

ARIZONA'S NEXT CENTURY

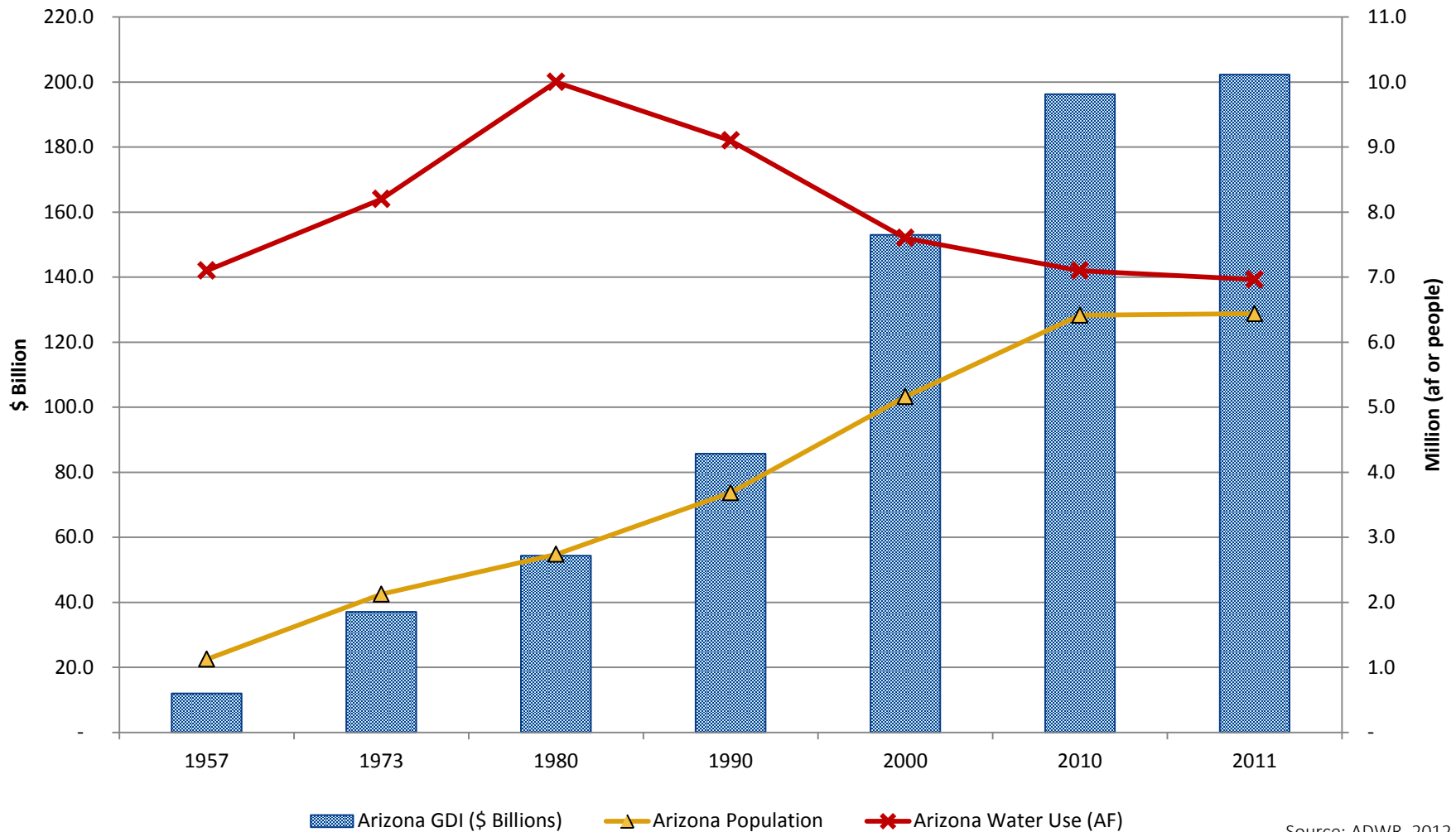
Strategic Vision for Water Supply Sustainability



