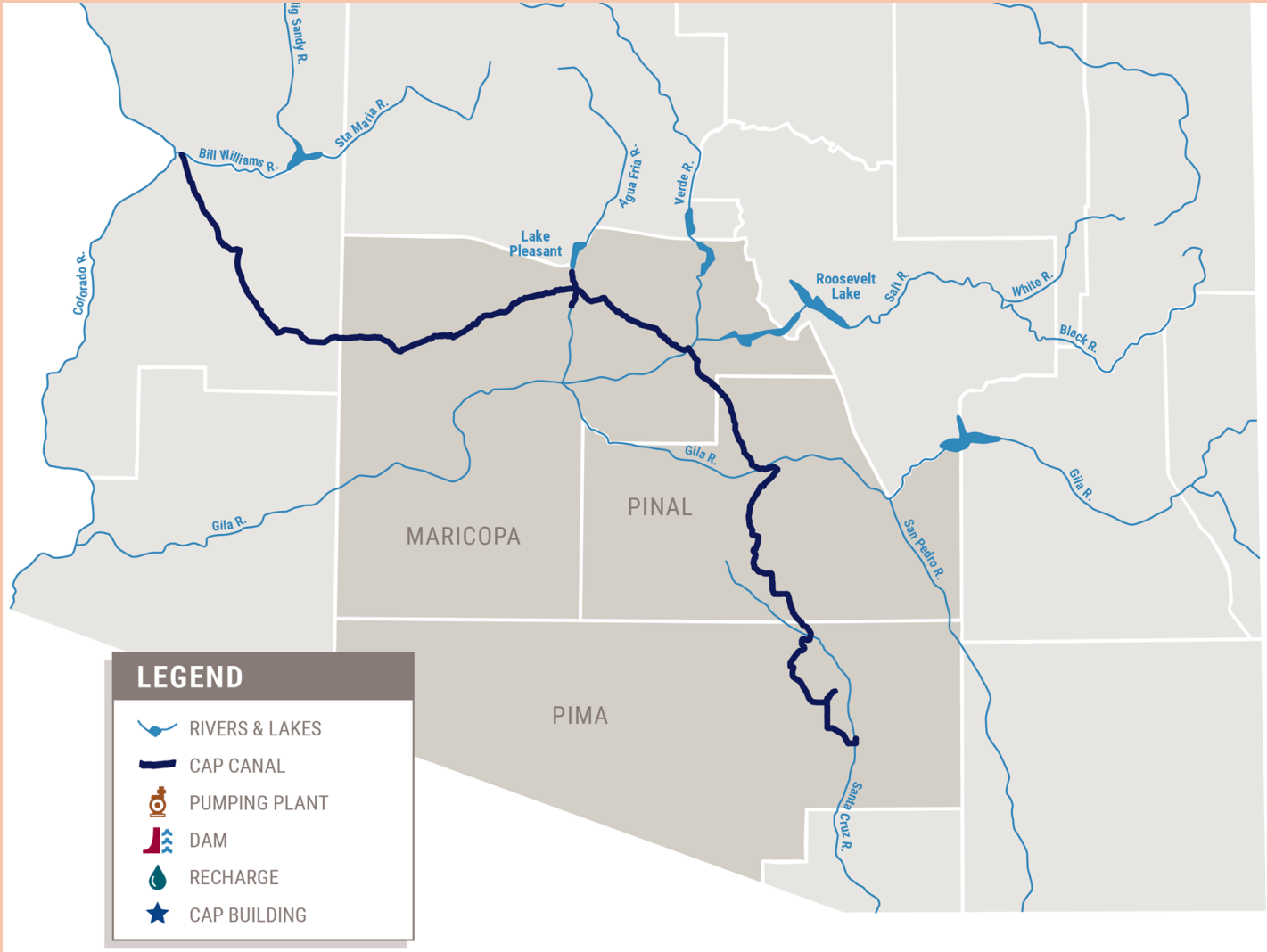
Brad Rippey  
U.S. Department of Agriculture



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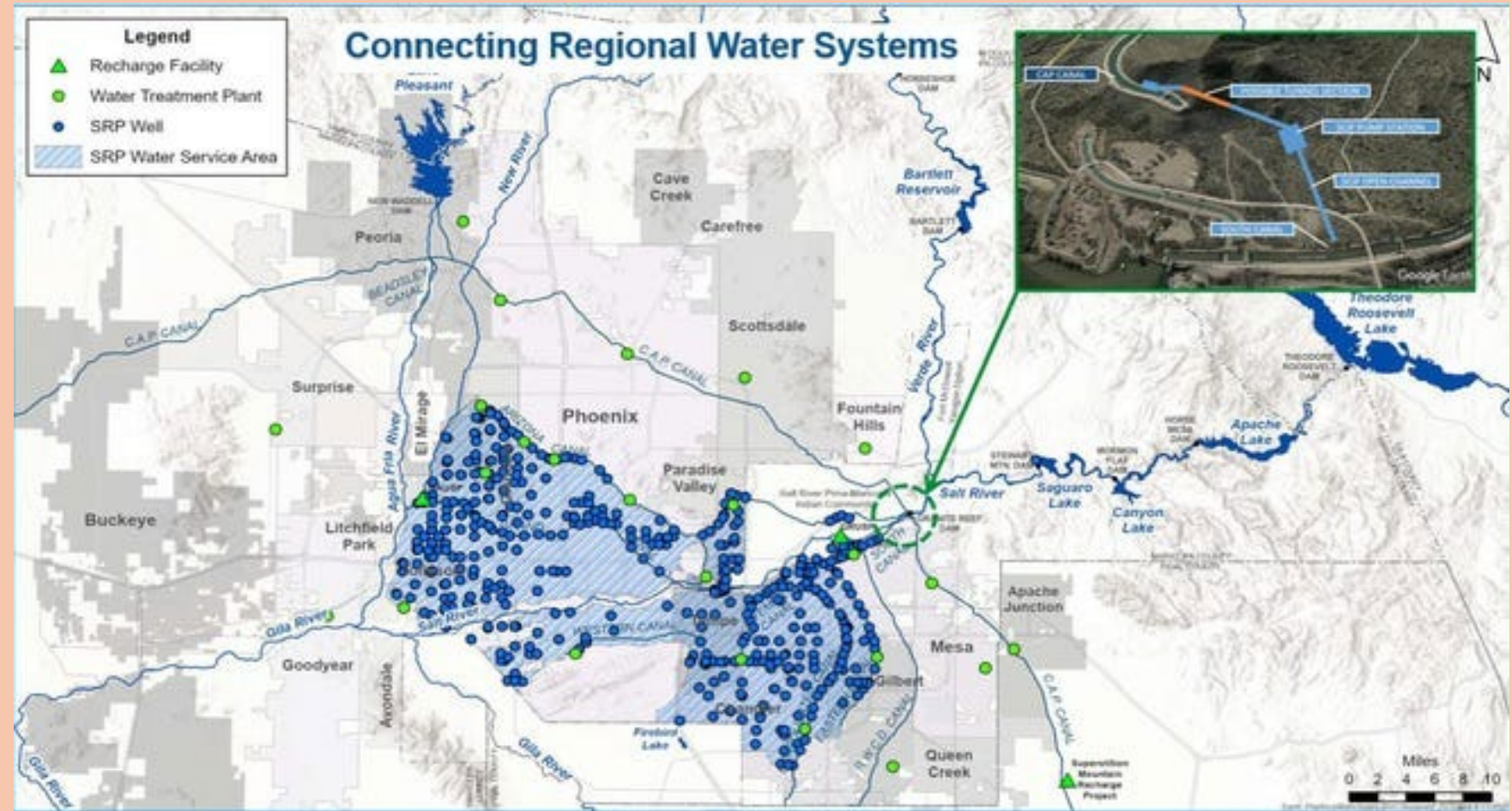
# Arizona Weekly Drought Monitor

# Arizona CAP and Salt River Systems





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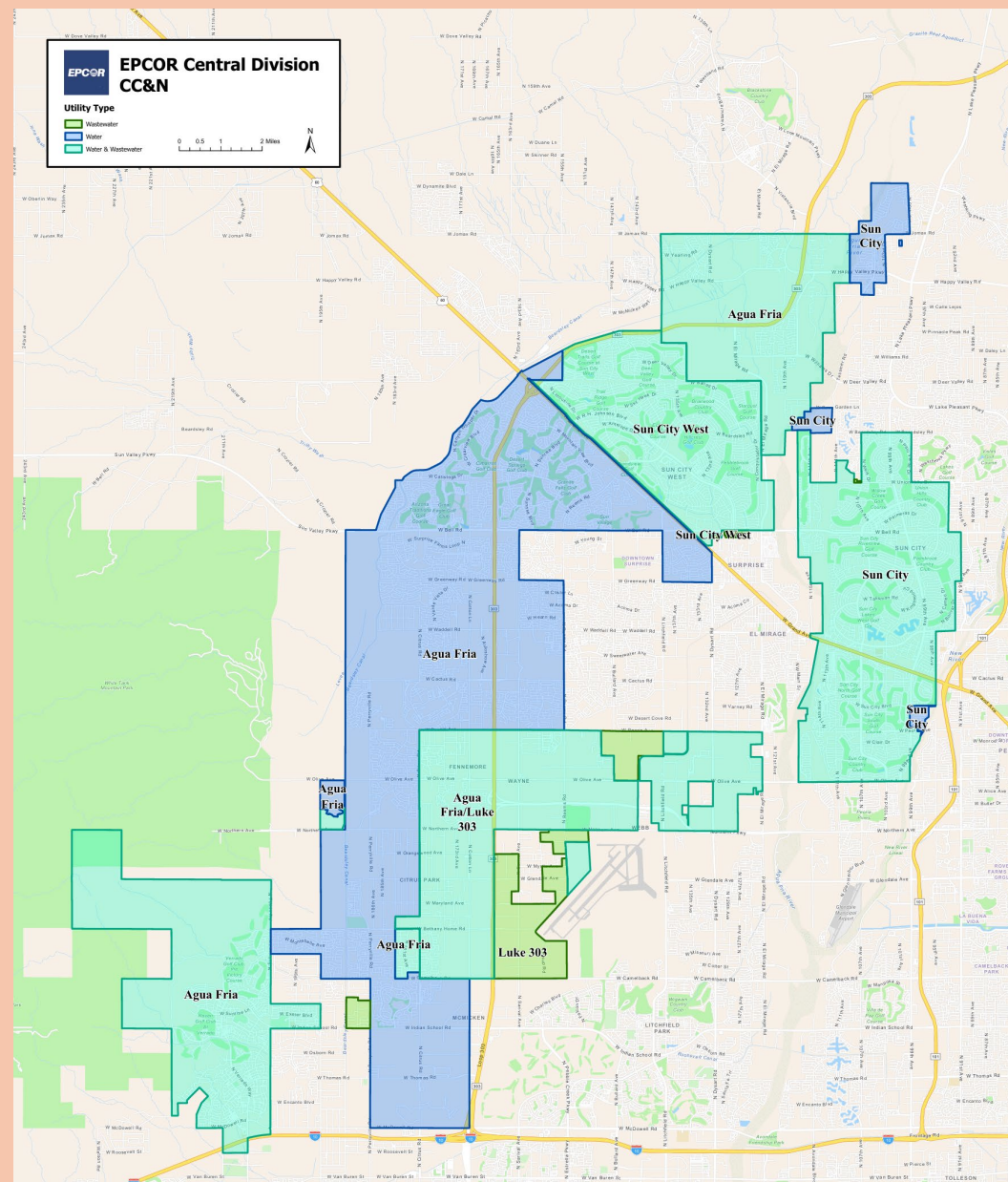
**By Combining 3 EPCOR Water Districts it was possible to show water availability and recharge credits sufficient to qualify for ADAWS.**

**Sun City, Sun City West and Agua Fria were approved to become the West Valley System by ADWR.**

**Projected demand for the 3 districts by 2034 is 68,047.11 acre feet per year.**

**The sum of groundwater allotment, Central AZ Project water allotment, effluent recovered plus effluent stored by 2034 is equal to 69,753.01 acre feet per year which exceeds the estimated annual demand.**

**EPCOR ADAWS West Valley System**



# EPCOR ADAWS West Valley System



# **Water Augmentation Projects to Provide for Commercial and Residential Growth in Arizona**

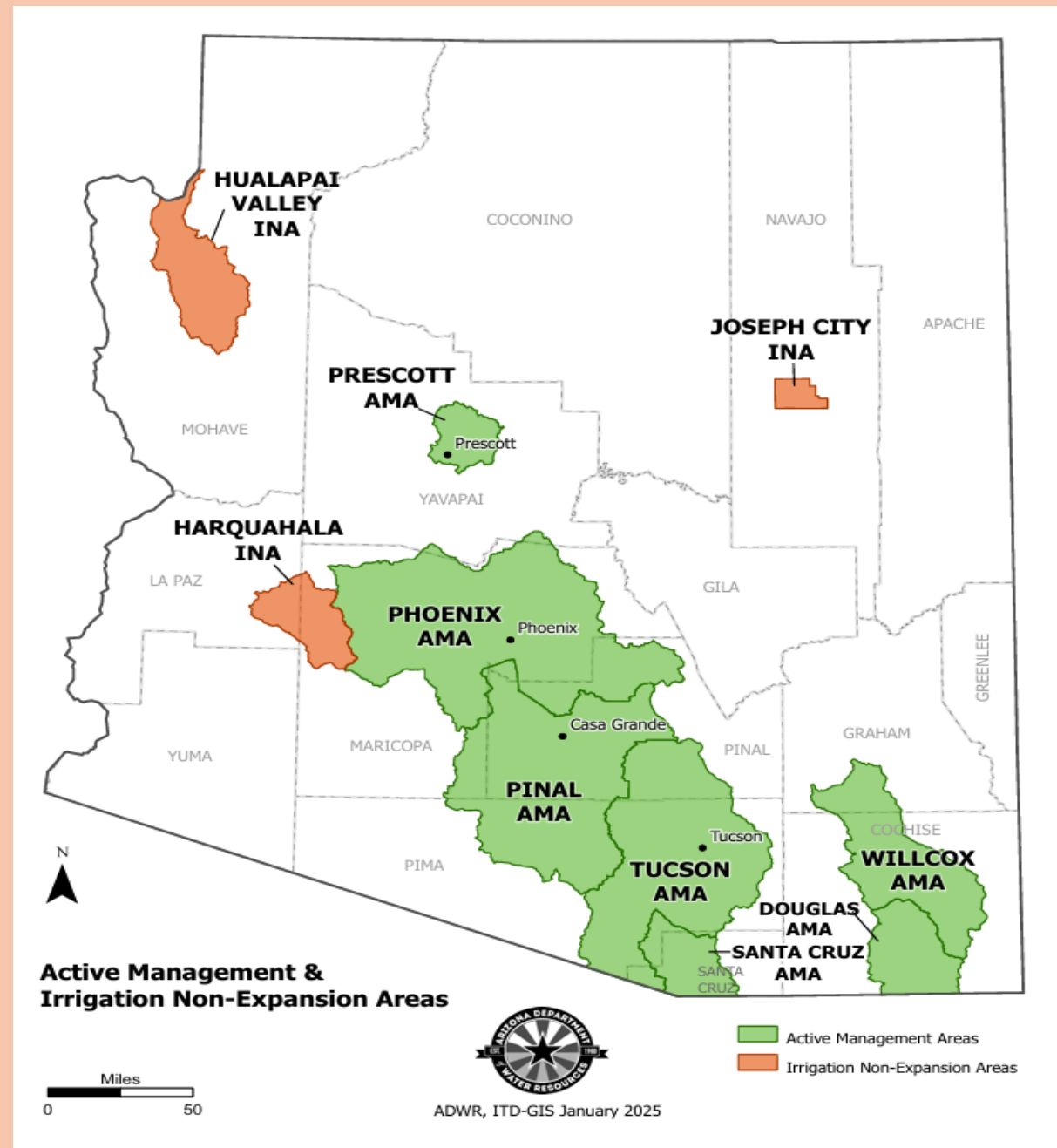
- **Ag To Urban**
- **Harquahala Transfer – Buckeye and Queen Creek**
- **Ocean Water Desalination – Turning seawater into drinking water.**
- **Surface Water Projects – Capturing and moving river or lake water.**
- **Wastewater Reclamation – Treating and reusing wastewater to create a new supply.**

