

SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

WATER COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 9:30 AM

SRP Administration Building
1500 N. Mill Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85288

Committee Members: Paul Rovey, Chair; Randy Miller, Vice Chair; and Casey Clowes, Krista O'Brien, Mark Pace, Jack White Jr., and Leslie Williams

Call to Order

Roll Call

1. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The following agenda item(s) will be considered as a group by the Committee and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these item(s) unless a Committee Member requests, in which event the agenda item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item CHAIR PAUL ROVEY
 - Request for approval of the minutes for the meeting of September 23, 2025.
2. Canyon Lake Drawdown Project CRAIG LARSON

Informational presentation regarding the Canyon Lake drawdown project, which includes SRP lowering the water level in Canyon Lake in the Fall of 2026 as part of routine, 20-year cycle inspections by SRP and the Bureau of Reclamation of normally submerged infrastructure at Horse Mesa and Mormon Flat Dams, both components of the Salt River Federal Reclamation Project.
3. Report on Current Events by the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer or Designees JIM PRATT
4. Future Agenda Topics CHAIR PAUL ROVEY

The Committee may vote during the meeting to go into Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3), for the purpose of discussion or consultation for legal advice with legal counsel to the Committee on any of the matters listed on the agenda.

The Committee may go into Closed Session, pursuant to A.R.S. §30-805(B), for records and proceedings relating to competitive activity, including trade secrets or privileged or confidential commercial or financial information.

Visitors: The public has the option to attend in-person or observe via Zoom and may receive teleconference information by contacting the Corporate Secretary's Office at (602) 236-4398. If attending in-person, all property in your possession, including purses, briefcases, packages, or containers, will be subject to inspection.



THE NEXT WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

10/14/2025

MINUTES
WATER COMMITTEE
SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND
POWER DISTRICT

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September 23, 2025

A meeting of the Water Committee of the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (the District) convened at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, from the Hoopes Board Conference Room at the SRP Administration Building, 1500 North Mill Avenue, Tempe, Arizona. This meeting was conducted in-person and via teleconference in compliance with open meeting law guidelines. The District and Salt River Valley Water Users' Association (the Association) are collectively known as SRP.

Committee Members present at roll call were P. Rovey, Chair; R. Miller, Vice Chair; and K. O'Brien, M. Pace, J. White Jr., and L. Williams.

Committee Member absent at roll was C. Clowes.

Also present were President D. Rousseau; Vice President C. Dobson; Board Members R. Arnett, M. Herrera, and S. Williams; Board Member L. Rovey of the Association; Council Chair R. Shelton; Council Vice Chair B. Paceley; Council Liaisons S. Naylor and P. Van Hofwegen; Council Members W. Lines and C. Resch-Geretti; I. Avalos, M. Burger, A. Chabrier, K. Cormier, J. Felty, T. Hayes, L. Hobaica, J. Hubbard, C. Jovanovic, M. Klein, J. Leavitt, K. Lee, M. Mendonca, L. Meyers, K. Morrison, M. O'Connor, B. Olsen, B. Pane, J. Pratt, J. Rodriguez, J. Schuricht, L. Shaw, C. Sifuentes-Kohlbeck, P. Sigl, R. Taylor, K. Tilghman, and E. West of SRP; and Sasha Hupka of The Arizona Republic.

In compliance with A.R.S. §38-431.02, Andrew Davis of the Corporate Secretary's Office had posted a notice and agenda of the Water Committee meeting at the SRP Administration Building, 1500 North Mill Avenue, Tempe, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 19, 2025.

Chair P. Rovey called the meeting to order.

Consent Agenda

Chair P. Rovey requested a motion for Committee approval of the Consent Agenda, in its entirety.

On a motion duly made by Board Member M. Pace and seconded by Board Member J. White Jr., the Committee unanimously approved and adopted the following item on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the Water Committee meeting on August 19, 2025, as presented.

