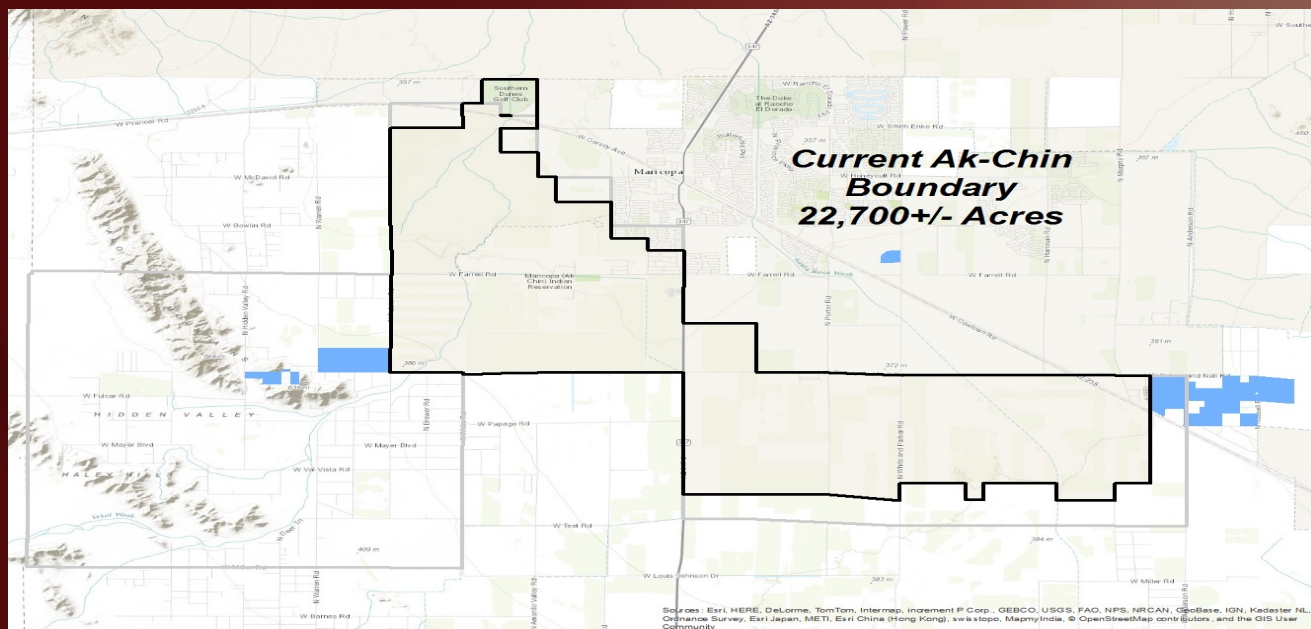
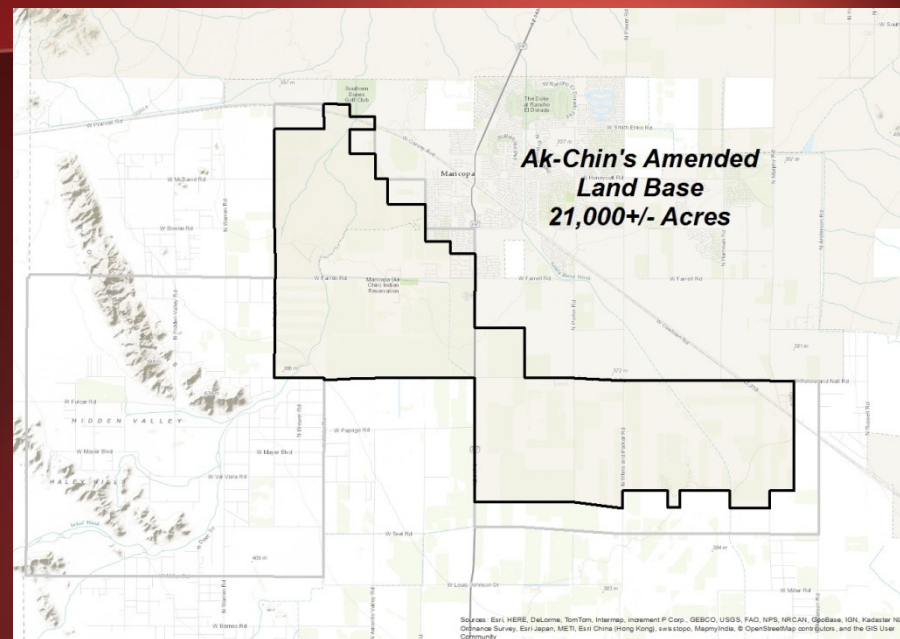
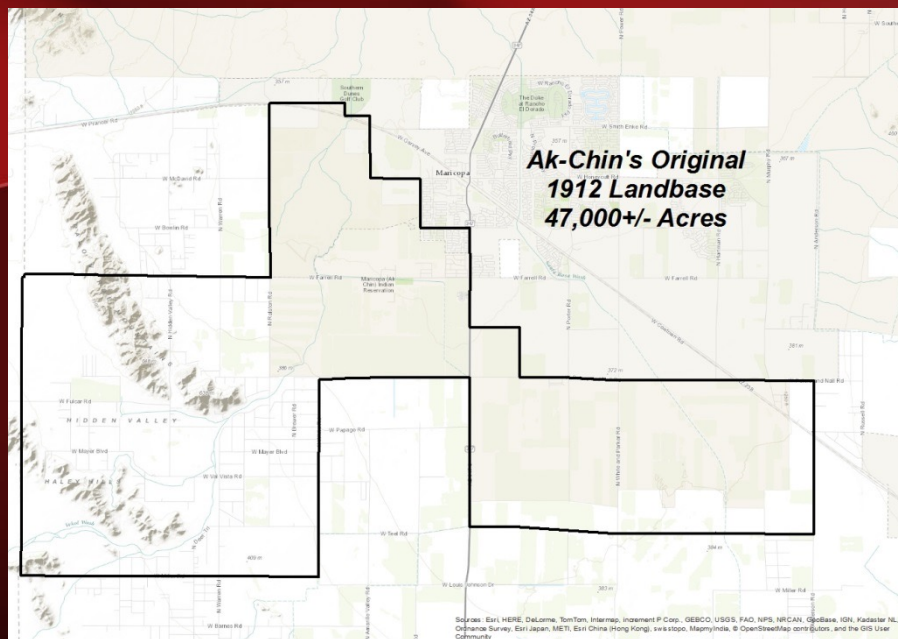