# **AG TO URBAN:**

- **Farmers sell land to Developers**
- **Residential Areas use about 1/5<sup>th</sup> amount of water per acre than Ag. Need serious monitoring.**
- **New Residential Areas fall under the rules for CAGR D.**
- **CAGR D is losing water required for replenishment**
- **Legislature modified the CAGR D to reduce replenishment requirement.**

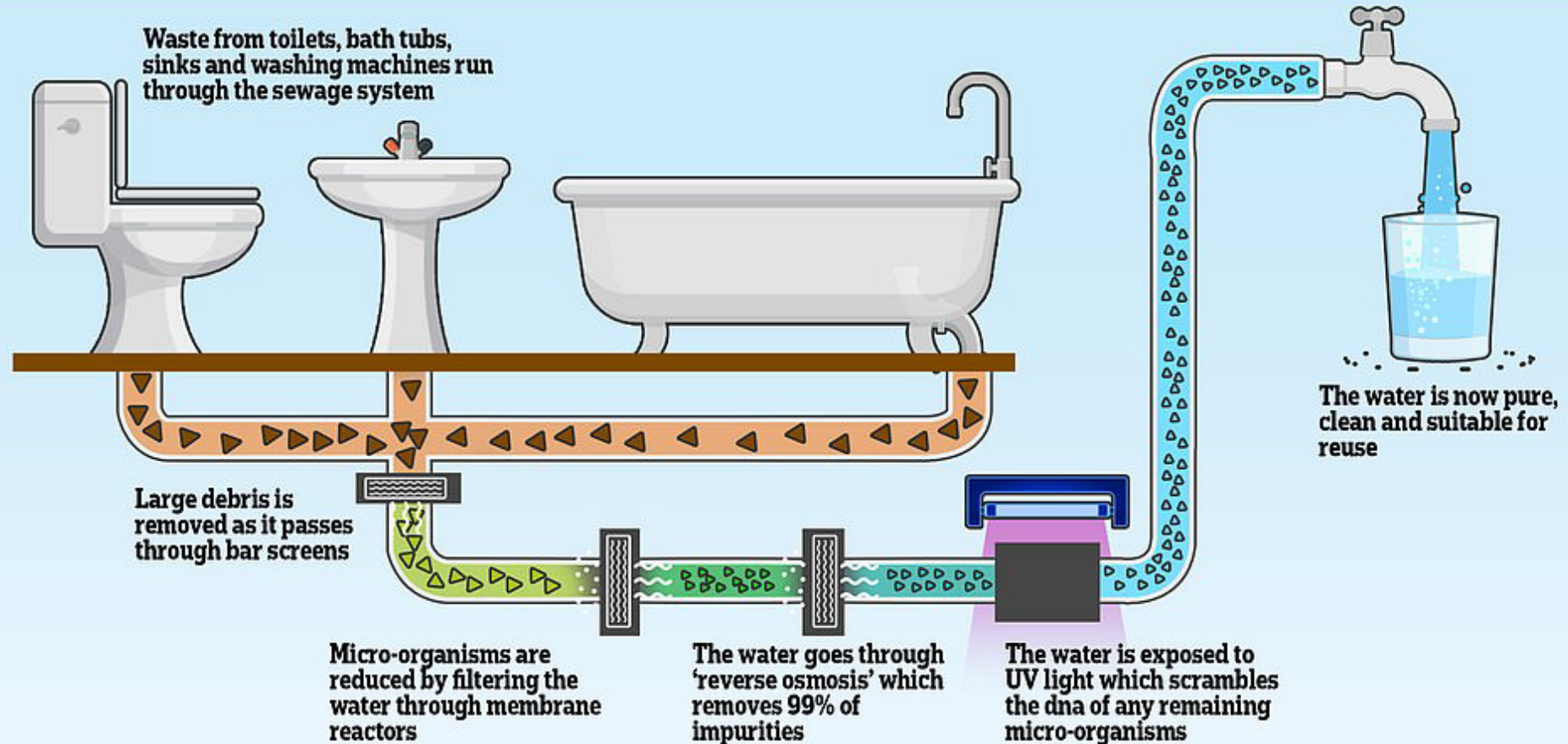
# Arizona Active Management Areas.

Harquahala Transfer:  
Buckeye Paid  
\$80M and Queen  
Creek will pay  
\$240M for  
Harquahala water  
rights.





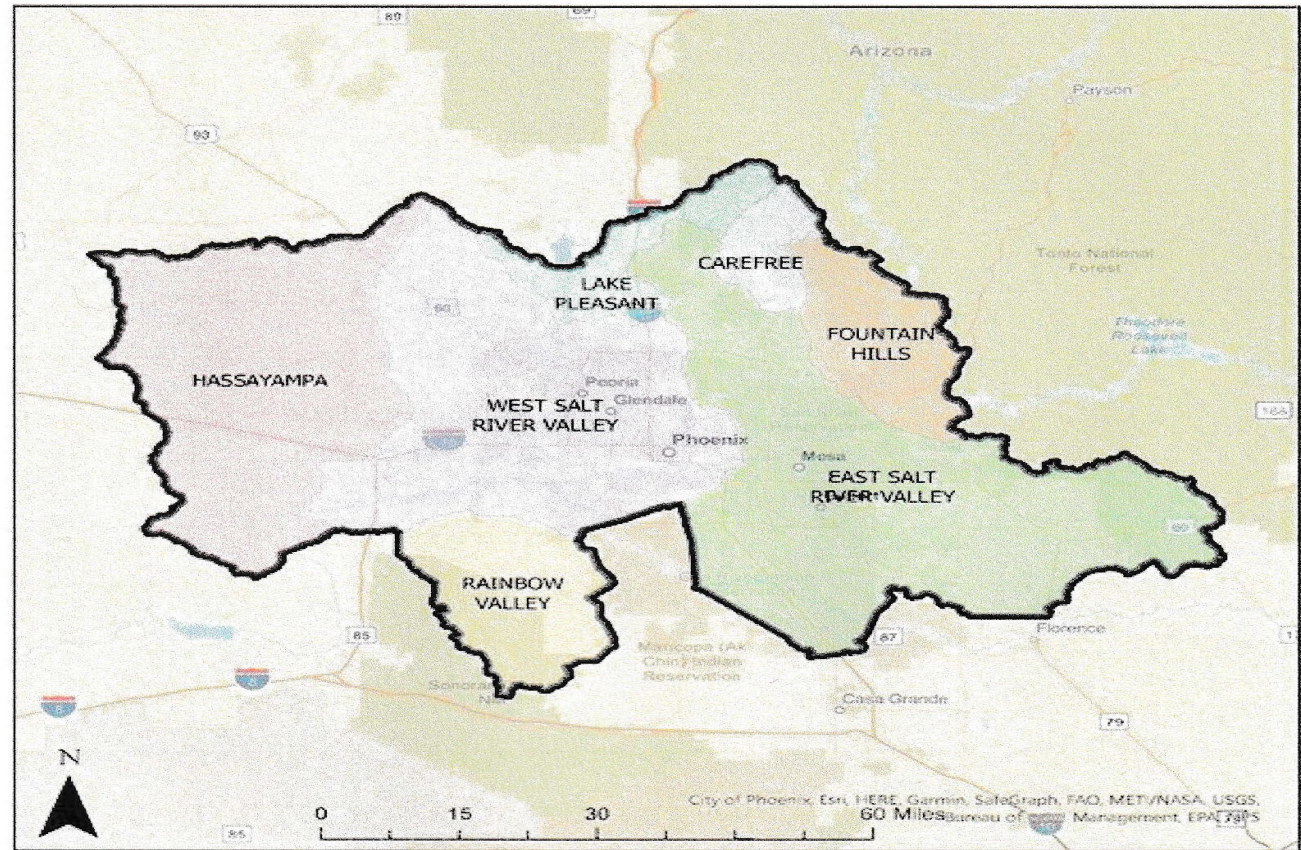
# HOW THE 'TOILET TO TAP' SYSTEM WILL WORK



## TOILET TO TAP SYSTEM

# Major Sub-Basins in Phoenix AMA

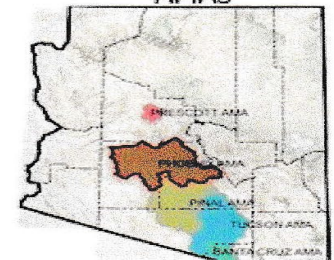
Figure 1-1 Phoenix Active Management Area and Sub-Basins



## SUB-BASIN NAME

- CAREFREE
- EAST SALT RIVER VALLEY
- FOUNTAIN HILLS
- HASSAYAMPA
- LAKE PLEASANT
- RAINBOW VALLEY
- WEST SALT RIVER VALLEY

## AMAs



**EXTRA SLIDES**





# **Groundwater Treatment**

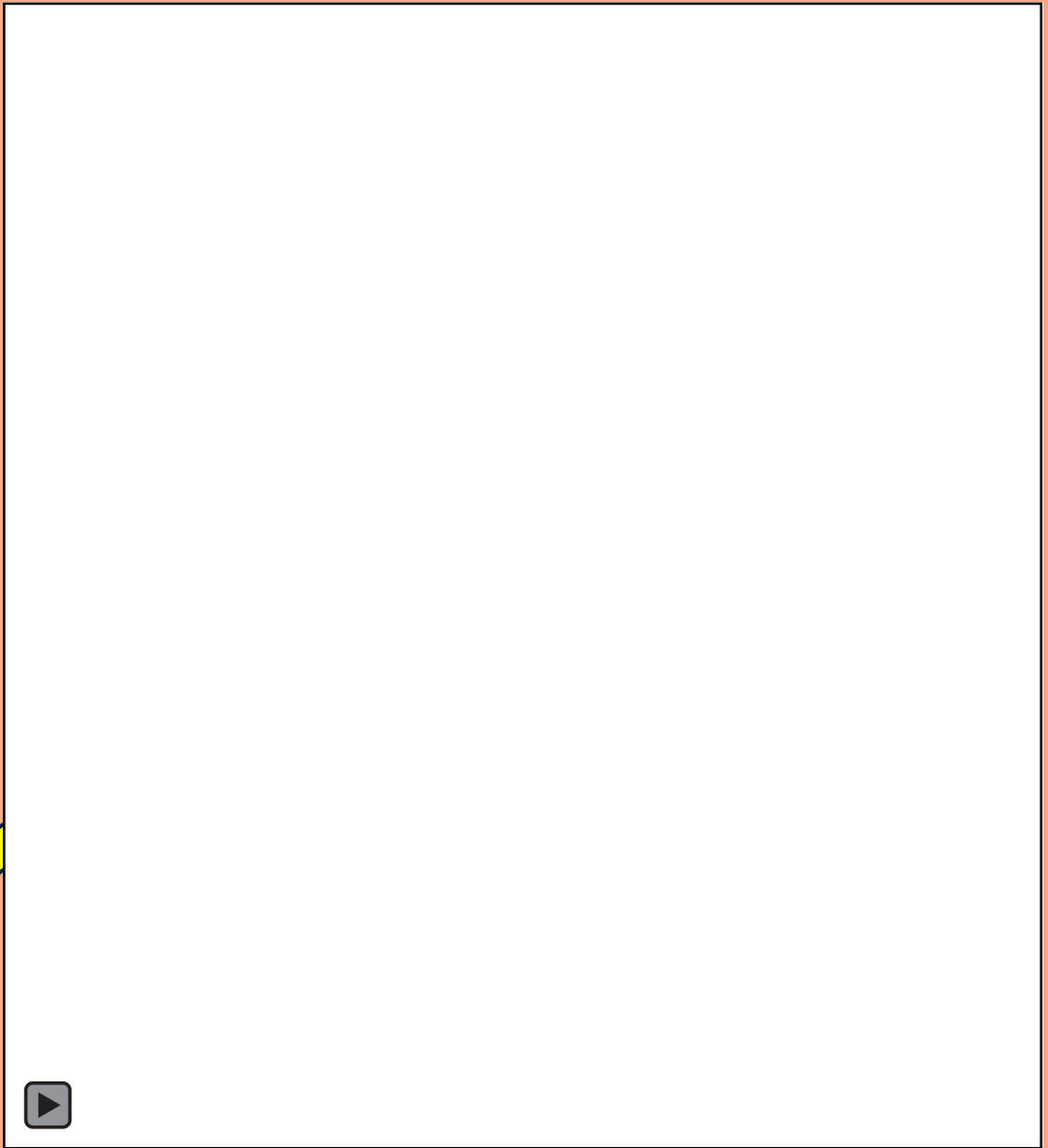
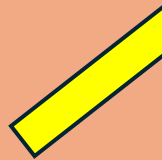
**Use the Sewer Cleanout Piping to Send Water to the Wastewater System for Treatment and Recharge**