Corporate Secretary J. Felty polled the Committee Members on Board Member M. Pace's motion to approve the Consent Agenda, in its entirety. The vote was recorded as follows:

YES:	Board Members P. Rovey, Chair; R. Miller, Vice Chair; and K. O'Brien, M. Pace, J. White Jr., L. Williams	(6)
NO:	None	(0)
ABSTAINED:	None	(0)
ABSENT:	Board Member C. Clowes	(1)

Verde Reservoirs Sediment Mitigation Project (VRSMP) and SRP-Central Arizona Project (CAP) Interconnection Facility (SCIF) Update

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Kyle Tilghman, SRP Director of Water Strategy, stated that the purpose of the presentation was to provide information regarding an update on the status of the VRSMP feasibility study and the SCIF project, including the process for environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act.

VRSMP

K. Tilghman stated that the purpose of the VRSMP is to address lost capacity on the Verde system (a total of 50,282 acre-feet (AF) has been lost), mitigate future reservoir sediment accumulation, and evaluate additional water storage alternatives.

K. Tilghman presented a chart of the VRSMP feasibility study integrated timeline for federal studies and non-federal proponent activities from January 2022 through 2029. They provided the following timeline of current activities: 1) July 11, 2025 –a Notice of Intent (NOI) was published by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR); 2) July 11, 2025 through August 13th, 2025 – a public scoping process occurred, including two virtual meetings, three in-person meetings, and comments received by BOR; 3) August 2025 through August 2026 – a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared; and 4) Fall 2026 – a draft EIS public scoping process will take place.

SCIF

K. Tilghman presented a video on SCIF and discussed the purpose as follows: 1) improve regional water system redundancy and flexibility; 2) have a jointly funded project to move non-SRP Shareholder water into the CAP canal; and 3) managing water supplies through an uncertain future of drought and surface water shortages. They reviewed funding, stating that a \$154 million grant was obtained to help fund construction activities. K. Tilghman said that there are ongoing negotiations of the System Conservation Implementations Agreement (SCIA) terms and conditions.

K. Tilghman presented a design and siting, permitting, and construction schedule from 2024 through 2029. They reviewed current activities for SCIF design and water quality review. K. Tilghman stated that a draft NOI is tentatively scheduled to be issued to the BOR by December 31, 2025, and the National Environmental Policy Act review process is expected to be initiated in early 2026.

K. Tilghman responded to questions from the Committee.

Copies of the PowerPoint slides used in this presentation are on file in the Corporate Secretary's Office and, by reference, made a part of these minutes.

Board Members N. Brown and S. Kennedy; Council Members E. Gorsegrner and N. Vanderwey; and R. Judd of SRP entered the meeting during the presentation.

Report on Current Events by the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer or Designees

Jim Pratt, SRP General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, reported on a variety of federal, state, and local topics of interest to the Committee.

K. Tilghman left the meeting during the report.

Future Agenda Topics

Chair P. Rovey asked the Committee if there were any future agenda topics. None were requested.

There being no further business to come before the Water Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

John Felty
Corporate Secretary



Canyon Lake Arizona Drawdown Planned for Fall 2026

Water Committee

Craig Larson, Senior Director Power Generation

Canyon Lake Drawdown

Project Overview

- Begins September 16, 2026
- Lake level will be lowered about 54 feet
- 16 week planned duration
- All water drained from Canyon Lake will be used to satisfy water orders.



Why Lower The Lake Level?

- SRP and Bureau of Reclamation will perform inspection activities of underwater features
- SRP will perform maintenance activities as part of its role and responsibility for the care, operation and maintenance of the Project
- Ensure dam safety and operational reliability and efficiency

Canyon Lake Drawdown

Coordination, communication, outreach

Meetings with external stakeholders began in April 2024

- Bureau of Reclamation
- Forest Service and their Permittees
- Arizona Game & Fish
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Maricopa County Sheriff's Office