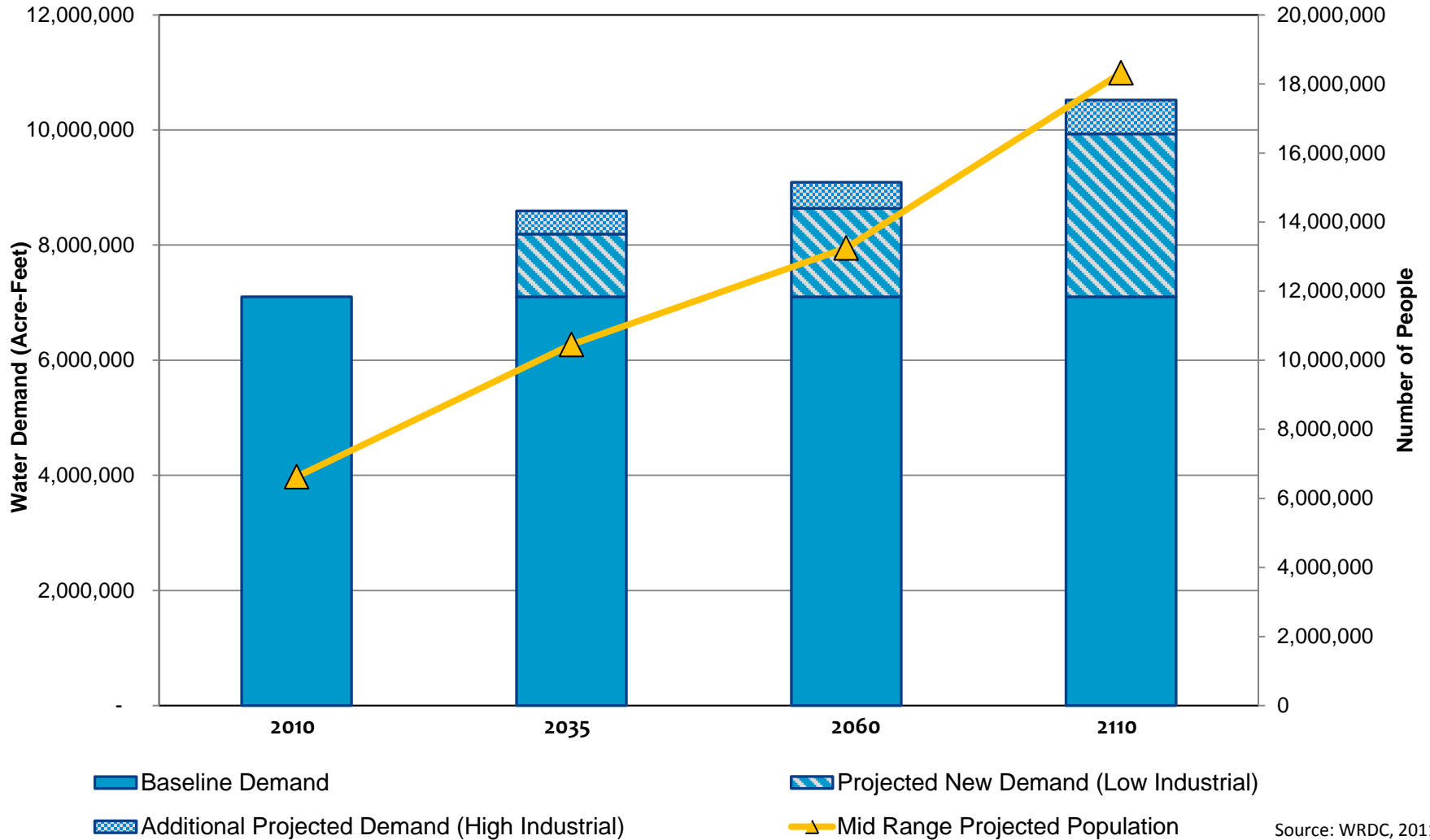
Protecting Arizona's Water Supplies
for
Its Next Century

What We Have Accomplished

Arizona Gross Domestic Income, Population and Water Use (1957-2011)



What We Have To Address



What We Are Doing

Arizona Strategic Vision for Water Supply Sustainability

Purpose:

To identify viable strategies to guide Arizona in addressing future water needs, providing a stable economy for our future – for all water users.