# Sanitary Sewer Connection

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**Drain Your Pool Here**



# To Think About.....

**“....corporate profits are a key part of the aquifer depletion puzzle.”**

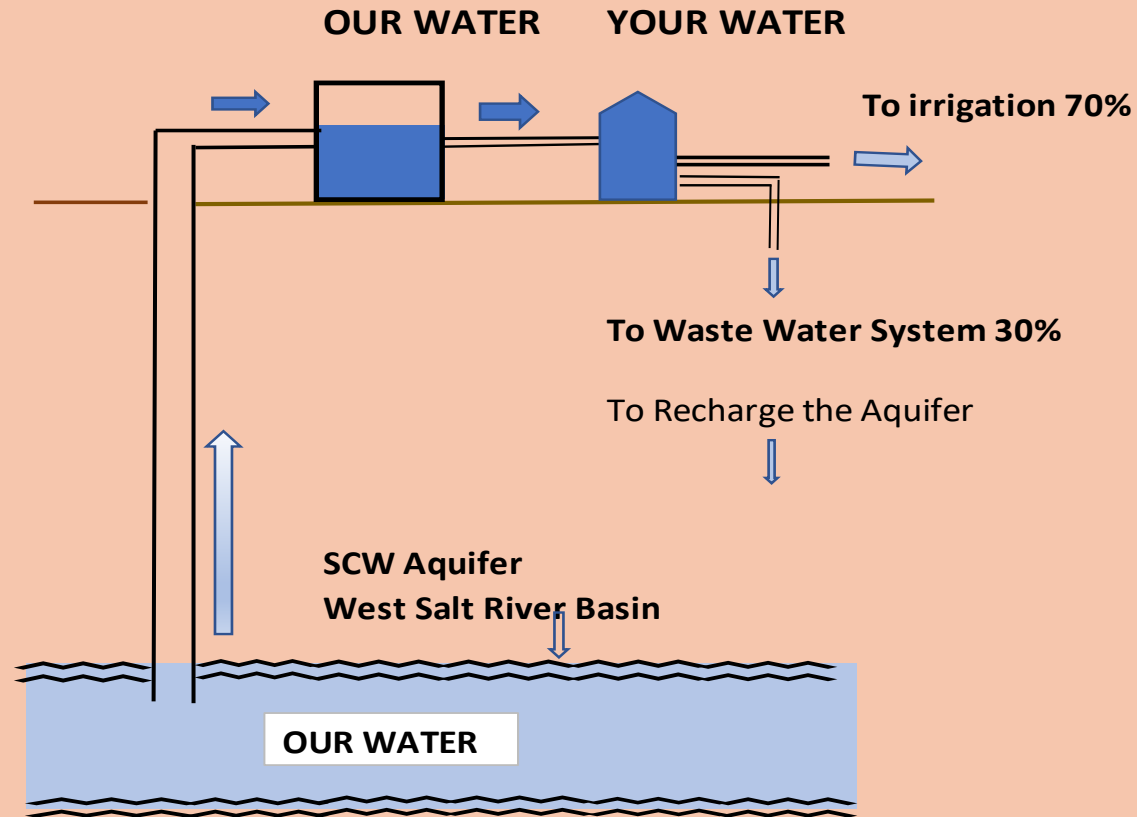
**“Their profits depend on aquifer depletion. In other words, there is a multibillion-dollar corporate interest to prevent regulation and to pump the water until it’s gone.”**

From the Book *“Running Out”*, by Lucas Bessire.  
(Comments about the Ogallala Aquifer in Central USA)

# Grundfos Hot Water Pump Attaches to Hot Water Heater



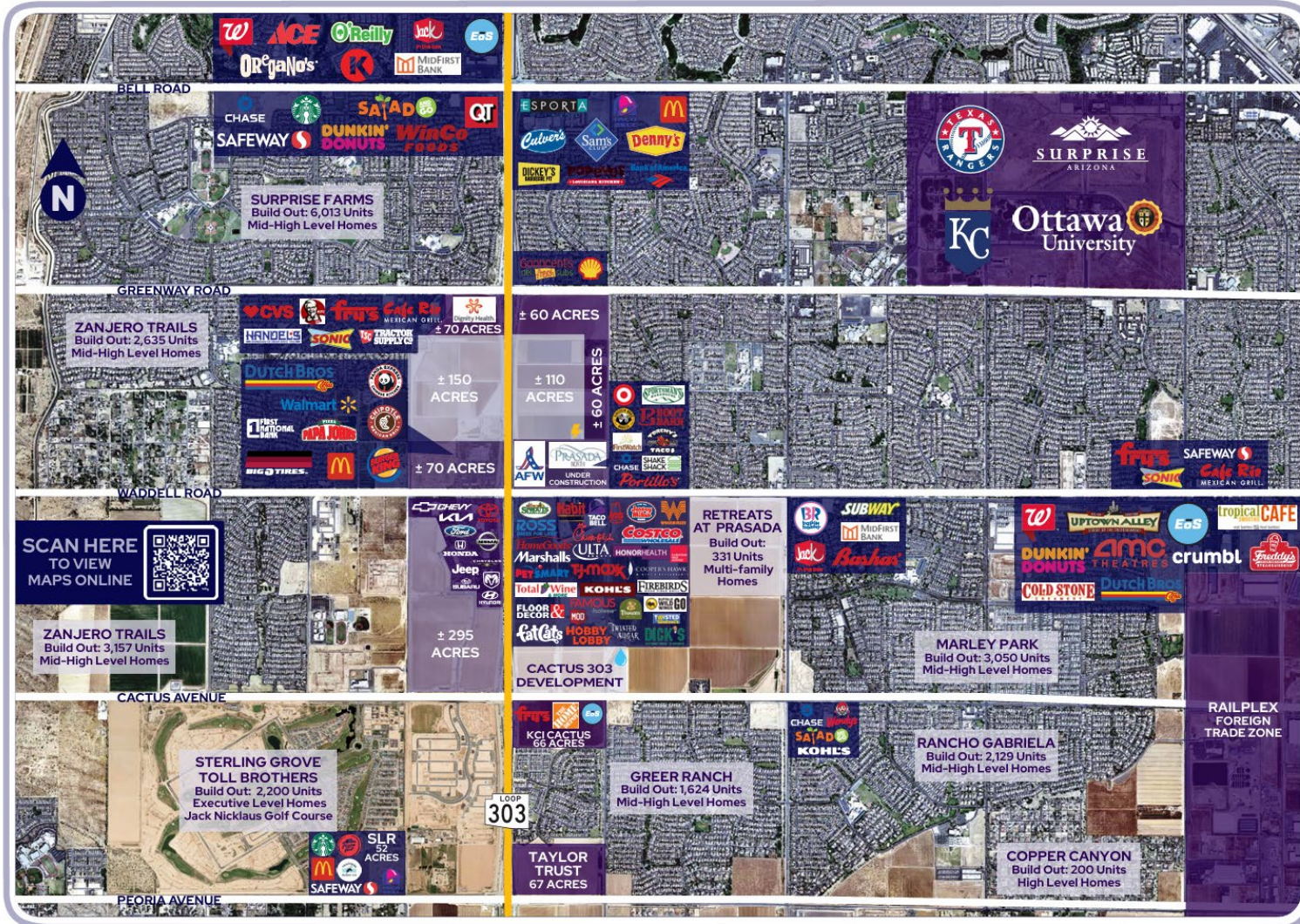
## YOUR WATER IS OUR WATER



# Groundwater Going



# LOOP 303 DEVELOPMENT



## LOOP 303 HIGHLIGHTS

- 7 Miles Through City Limits
- High Visibility
- Connects to I-17 & I-10
- 500+ Acres Future Development
- 2 APS Substations & 230-kV Lines
- EPCOR's Agua Fria Pump Station
- Anchor Retail & Power Center
- Executive Housing
- Hospital(s) & Future MO
- Tech/Business Park

## LEGEND

PGV: Prasada Gateway Village

- PGV-1**
  - Neighborhood
  - Retail Employment
  - Residential
- PGV-2**
  - Community Level Retail
  - Hospitality
  - Entertainment
  - Residential
- PGV-3**
  - Auto Dealers Related
  - Employment
  - Retail
  - Commercial
  - Hospitality
- PGV-E**
  - Office
  - Hospital/Medical
  - Retail
  - Hospitality
  - Residential
- PGV-RC**
  - Regional Shopping Center
  - Entertainment
  - Employment
  - Residential
  - Hospitality



SCAN HERE  
FOR LOCAL  
AND ONLY IN  
SURPRISE DINING



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&  
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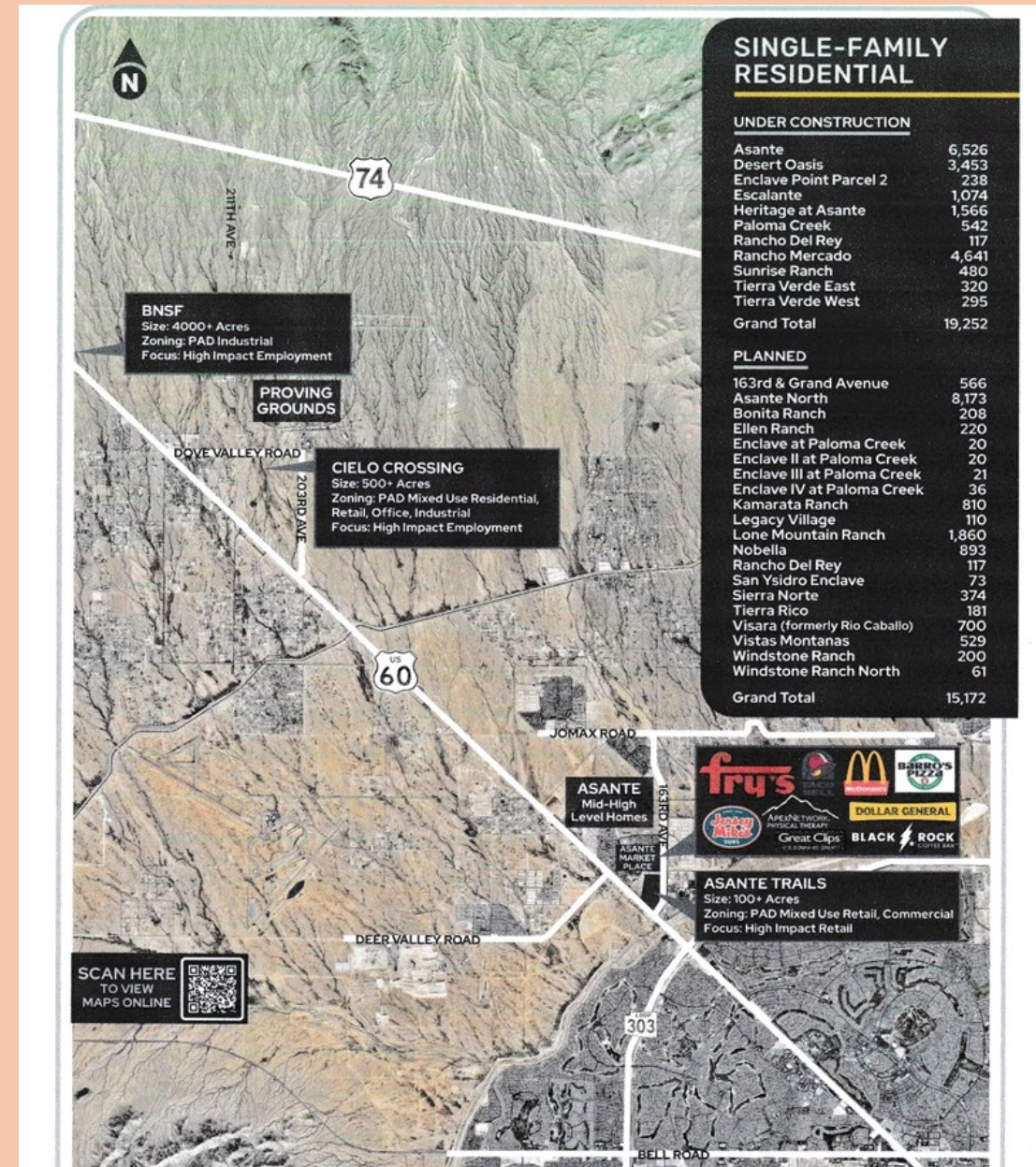
# North Surprise Development Plans

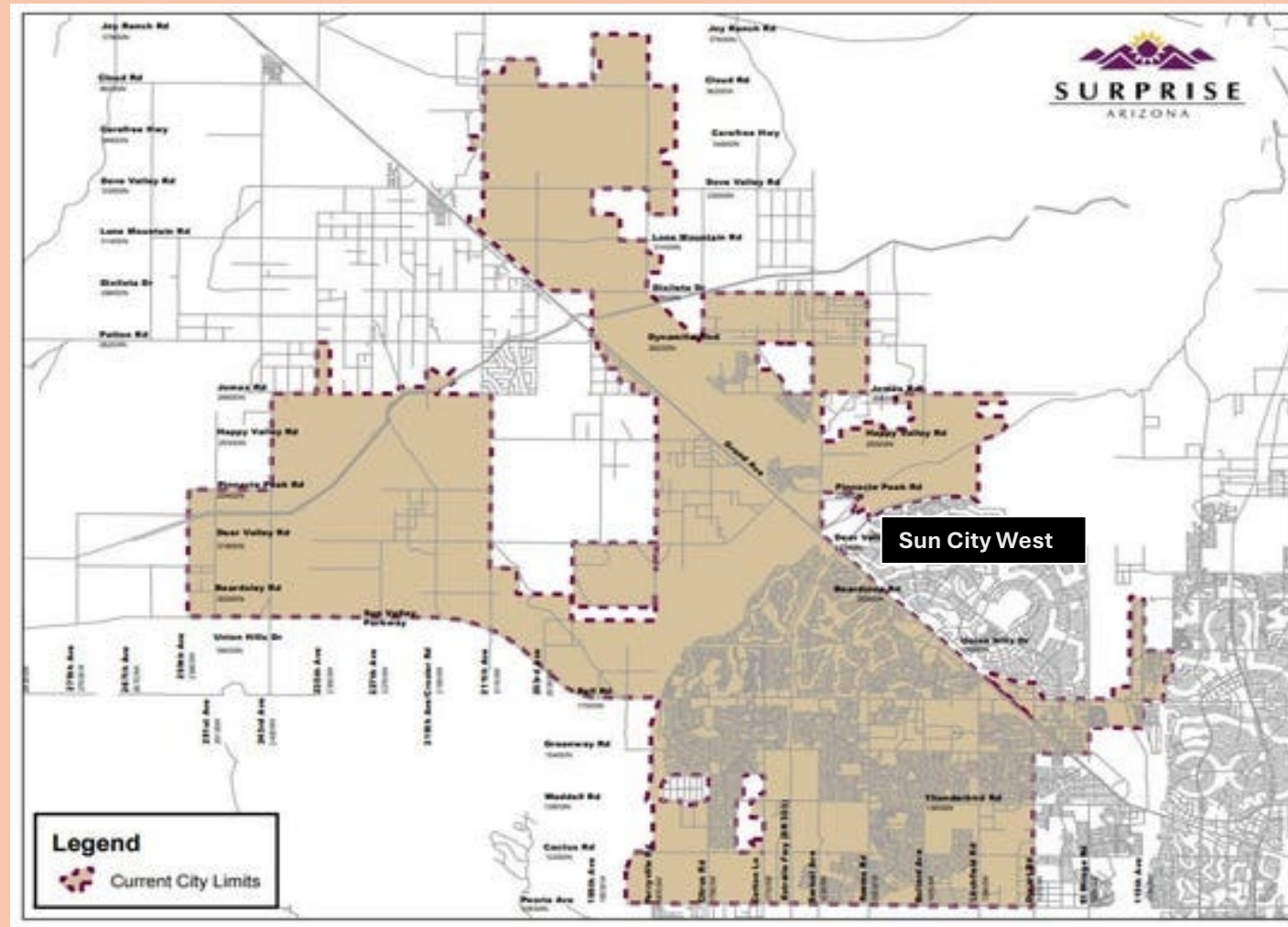
19,252 Residences Under Construction

15,172 Additional Residences Planned

Estimate 2.5 persons per household = 86,060 people.