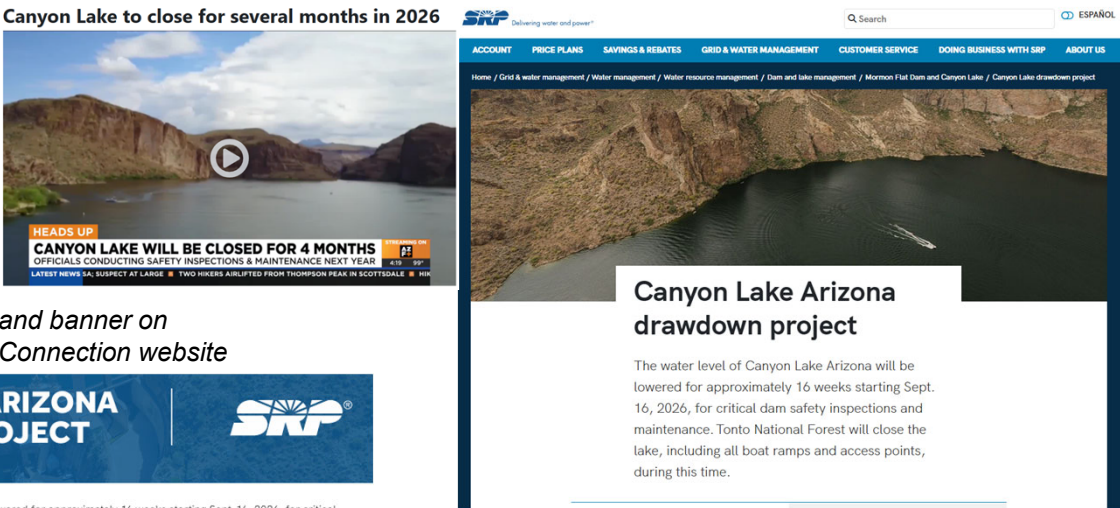
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Canyon Lake Drawdown

Recent Communications

Project website and various media coverage



Fact Sheet and banner on Watershed Connection website



The water level of Canyon Lake Arizona will be lowered for approximately 16 weeks starting Sept. 16, 2026, for critical dam safety inspections and maintenance. Tonto National Forest will close the lake, including all boat ramps and access points, during this time. Here's everything you need to know:

PROJECT DETAILS

- SRP and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation lower Canyon Lake for critical dam safety inspections and maintenance once every 20 years.
- While inspections and maintenance are regularly performed on the dams, some critical equipment is located underwater, which makes it inaccessible without lowering the lake level.
- SRP will be lowering the water level of Canyon Lake by approximately 54 feet through a drawdown process.
- The work will focus on the normally submerged portions of Mormon Flat and Horse Mesa dams, as well as the river channel downstream of Horse Mesa Dam.
- **No water will be wasted**, just stored in other reservoirs while the work is performed.
- For information on Forest Service closures, visit the Tonto National Forest closure page at fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notices.

TIMELINE

- The project will last for approximately 16 weeks beginning Sept. 16, 2026.
 - Approximately four weeks to lower the lake by 54 feet.
 - Approximately eight weeks to conduct dam safety inspection and maintenance work.
 - Approximately four weeks to fill the lake back to normal level using water from upstream reservoirs.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Upcoming project at Canyon Lake Arizona

Beginning Sept. 16, 2026, the water level of Canyon Lake will be lowered for approximately 16 weeks to conduct critical dam safety inspections and maintenance. Tonto National Forest will close the lake, including all boat ramps and access points, during this time.

SRP and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation perform these safety measures every 20 years to ensure dam safety and water reliability for our 2.5 million Valley residents. During the project, water will continue to be stored in other reservoirs to ensure no water is wasted while the work is performed.