- Use existing information (CRBS, WRDC, Az. Water Atlas, Water Level Monitoring, AMA Assessments...)
- Identify Local Options First
- Identify Priority Strategies



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Building on Historic Accomplishments

- * **Salt River Project**
- * **Colorado River Compact & Law of the River**
- * **Central Arizona Project**
- * **Resolution of Tribal Water Rights Claims**
- * **1980 Groundwater Management Act**
 - *National leader in water conservation and water reuse programs within the five Active Management Areas*
- * **Assured and Adequate Water Supply Program**
- * **Recharge and Recovery and Arizona Water Banking Authority**
 - *8.5 million acre-feet in storage for future use*

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Identifying Opportunities and Challenges

Water Supply Opportunities

- * Non-Indian Agricultural (NIA) Priority CAP water;
- * Reclaimed water/water reuse;
- * Groundwater in storage (potable, poor quality & brackish supplies);
- * Water supplies developed from revised watershed management practices;
- * Water supplies developed through weather modification;
- * Water supplies developed from large-scale or macro rainwater harvesting/stormwater capture; and
- * Importation or exchange of new water supplies developed outside of Arizona (e.g., ocean desalination)

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Identifying Opportunities and Challenges

Challenges

- * **Complex Physical Water Supply Availability**
- * **Land Ownership**
 - * **69% of Lands in Arizona Federally Owned & Managed**
 - * **Access to Water Supplies and Transmission of Future Water Supplies**
 - * **Federal Reserve Rights**
 - * **NEPA/ESA/CWA Compliance**
- * **General Stream Adjudication**
- * **Outstanding Tribal Water Rights Claims**
- * **Complex Water Rights System**

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Identification & Analysis of Supply/Demand Imbalances

Water Resources Development Commission (WRDC)

- * **Established by the Legislature in 2010.**
- * **Tasked with assessing Arizona's water demand and the supplies available to meet demand for the next 25, 50 and 100 years (2035, 2060 and 2110).**
 - * Does Arizona need to develop additional water supplies for the future?
 - * If so, where will the water come from?
 - * What will it take to get water to end users statewide?
 - * Where will the funds come from to pay for the water and the infrastructure?

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Identification & Analysis of Supply/Demand Imbalances (*cont.*)

WRDC Conclusion

- * **Total statewide demand will range from a low of 8.1 MAF in 2035 to a high of 10.6 MAF in 2110 (*current demands 6.9 MAF*)**
- * **Estimated a total statewide difference between supply and demand varies between 900,000 AF and 3.2 MAF**

WRDC concluded that without proactive and localized water management strategies future water supply and demand imbalances may exist throughout the state, and, therefore, there is a need to acquire additional water supplies and develop infrastructure to access new and existing unused water supplies

NOTE: WRDC demands unconstrained by AWS Rules or available supplies

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Identification & Analysis of Supply/Demand Imbalances (*cont.*)

Colorado River Basin Water Supply & Demand Study (Basin Study)

- * Assess current and future imbalances in water supply and demand for the period 2010 to 2060.
- * Assess the system reliability and risks to all Basin Resources (water supply, hydropower, water quality, fish and wildlife, flood control, recreation).
- * Develop and evaluate opportunities/strategies for resolving imbalances.