Maybe 86,000 cars???

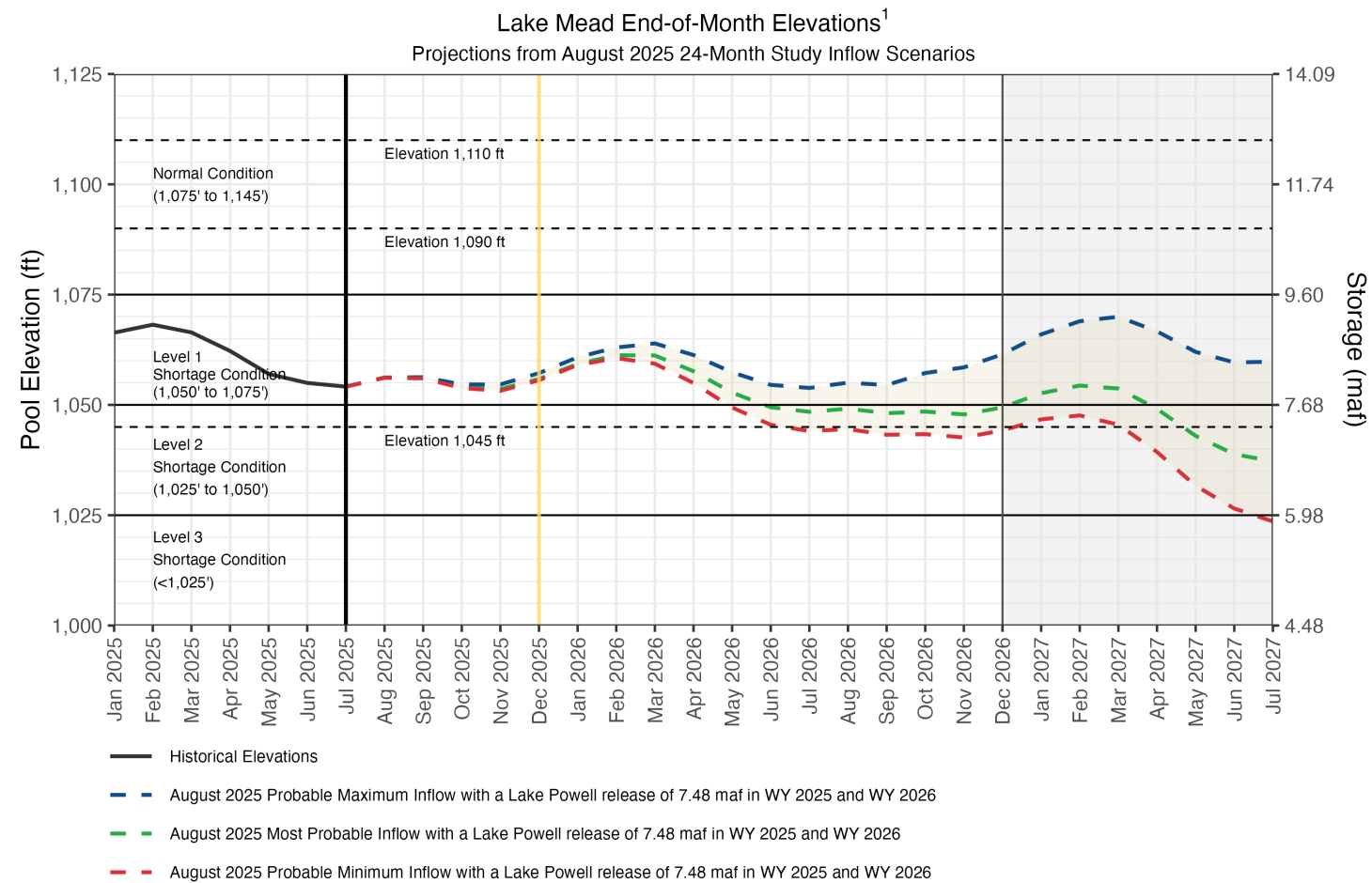




**City of Surprise.**

**Development Continues to the West and NW of SCW**



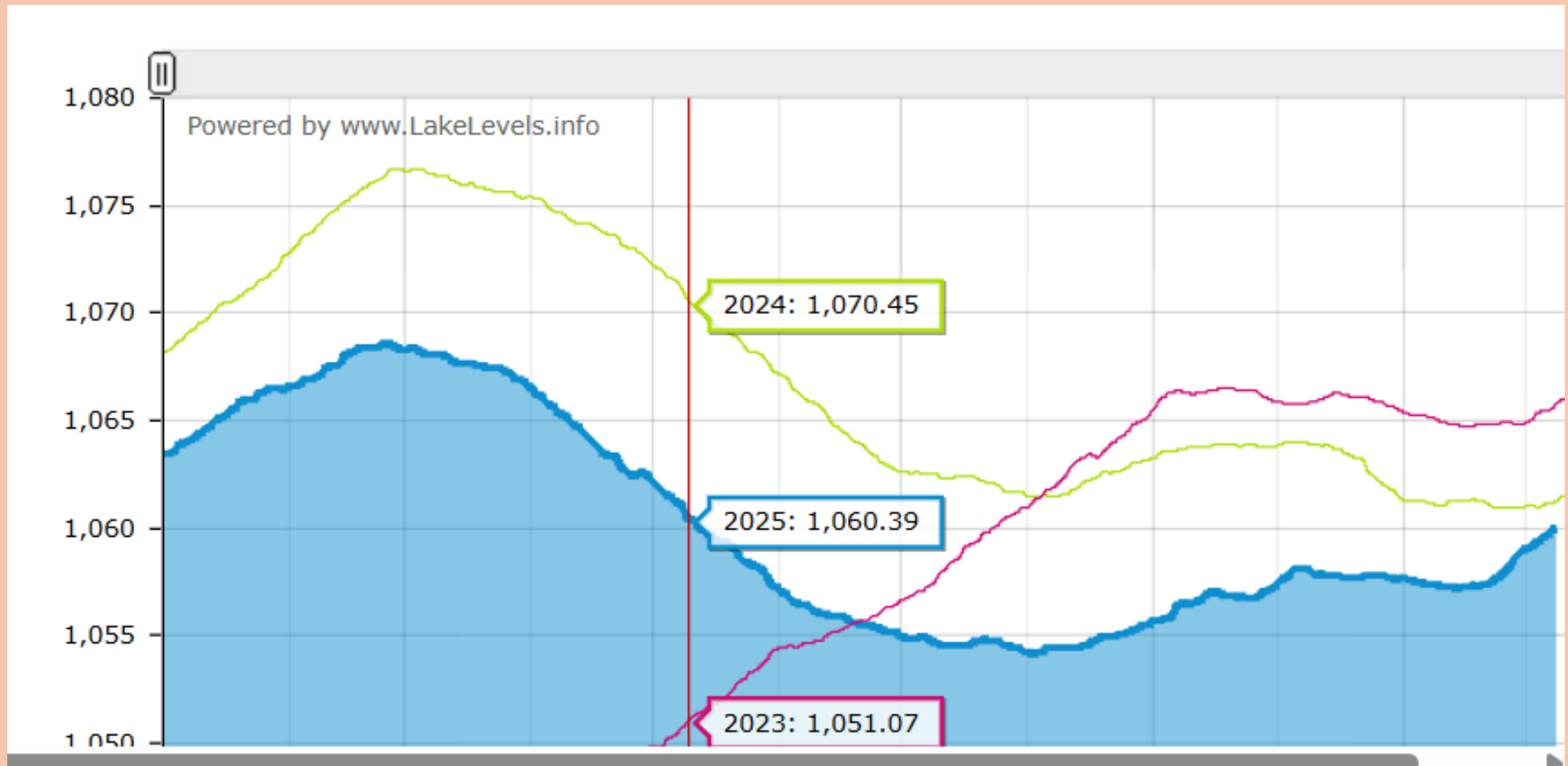


The Drought Response Operations Agreement (DROA) is available online at <https://www.usbr.gov/dcp/finaldocs.html>.

<sup>1</sup>For modeling purposes, simulated years beyond 2026 assume a continuation of the 2007 Interim Guidelines including the 2024 Supplement to the 2007 Interim Guidelines (no additional SEIS conservation is assumed to occur after 2026), the 2019 Colorado River Basin Drought Contingency Plans, and Minute 323 including the Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan. With the exception of certain provisions related to ICS recovery and Upper Basin Demand management, operations under these agreements are in effect through 2026.



# Lake Mead Elevations 2025, 2026, 2027



**Lake Mead Water Levels 2023, 2024 and 2025  
1059.96' on December 8, 2025**

**Excess CAP Water = ZERO**

**Agricultural = ZERO**

**Municipal/Industrial = - 3%**

**Tribal = - 7%**

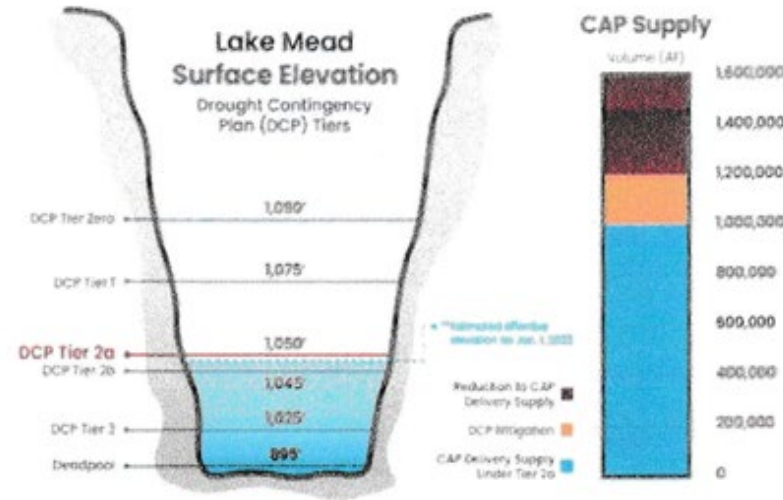
## Tier 2a shortage: CAP reductions

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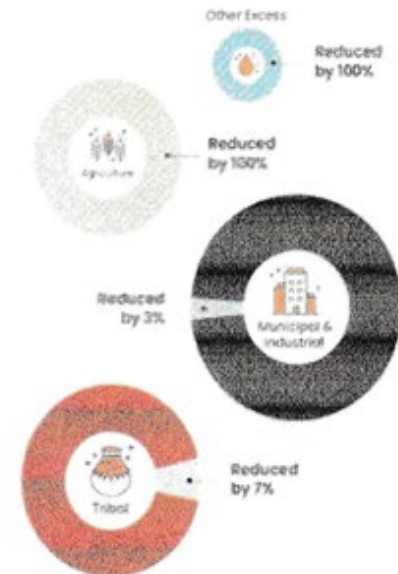


### 2023 Tier 2a Shortage

CAP Delivery System under Tier 2a



### 2023 Reductions to CAP Contract Categories



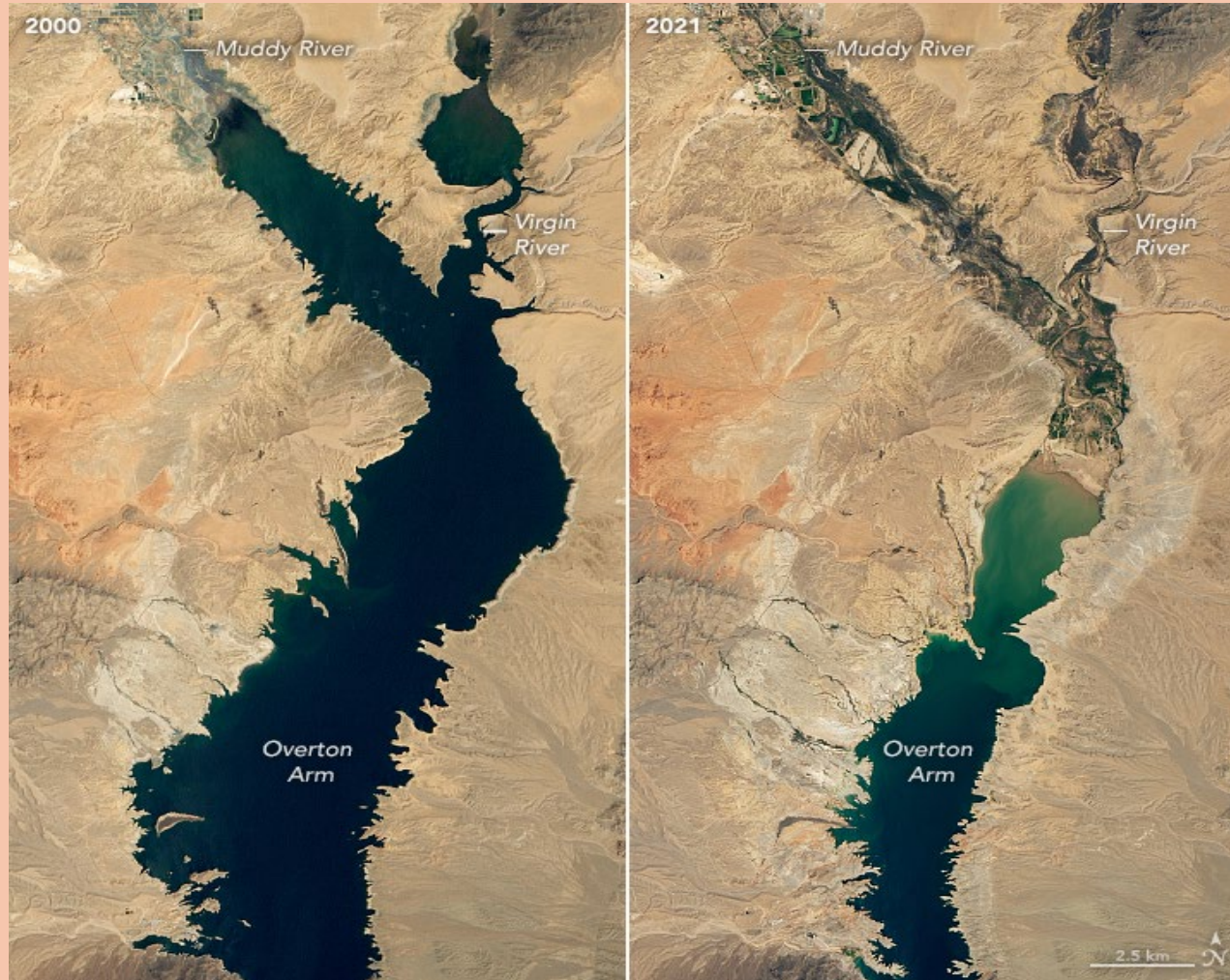
\*Elevations are not to scale and are only for a representative purpose.