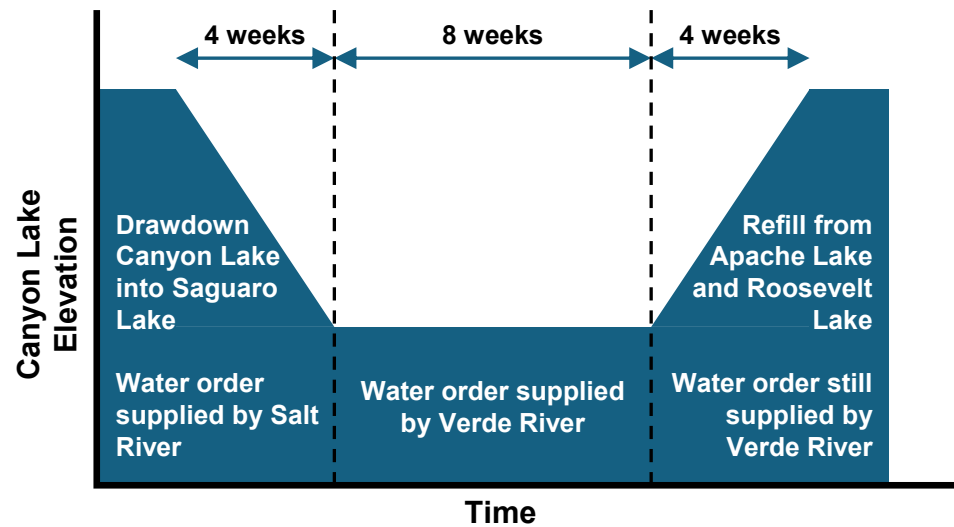
To learn more about the project, visit the [Canyon Lake Drawdown webpage](#).

Social media post

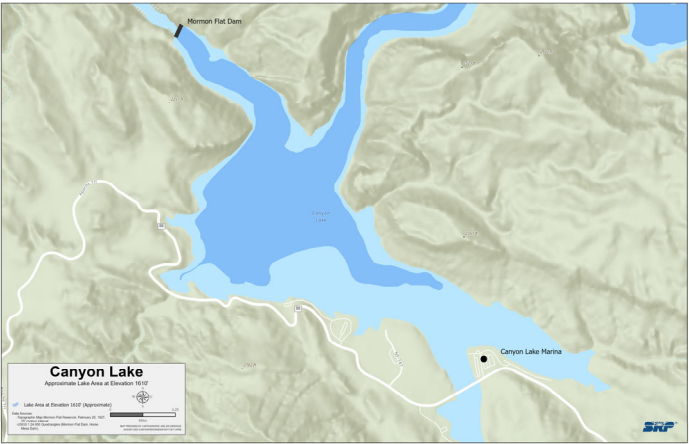
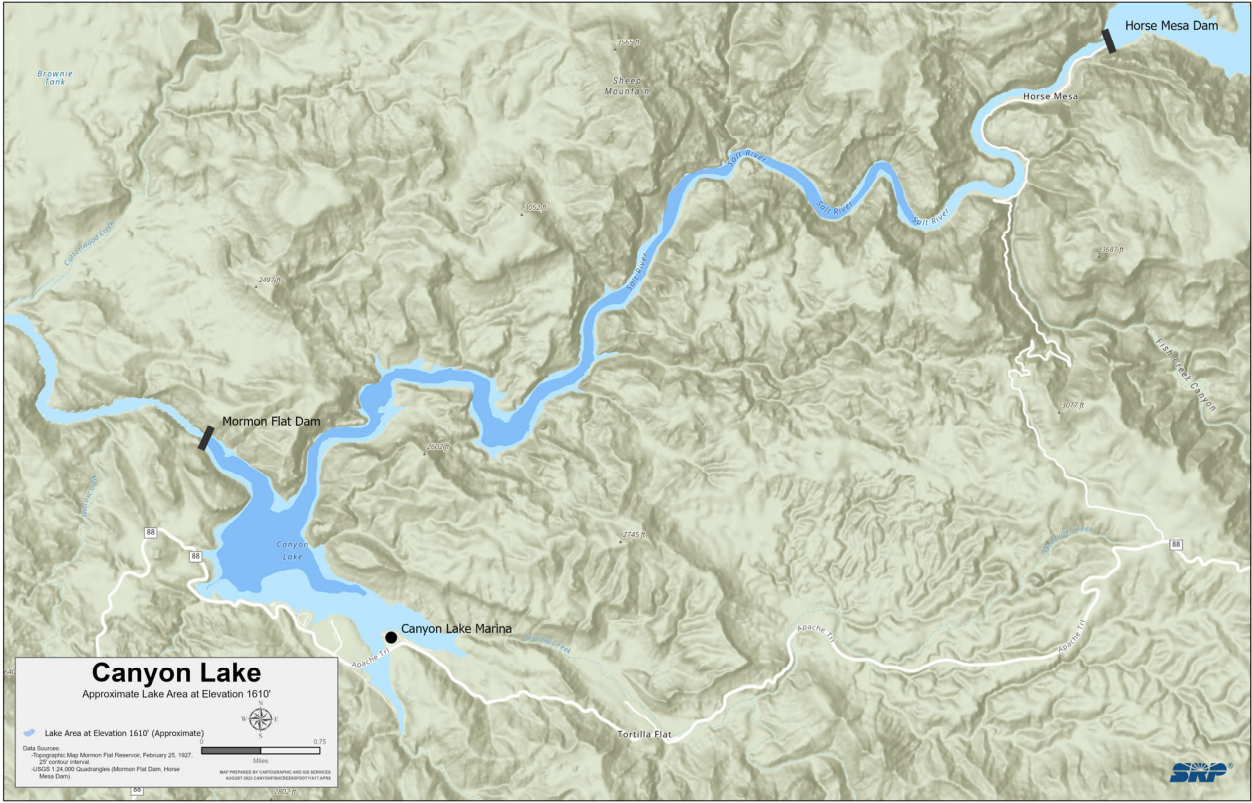


