

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.**