\*\*The overflow elevation is estimated. Tier 2a water level is actually shown in Lake Mead. The proposed Tier 2a level is 1,045'.

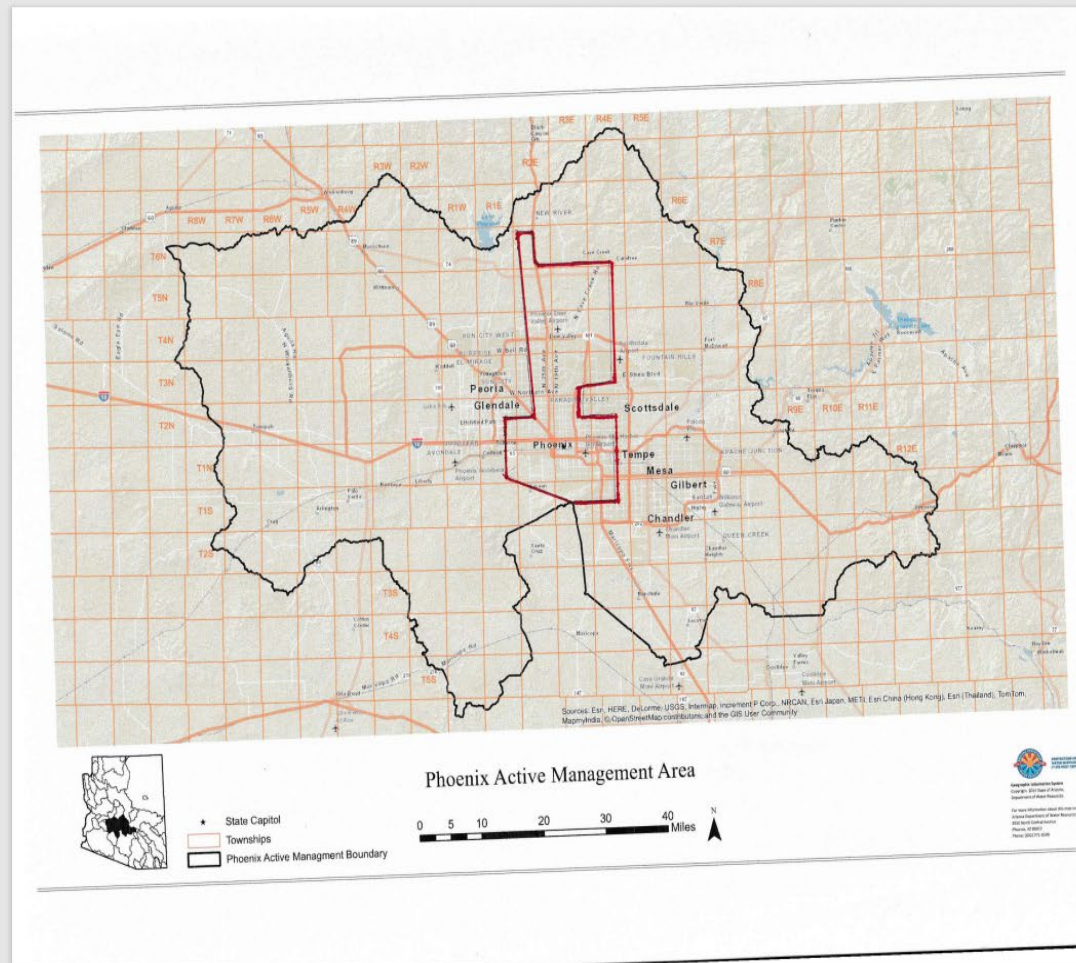
To learn more, please visit: [www.cap-az.com/colorado-river-shortage](http://www.cap-az.com/colorado-river-shortage)

**Lake Mead Projections: Tier 2a Allotments:**



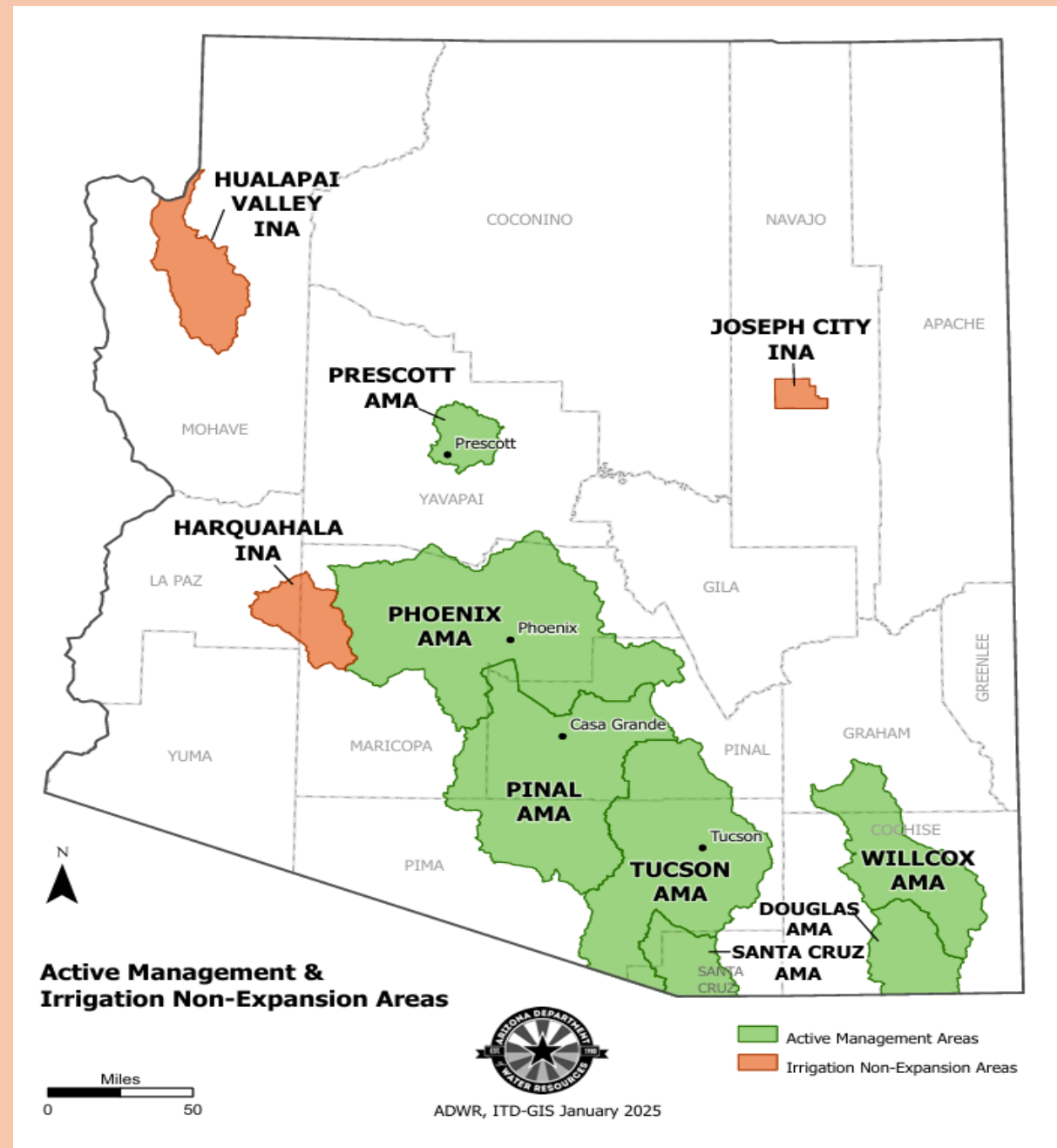


**Lake Mead From Space: August 7, 2000  
and August 9, 2021**



# Phoenix AMA Model

# Arizona Active Management Areas

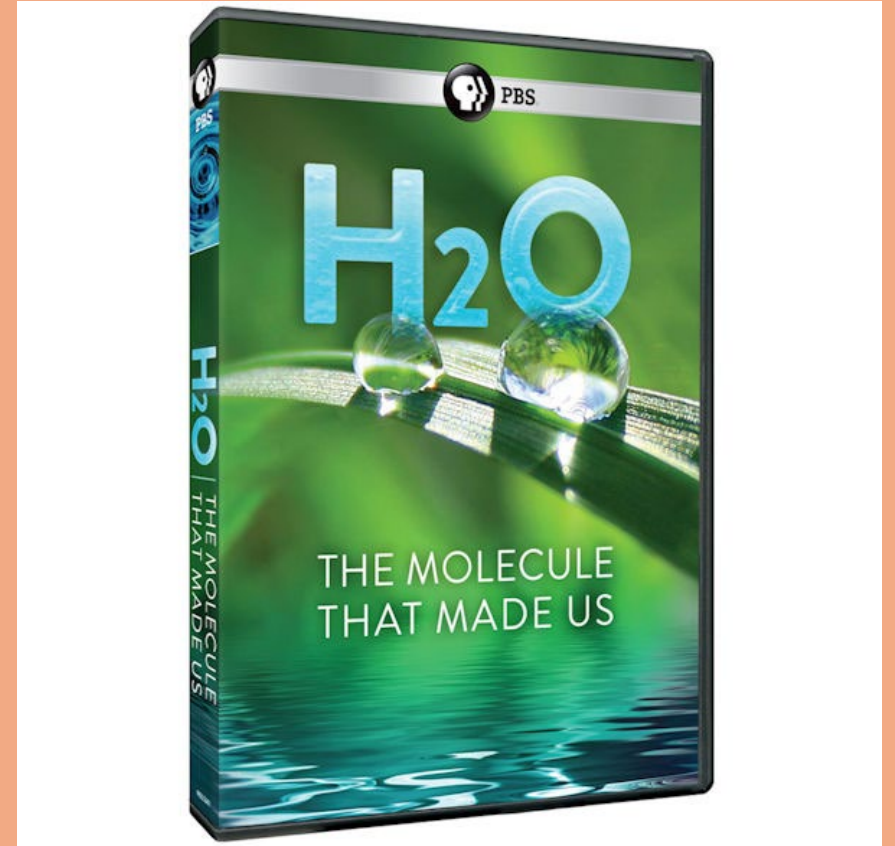




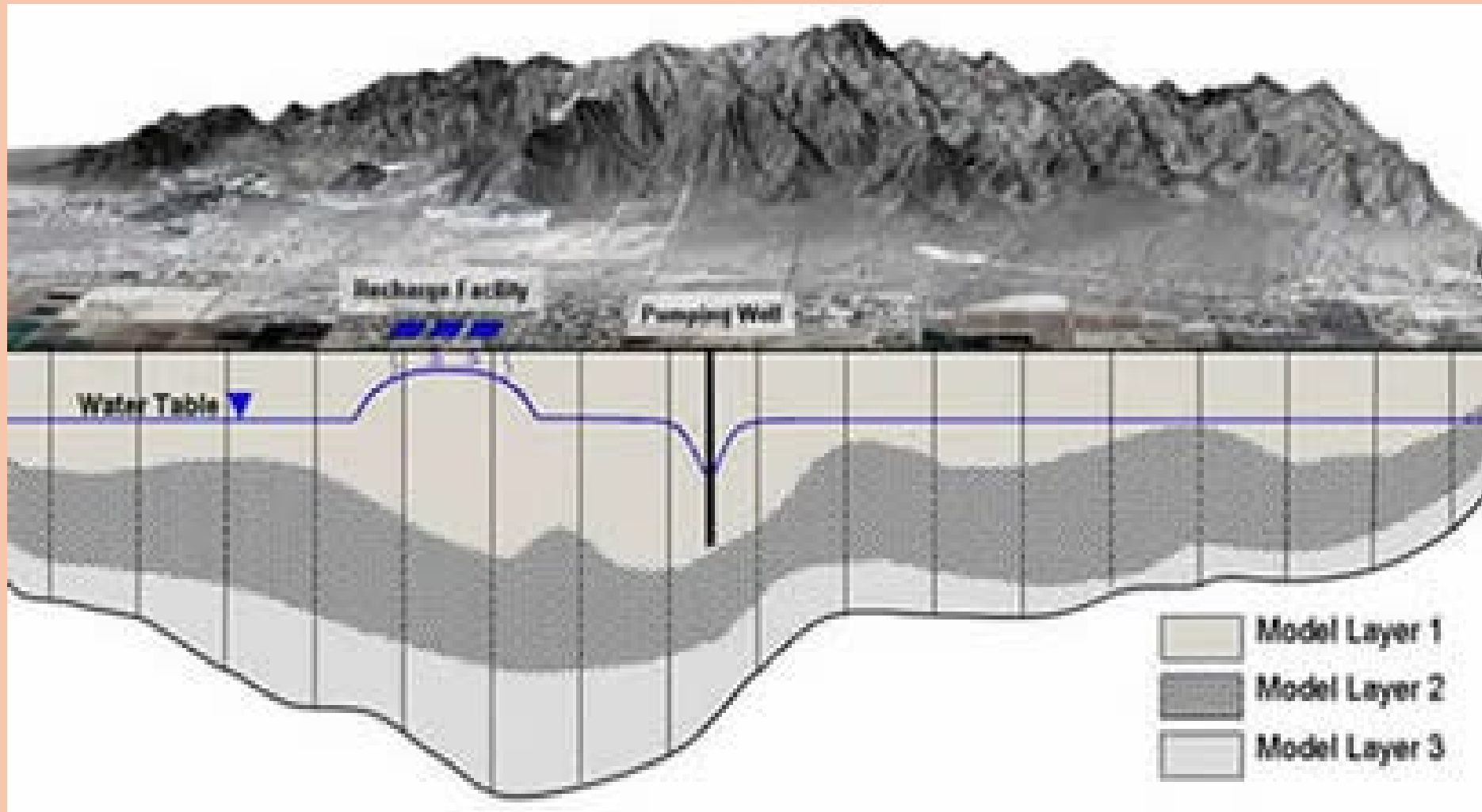
# Water Presentations:



**Beyond the Mirage- Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**



**H2O, The Molecule....Feb. 25th**



Groundwater with Recharge



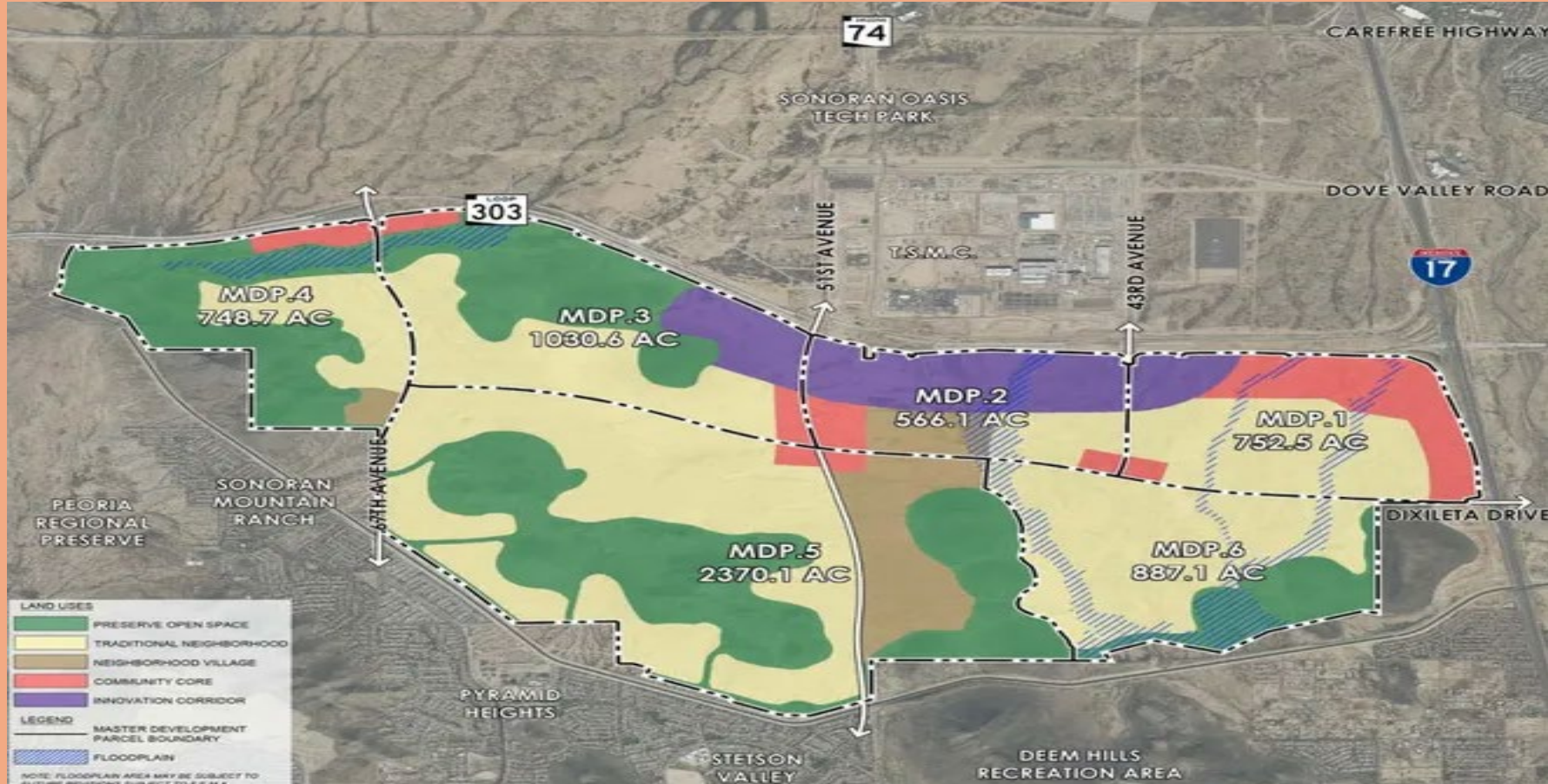
# Development Near TSMC



**Mack Real Estate Group: “Halo Vista” 2,300 acres  
Industrial and Residential “silicon valley”**



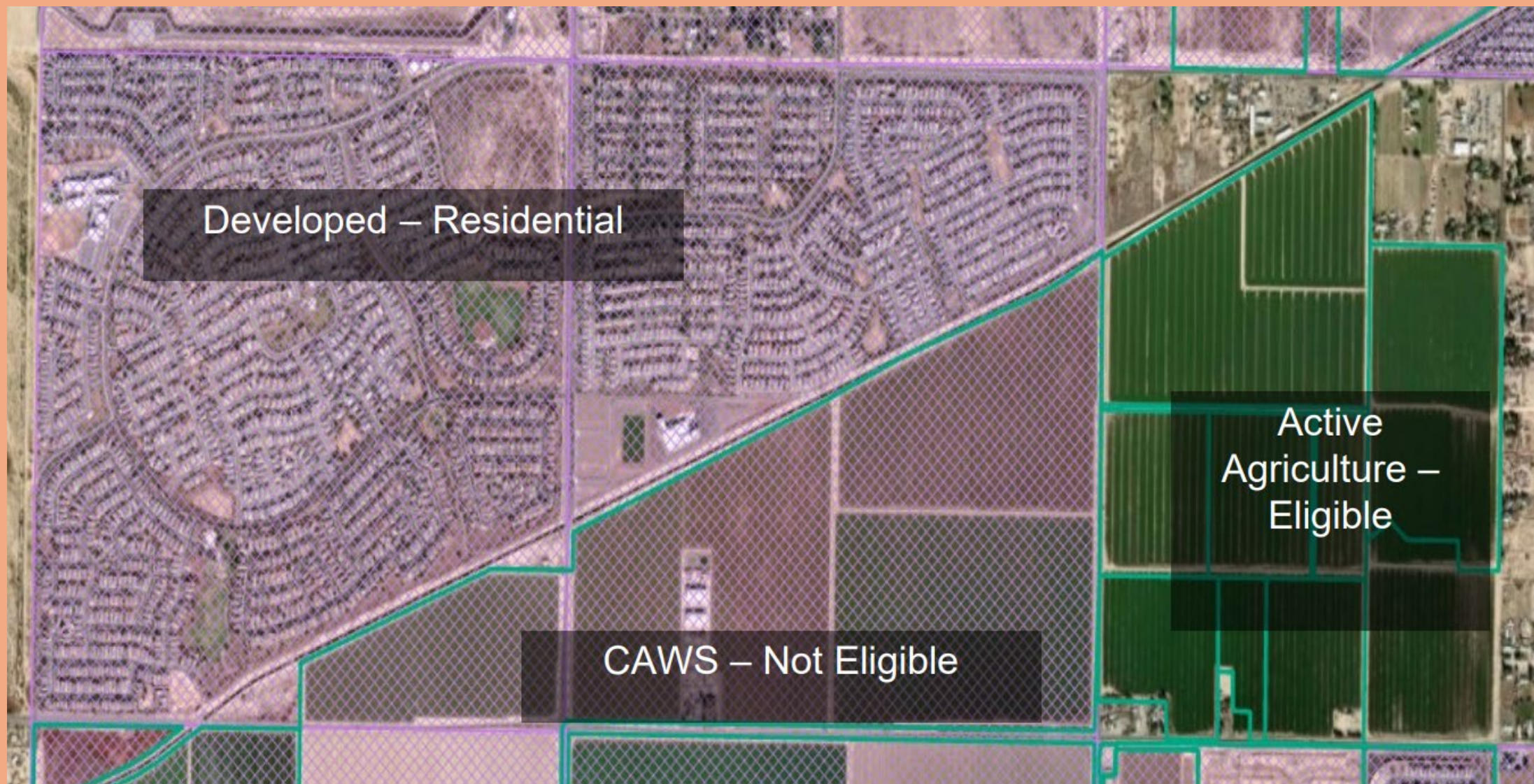
# Development Near TSMC



**Pulte Group: “North Park” 6,000 acres,  
19,000 Dwellings**



# AG TO URBAN





# Earth Fissures in Willcox

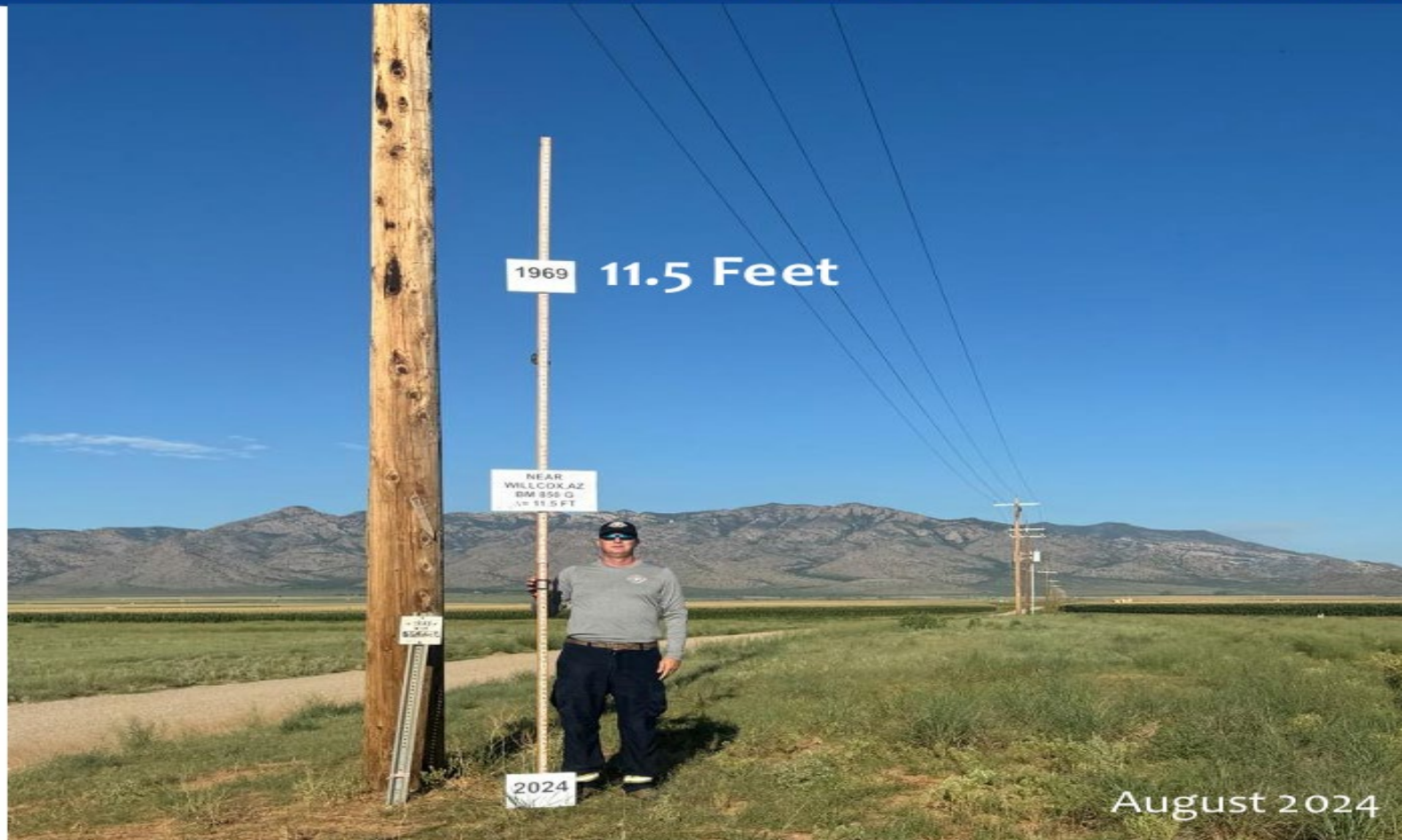


**Willcox Subsidence  
Causes Fissure Growth.**

**Fifty miles of Fissures mapped in the Willcox Basin**



# Land Subsidence in Willcox Basin



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**Willcox Subsidence - Causes Fissure Growth.**

**Fifty miles of Fissures mapped in the Willcox Basin**

March 27, 2024

## Facility Details



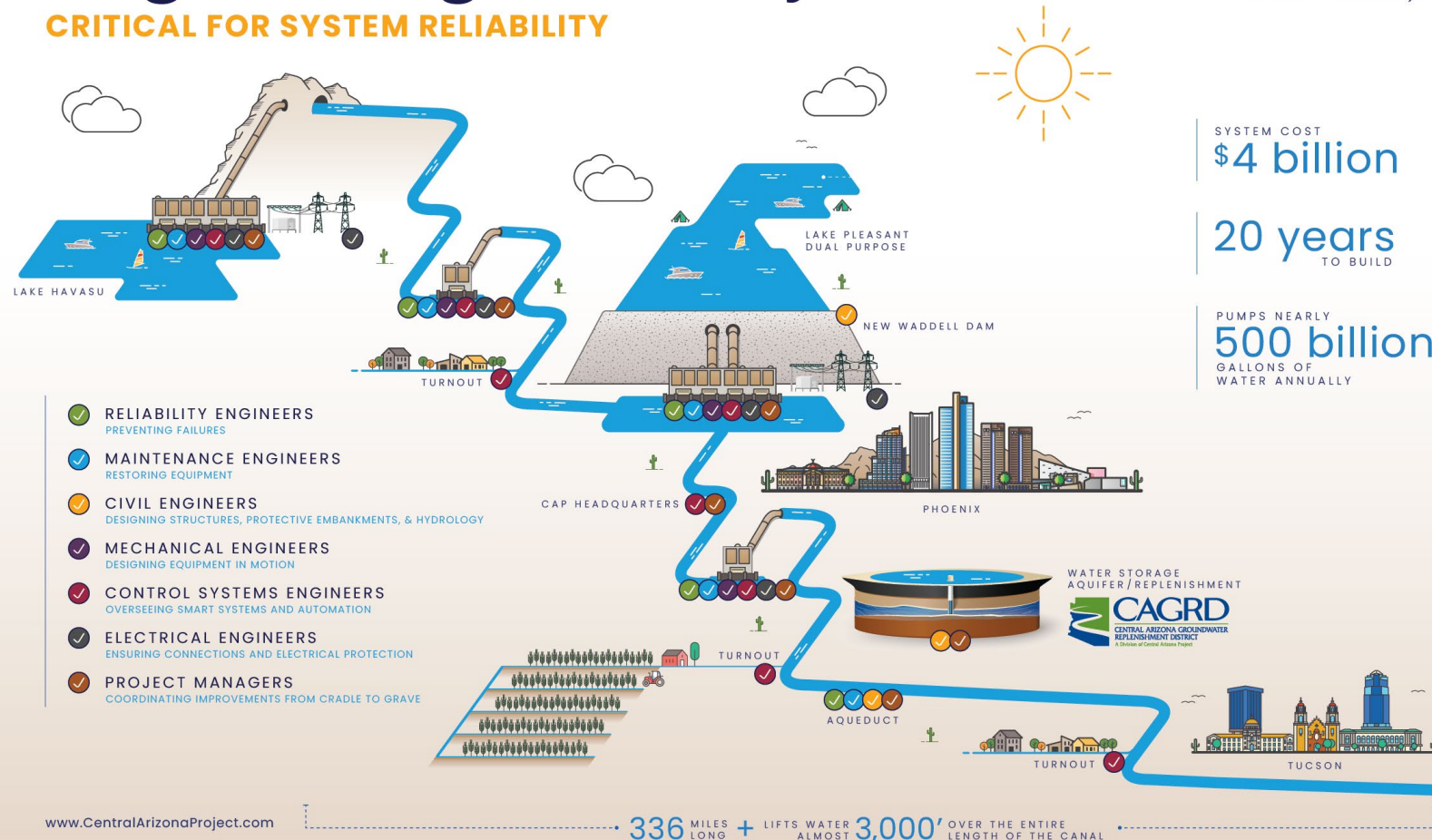
### Conceptual Imagery:

- Proposed planned site plan layout. Building design will be required to meet Vistancia's design guidelines
- Height
  - Production: 35 ft
  - Utility: 54 ft
  - Office: 40 ft

**Amkor Facility: Test, Package, Ship Semiconductor Chips from TSMC for Apple, etc.**

# Engineering Diversity

CRITICAL FOR SYSTEM RELIABILITY



Central Arizona Project Canal - 336 miles.  
Cost \$4 Billion , Completed in 1993.