Study Participants

- * United States Bureau of Reclamation
- * Seven Colorado River Basin States: Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming
- * Tribal Interests
- * Other Interested Groups (NGOs, Public Interest)
- * Public Input at selected phases of the Study



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Identification & Analysis of Supply/Demand Imbalances (*cont.*)

Basin Study Conclusion

- * **Basin Study 2060 Colorado River Basin-Wide Average Imbalance 3.2 MAF**
- * **Basin Study 2060 Arizona Imbalance is Approximately 242,900 to 1,269,700 acre-feet**



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Identification of Possible Strategies

- * **Regional Strategies**
 - Identification & Analysis of “Planning Areas”
- * **Statewide Priorities**
 - Common Strategies Across the State
- * **Action Plan**
 - What’s Next??



Arizona Strategic Vision Regional Strategies



Strategic Vision Planning Areas

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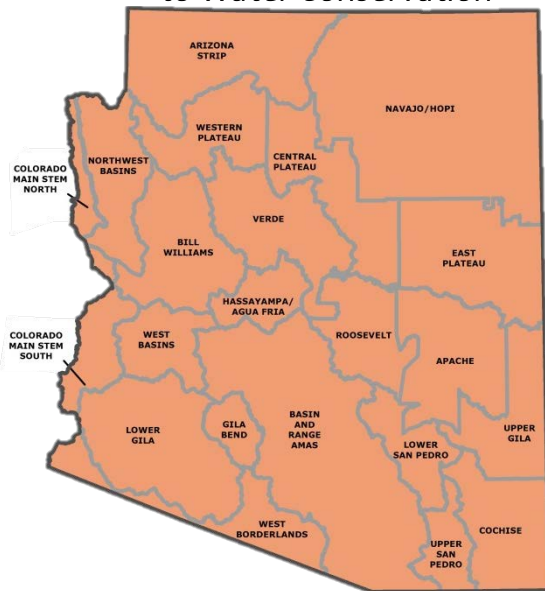
- City or Town
- Stream
- Planning Area
- Major Highway
- - - County

- * Identification of 22 Planning Areas
- * Designed around Possible Solutions/Strategies

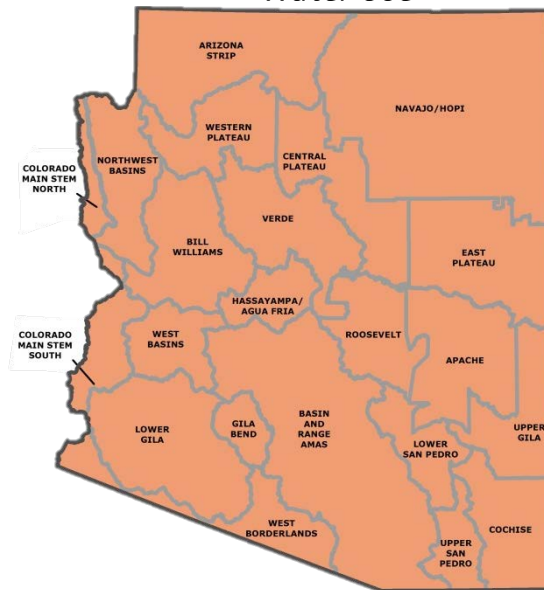
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Regional Strategies

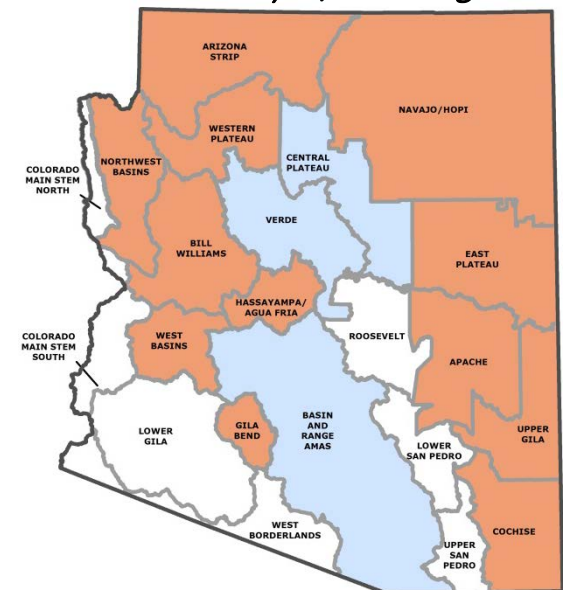
Continued Commitment to Water Conservation



