# ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION

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**Tucson Water** 

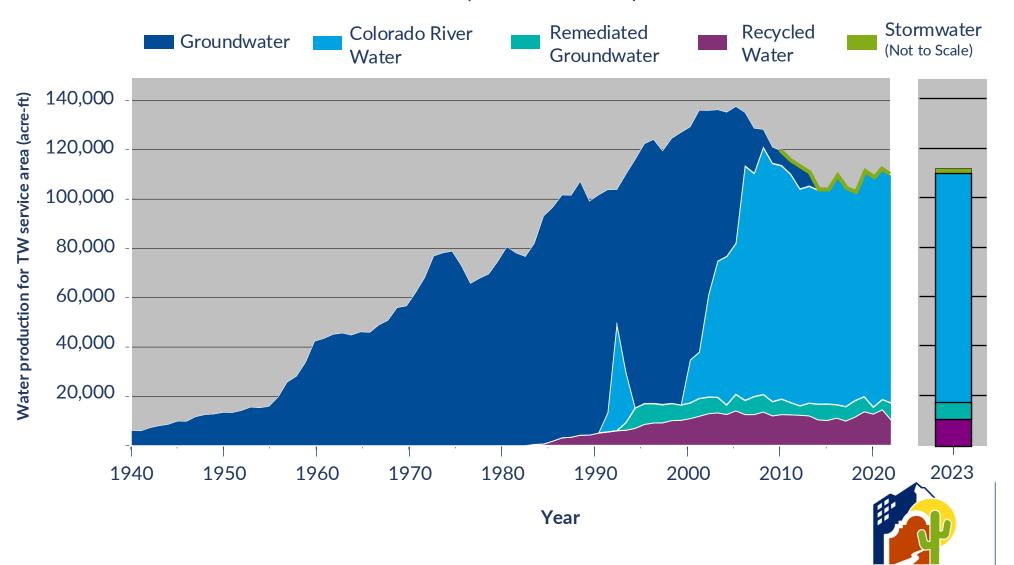
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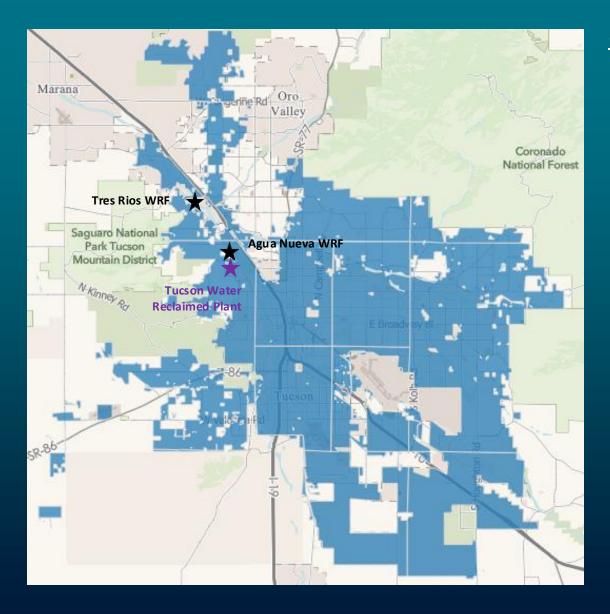
# Historical Water Use for Tucson Water's Service Area (1940-2023)



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### **System Conservation**

#### "Bucket 1" System Conservation

- 2023 through 2025
- Total of 110,000 acre-feet left in Lake Mead
- \$44M used to enhance long term water supply resiliency projects
- Water quality projects

#### "Bucket 2" System Conservation

- Proposed a 2.5 MGD Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWP)
- Located at/near the Tres Rios Water Reclamation Facility
- Tucson will forgo 56,000 AF of Colorado River water over a 10-year period
- Estimated cost: \$86.7M



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#### Lower Santa Cruz River Managed Recharge Project

#### Water Resources and Quality

- Lost well capacity due to PFAS and 1-4 dioxane contamination
- Currently designing a treatment facility to recover up to 3.7 MGD
- Multiple stakeholders have rights to treated effluent produced by the Tres Rios WRF, including USDOI



### Historical Flow Past Trico Gage



### **Regional Impacts**

- Water lost to the AMA and all stakeholders
- Largest loss is to USBOR
- + Maintains local control of water resources
- + Potential to expand and wheel resources





# PROJECT BENEFITS



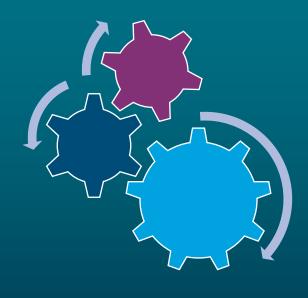
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REDUCED SYSTEM LOSS



REDUCED DEPENDENCY





### One Water 2100 Plan

- Approved by Tucson Mayor and Council in October 2023
- Comprehensive, long range water resource management plan
- Right water for the right purpose
- Identified key strategies with community and stakeholder input

Strategy #	Strategy	Survey Response	Priority Level
RW-1	Adopt new policies for water reuse in buildings  Example: Using rainwater, recycled water, and air conditioning condensate for toilet flushing.	39%	High
RW-2	Begin purifying recycled water to drinking water standards  Example: San Diego has begun using purified recycled water to augment their drinking water supply.	31%	High
RW-3	Further treat recycled water for custom uses  Example: Recycled water could be used in cooling towers for large buildings.	23%	Medium



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## To Date...

**AUGUST 2023** 

Bucket 2 proposal submitted to BOR

**JANUARY 7, 2025** 

Tucson M&C Approve SCIA

**JANUARY 9, 2025** 

**CAP Board of Directors Approve SCIA** 

**JANUARY 15, 2025** 

**BOR Signing Event** 



## Next Steps



Site Evaluations



Water Quality Data



**Branding Campaign** 



Issue RFQ for Project Delivery