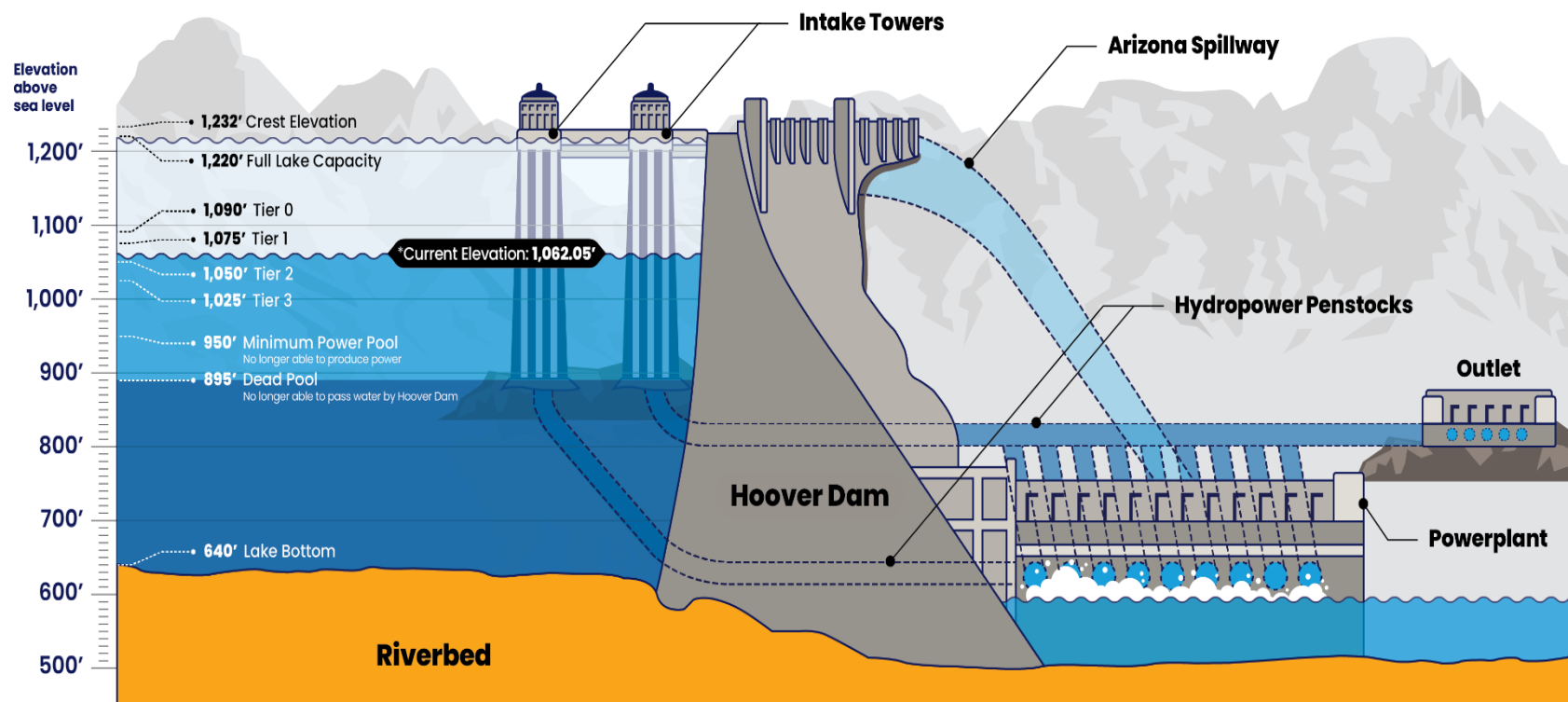




**Central Arizona Project Canal - 336 miles.  
Provides 40% of the State's Water  
Needs. It is Subject to Lake Mead  
Fluctuations**

# HOOVER DAM

## Key Elevations



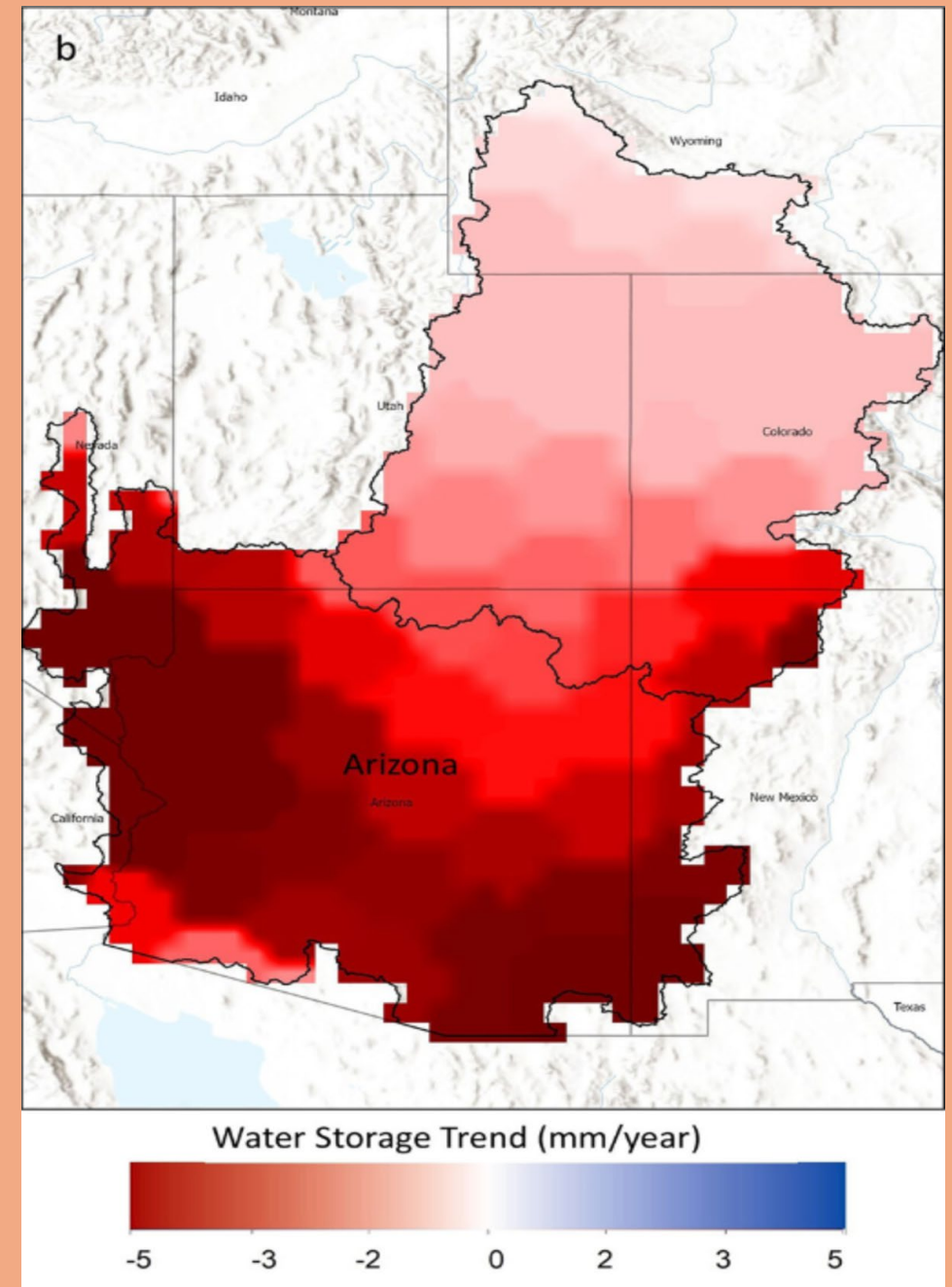
NOT TO SCALE: \*Current Elevation as of August 8, 2023

**Arizona relies on  
Groundwater for 41% of its  
Water.**

**In rural Arizona  
Groundwater levels have  
dropped significantly over  
the past two decades.**

Report from ASU Research at the School of Sustainability.

“Arizona is losing Groundwater at an alarming rate, study shows,” Phoenix New Times article June 12, 2025..





# Repeat Offenders:

**Medical Clinics-  
Granite Valley Drive**

**Dry for over 3  
Months!**



# Repeat Offenders:

Sun West Choice or ??





# Repeat Offenders:

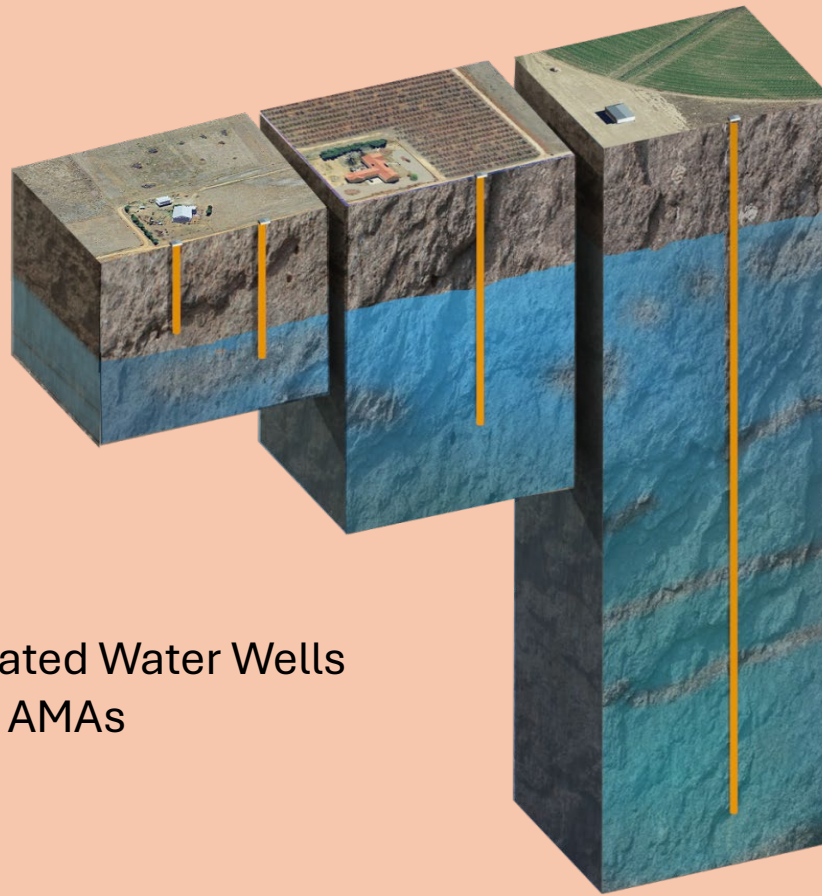
**Medical Clinics-  
Granite Valley Drive**





# **PORA Water Committee**

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



Unregulated Water Wells  
Outside AMAs

## Groundwater Pumping

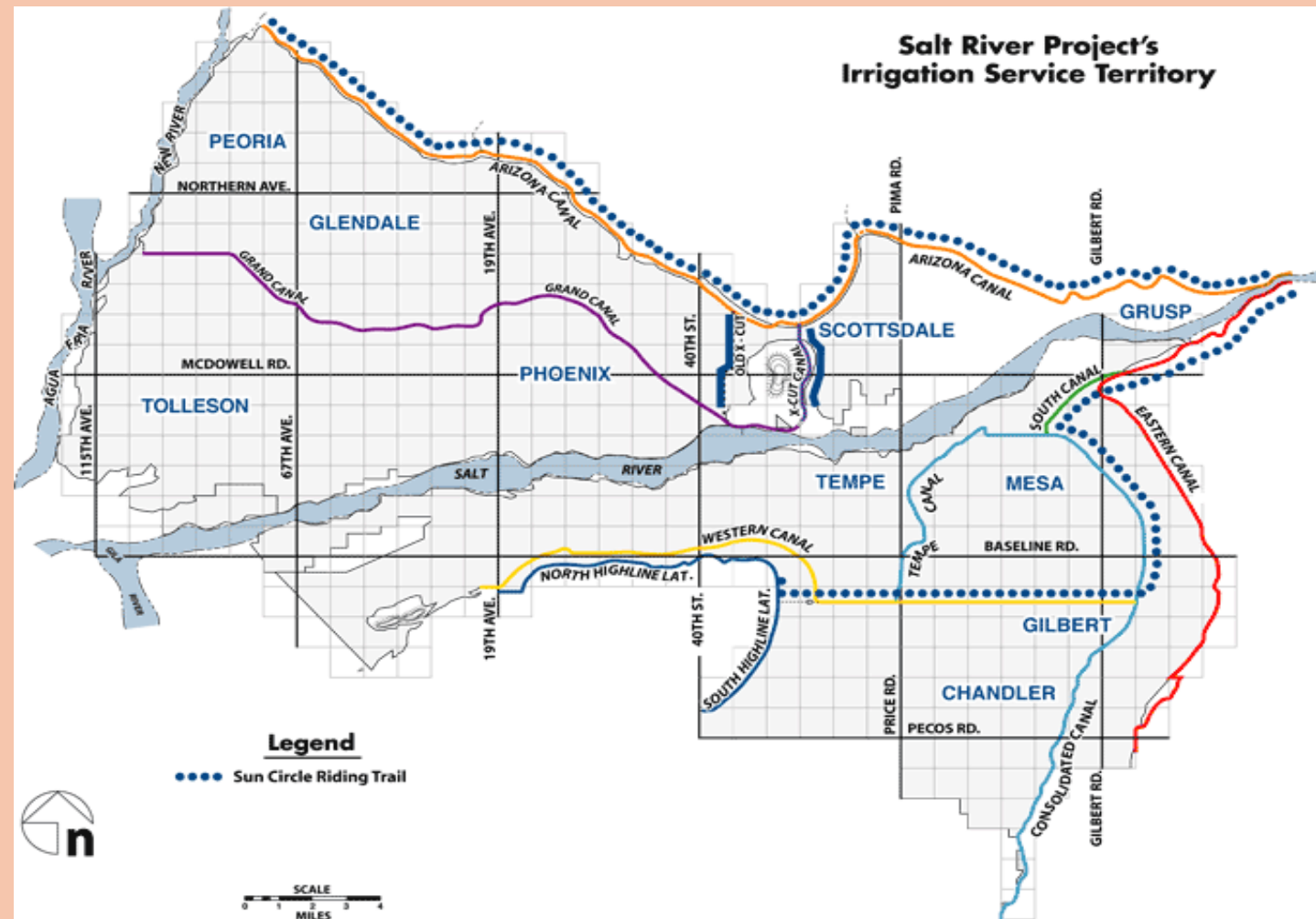
Water Wells for: Small Farmer (400'-600') versus Big Farmer (1010') and Mega Farmer (2500')