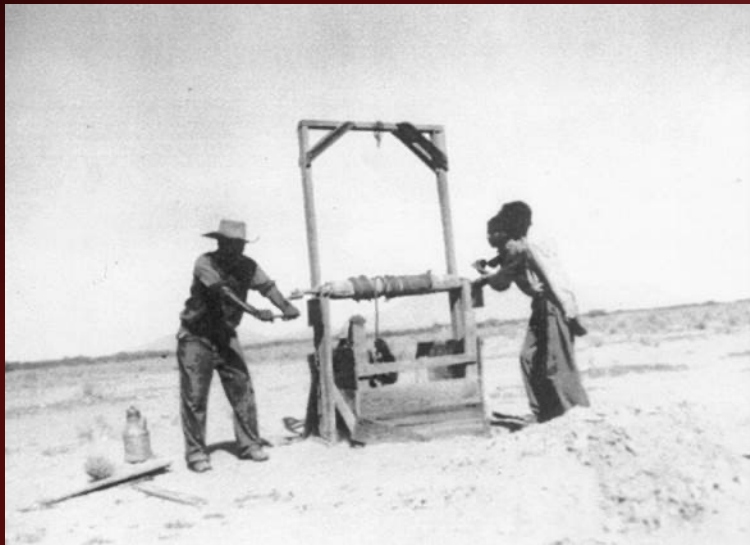


Ak-Chin Indian Community

Equality For All For A Brighter Tomorrow



History



Farm Leases

Between 1946 – 1961 the Bureau Of Indian Affairs (BIA) stepped in and implemented a leasing program for Ak-Chin, leasing farm land to non-Indians.

By 1956, Ak-Chin leased 12,397 acres.

Ground water table level went from 40 feet below the surface to 400 below the surface.



Ak-Chin Farm Enterprise

- **In 1961, the Ak-Chin Farm Enterprise was formed and did not renew BIA non-Indian Leases and began to farm on their own.**
- **The enterprise was successful and the Community had achieved near self-sufficiency.**



Ak-Chin Water Rights

- **By 1977, the success of the Ak-Chin Farm Enterprise was decreasing along with the declining water supply for farming. Farm fields reduced down to 5,000 acres.**



In 1978, Ak-Chin filed suit against the United States to deliver the promised allocated water when the Reservation was formed in 1912.





Ak-Chin Farms: A Legacy & Tradition

Ak-Chin Indian Community Government

- **Current Tribal Council:**









Ak-Chin Economic Development



- **What can you do to help:**
 - **Encourage the Federal government to fulfill their Trust responsibilities.**
 - **Call Congressmen and seek their support**
 - **Serve on local, state, or federal boards and committees that deal with water & water issues (i.e. flood & irrigation districts)**
 - **Vote (i.e. tribal, local, state);**

Wrap Up

Questions?

**THANK YOU and Ske:k Tas
(Good Day).**