Expanded Monitoring & Reporting of Water Use



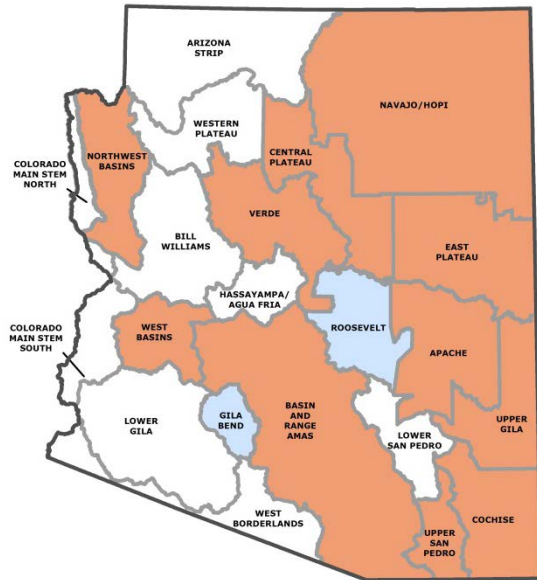
Local Water Supply Study Groundwater System Analysis/Modeling



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Regional Strategies *(cont.)*

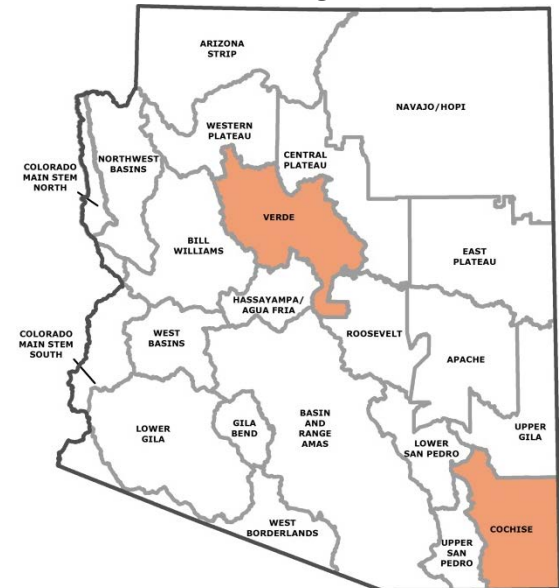
Increased Direct & Indirect Use of Reclaimed Water



Increased Access to Locally Available Potable & Brackish Groundwater and Enhanced Recharge



Local Water Management



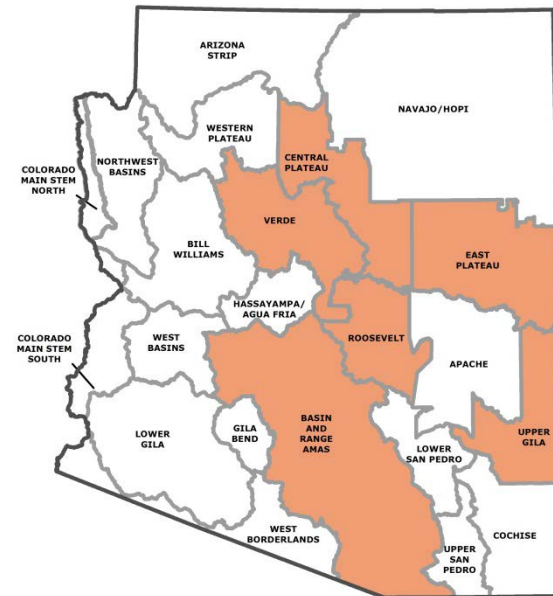
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Regional Strategies (*cont.*)

