PAYSON WATER CHALLENGES

- 43 Drought Sensitive In-town Groundwater Wells
- Growth Pressure on Limited Water Supply
- State Laws Not Conducive to Growth Management vis a vis Available Water Supply
- Tonto National Forest Public Lands Off-Limits for Public Water Supply
- Conflict with Downstream Water Rights Holders
- No Nearby Water Producer for Water Development Partnership
PAYSON WATER OPTIONS

• Groundwater – No Additional Within Town Limits
• Wastewater – Available
• Contaminated Groundwater – Available
• Surface Water – Available but $54M Distant
• Water Conservation
• Growth Management (limits on development)
PLAN OF ACTIONS

• 1950s-2005 – Developers must develop new water for their residential projects
• 1980s/2005 – In-town (Payson) and out-of-town (Tonto National Forest and private land) groundwater exploration
• 2000 – 20010 - Rehab/deepen older in-town wells
• 1994 - Pursue Blue Ridge Reservoir Surface Water Supply
• 1998 - Payson Water Resources Management Plan
• 1998 - Construction of Green Valley Park Water Reclamation Project
• 2000 - Construction of WQARF Groundwater Remediation Plant
• 2002 - Enacted Water Conservation Resolution #1742
• 2008 – Payson/SRP Agreement for 3,000 af surface water right
• 2008 – Begin rehabilitation of 50+ yr old Cragin Reservoir transmission facilities
• 2010 – Begin Payson Cragin Project environmental and engineering
• 2012 – Begin Payson Cragin Project component construction
• 2019 – Payson Cragin Project construction completion
• 2012 – Agreement with Payson Water Co. for TT&D to MDC rural subd.
• 2014 – Begin Tonto Apache Tribe water settlement talks with SRP, Feds, et al.