# **Beyond the Mirage**

**"The Future of Water in the West." A PBS  
Documentary about the Colorado River:  
[beyondthemirage.org](http://beyondthemirage.org)**





# Surface Water – Arizona Canal

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

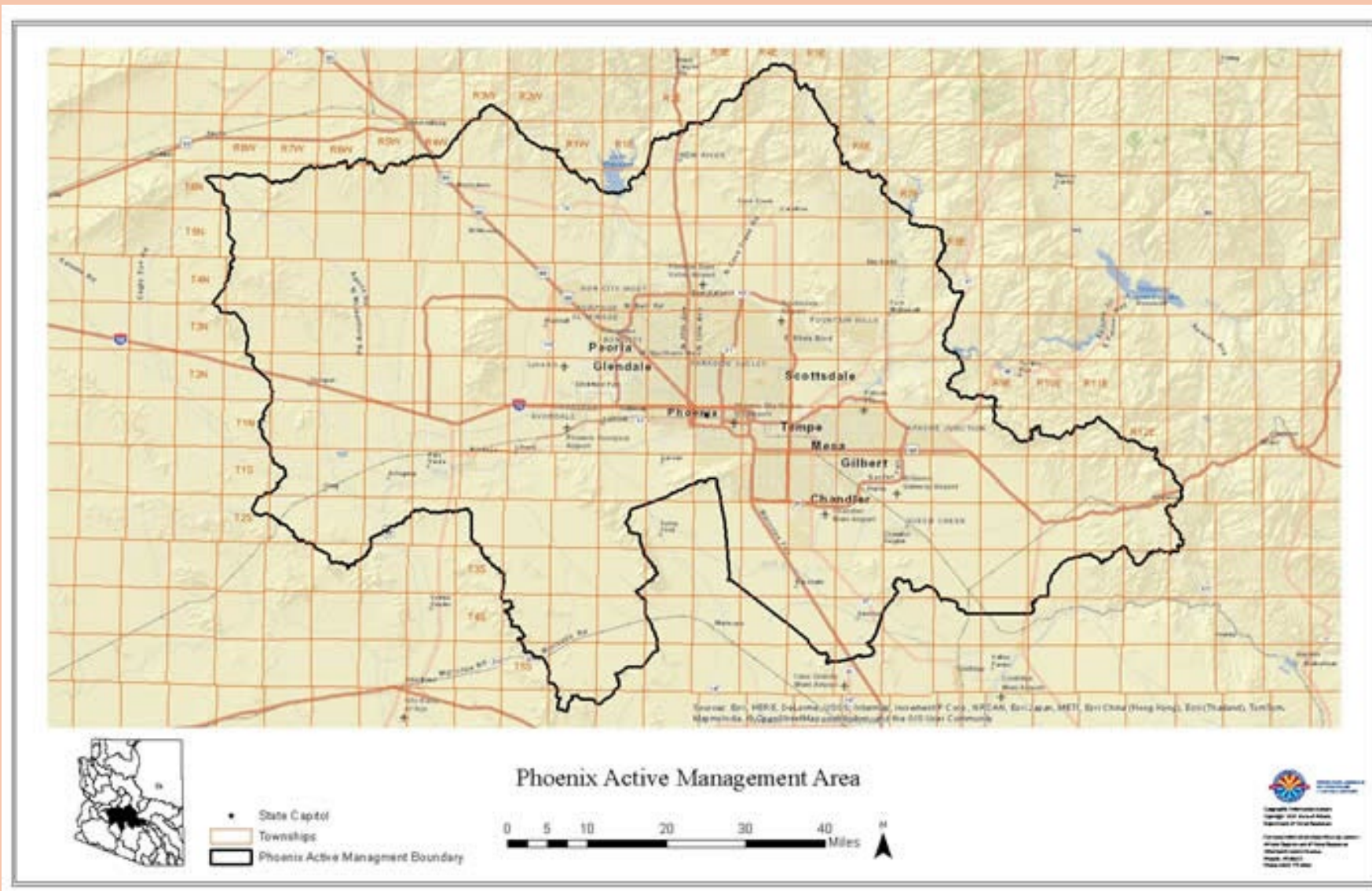




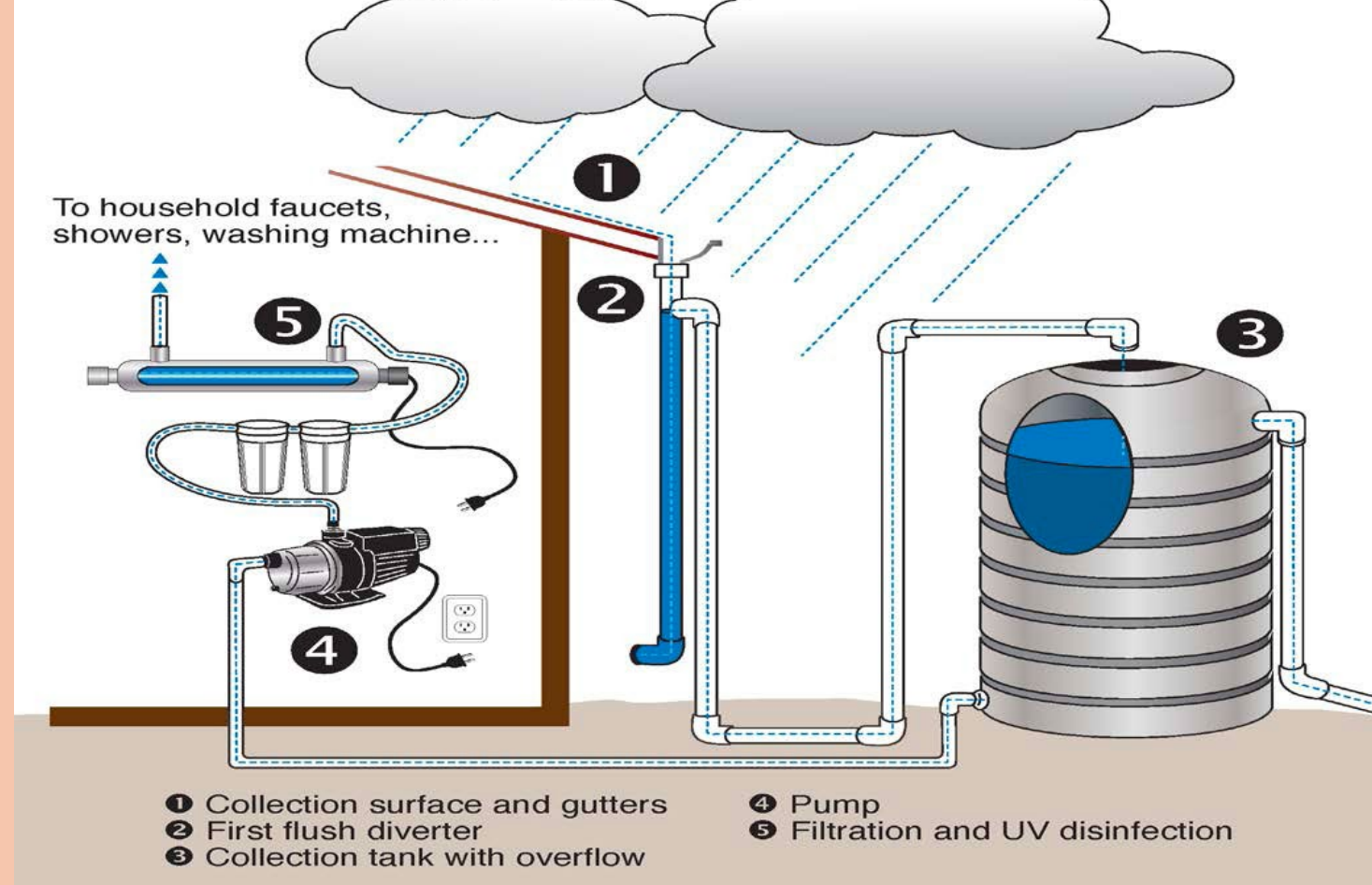
# Water Conservation Kit

Available by Request on Internet At  
“Water Conservation Kit-Epcor”





# Phoenix AMA Model



# Rainwater for Potable Use

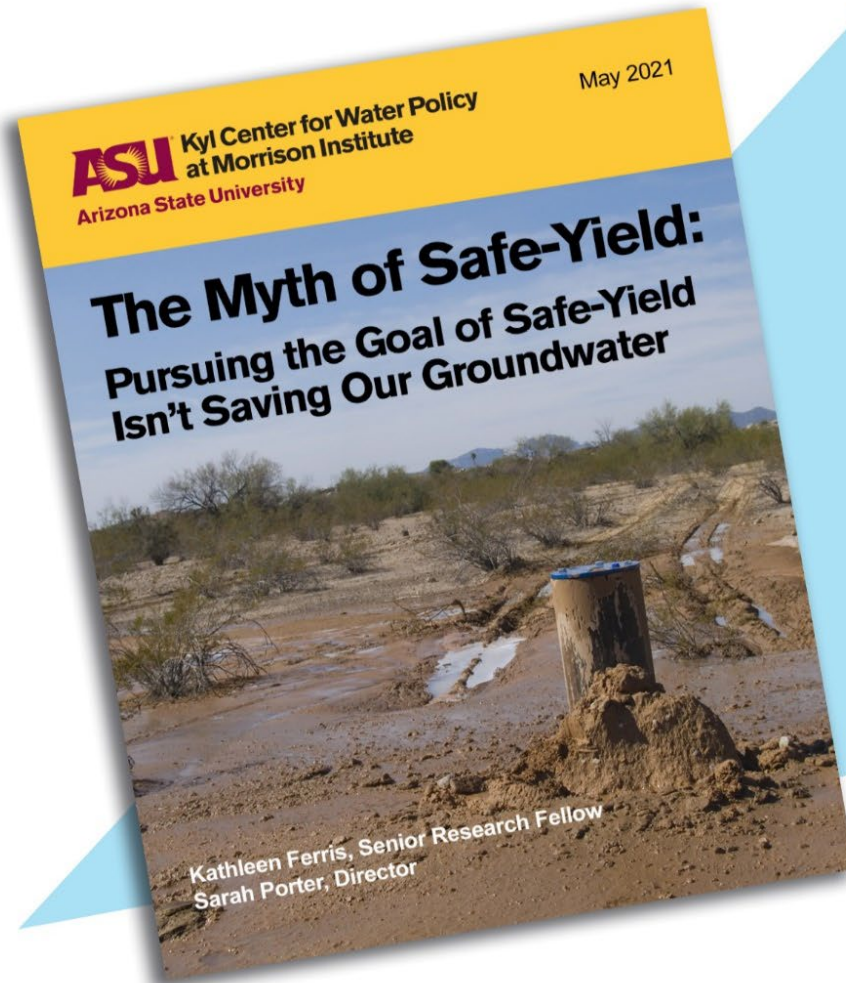
## Basic Capture and Treatment System

***PFAS:***

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

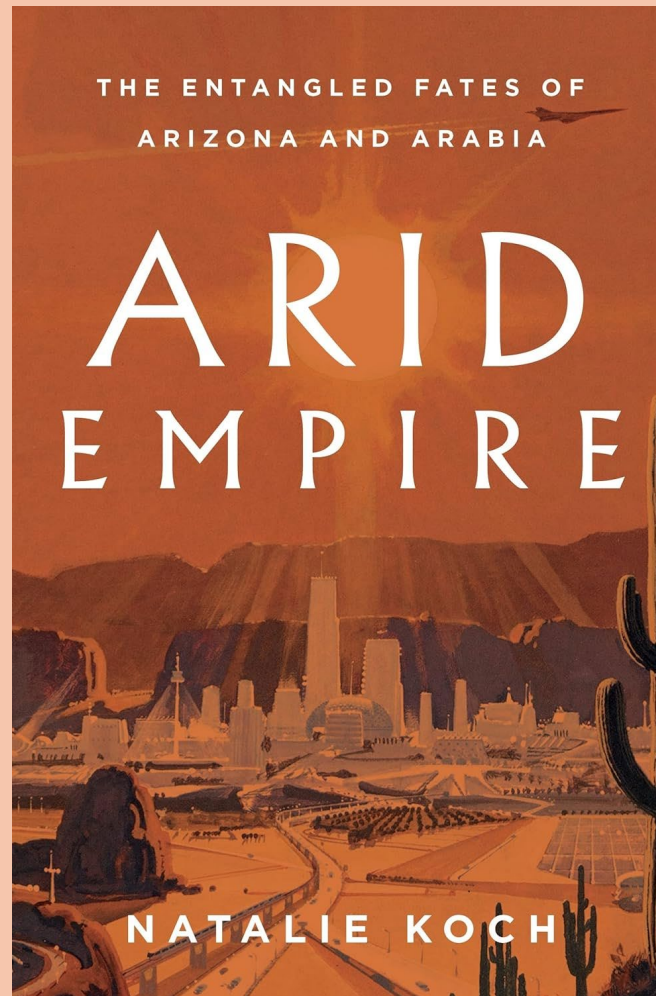
***This is equivalent to about thirty seconds out of every million years.***





**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.**

**Read This Report to Learn All About Groundwater Management in Arizona**



**Explores the Dual Relationship between  
Colonization of the U.S. Southwest and  
Diplomatic Relations in the Middle East**

# **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 its 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.**





# **Groundwater Depletion**

**Ground Fissure from Overpumping &  
Subsidence in Eastern Pinal County, Arizona**



**Groundwater Gone  
Irrigation Leak Continued**



**Groundwater Gone**  
**Swimming Pool Draining in SCW**