Forest & Watershed Management



Weather Modification



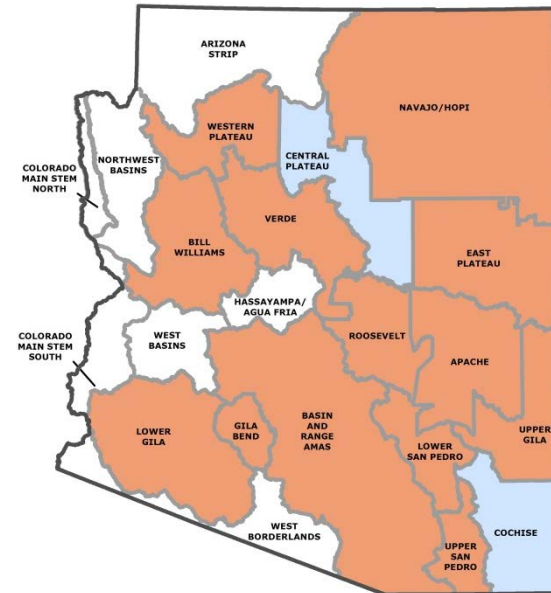
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Regional Strategies (*cont.*)

Firming of Low Priority Colorado River Supplies



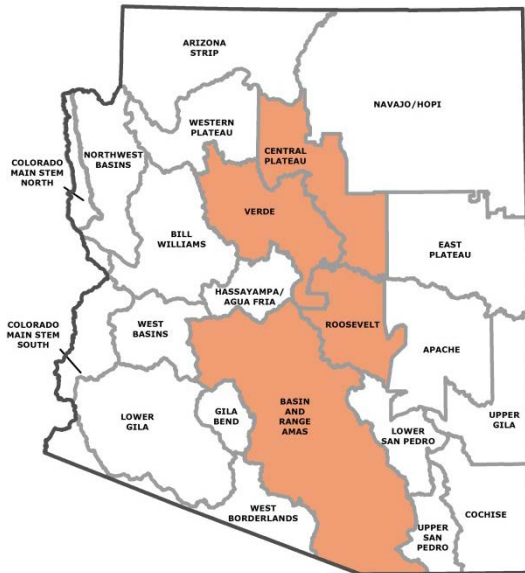
Resolution of Federal & Non-Federal Water Rights Claims



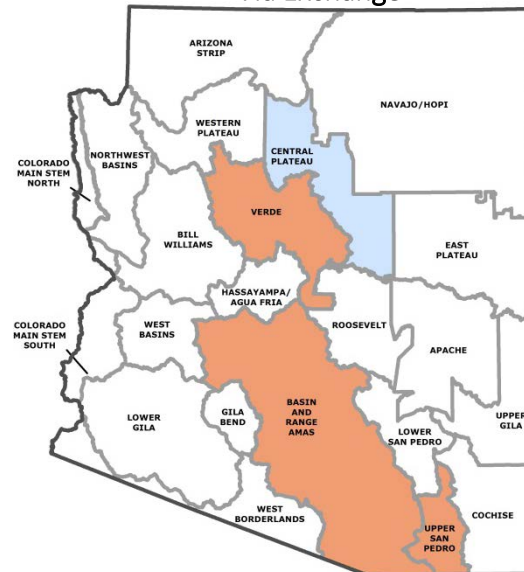
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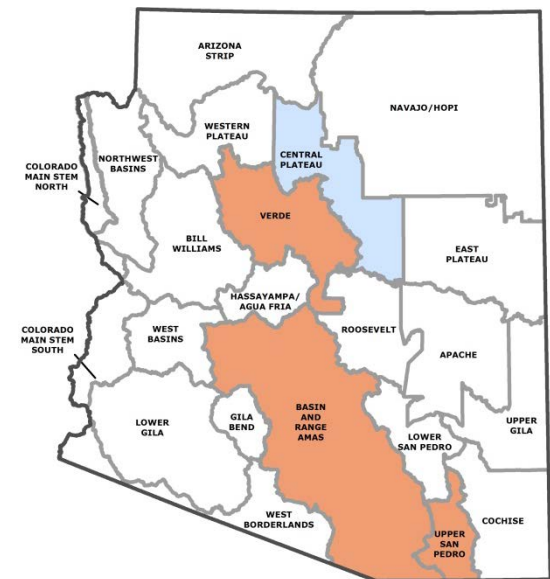
*Importation of
In-State Surface Water
or Groundwater*



Importation of
Desalinated Water
Via Exchange



Importation of
Desalinated Water
Direct Use



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Strategic Priorities For Moving Arizona Forward

- * ***Resolution of Federal and Non-Federal Water Rights Claims***
 - General Stream Adjudication
 - Indian Water Rights Settlements
- * ***Continued Commitment to Water Conservation & Reuse of Reclaimed Water*** – Including Direct Potable Reuse
- * ***Comprehensive Statewide Data Collection & Analysis*** (Modeling Local Conditions)
- * ***Identify the Role of In-State Water Transfers***
- * ***Supply Importation - Desalination***
- * ***Funding***
 - Business leaders, Community and State leaders
 - Rural Infrastructure

Arizona Strategic Vision

Ten Year Action Plan

- * **Legislate Strategic Vision update every 10 years** (Year 1)
- * **Begin Discussions on Ocean Desalination** (Year 1)
 - Exchange Options (California & Mexico)
 - Direct Delivery Options (Mexico)
- * **Resolve ADOT Right-of-Way Issues for Utilities** (Year 1)
- * **Establish Adjudication Study Committee** (Year 1)
- * **Begin Discussions on Water Development Financing** (Year 2)
 - Immediate Needs for Water Resources Development Revolving Fund for rural Arizona
 - Long-Term Needs for Large-Scale water importation projects
- * **Remove statutory limitation (*A.R.S. § 45-801.01(22)*) on the ability to receive long-term storage credits for recharging reclaimed water beyond 2024** (Year 2)

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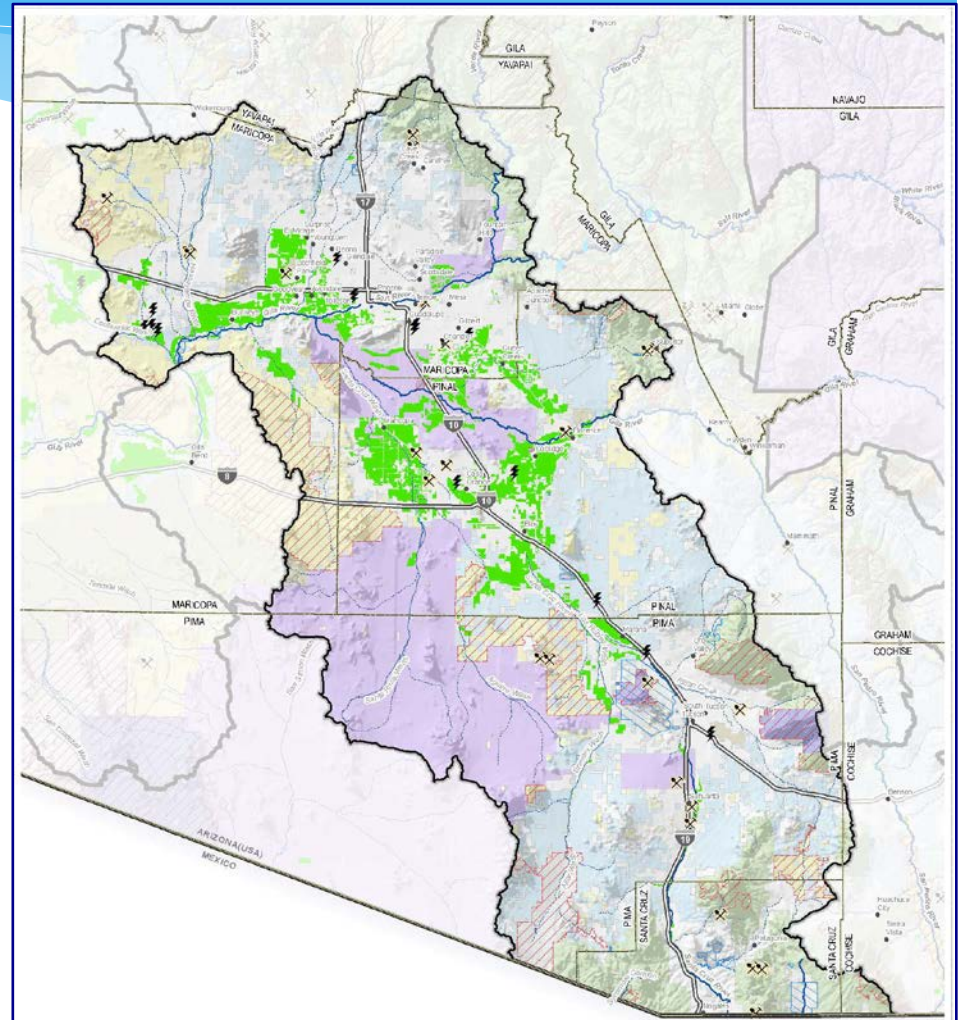
Ten Year Action Plan *(cont.)*

- * **Review and implementation of Adjudication Study Committee Findings** (Year 3)
- * **Review Legal and Institutional Barriers to Direct Potable Reuse of Reclaimed Water** – develop and implement plan for resolution (Year 3)
- * **Develop and Begin Implementation of Direct Potable Reuse of Reclaimed Water Public Perception Campaign** (Year 4)
- * **Begin discussions with New Mexico on an Interstate Cooperative Program for Watershed Management/Weather Modification in the Upper Gila Watershed** (Year 4)
- * **Resolve Remaining Indian Settlements** (Year 1 - 10)
- * **Resolve General stream Adjudication** (Year 5 - 10)

Basin & Range AMAs Planning Area

Sector	2010	2035	2060
Agriculture	2,029,432	1,716,697	1,373,909
Dairy	18,590	18,480	8,000
Feedlot	3,091	3,091	3,091
Municipal	1,381,251	2,319,897	2,959,583
Other Industrial	16,132	40,922	40,922
Mining	34,905		
High		117,500	117,500
Low		58,300	58,300
Power Plants	72,337		
High		184,026	230,952
Low		133,838	160,330
Rock Production	15,603		
High		103,244	132,069
Low		43,019	55,029
Turf	76,649		
High		102,524	116,389
Low		89,536	116,569
Total (High)	3,647,990	4,606,381	4,982,415
Total (Low)	3,647,990	4,423,780	4,775,733

Projected Water Demands



Land Ownership Map

Characteristics Affecting Projected Water Demands and Supply Availability Basin & Range AMAs Planning Area

- * General Stream Adjudication
- * Unresolved Indian Water Rights Claims
- * Water Management
- * Underground Storage and Recovery

Strategies for Meeting Future Water Demands Basin & Range AMAs Planning Area

- * Resolution of Indian and Non-Indian Water Rights Claims
- * Continuation of Water Conversation Programs
- * Watershed/Forest Management
- * Weather Modification
- * Reclaimed Water Reuse
- * Brackish Groundwater
- * Firming of Low Priority Water Supplies
- * Importation

Conclusion

- * **State of Arizona is not facing an immediate water crisis**
 - * **Some local areas require more immediate action**
- * **Growing statewide imbalance between water supplies and demand projected in the next 25 years**
- * **Lack of an immediate problem increases the potential for inaction, running the risk of procrastinating and not motivating ourselves to plan and invest in our future**
- * **Arizona's future success is tethered to how well we continue to manage our water resources and develop new water supplies and infrastructure**
- * **Arizona needs a continuing Strategic Vision for Water Supply Sustainability to guide its economic stability through the next century**

Questions?

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