Water Operations

- Coordinating with Watershed Management
- Adjustments to Project Reservoir Operations Plan (PROP)
- Contingency plans being evaluated



Lake Size During Drawdown



Work to be Completed



Gate maintenance being performed during the last Canyon Lake drawdown in 2007.

Mormon Flat (upstream)

Spill gates, seals, rollers, gearboxes; full-travel test

Intake trash rack and gates, hydraulics

Penstock and vents

Stilling well

Horse Mesa (downstream)

Draft tubes

Plunge pool

Grounding grid

Both sites and in between

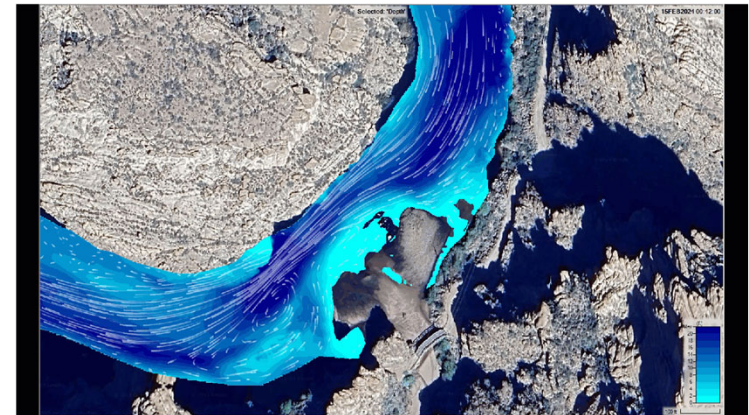
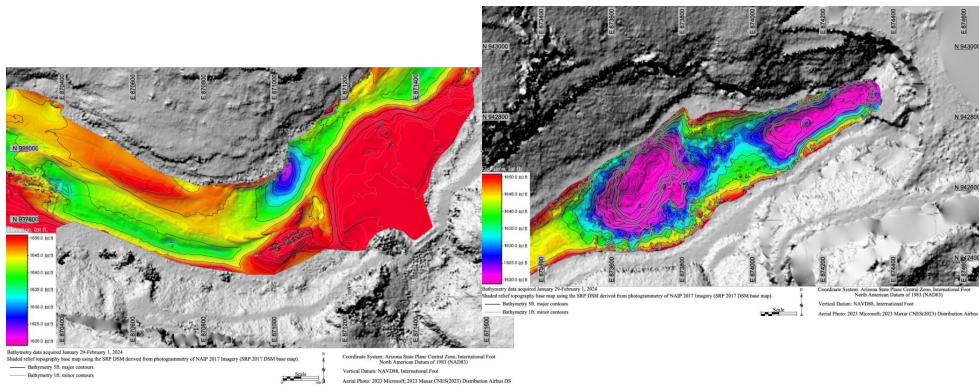
Spillways and other dam features

Channel remediation

Channel Work

Restrictions downstream of Horse Mesa Dam

- Negative impact to power generation and pump-back efficiency
- Ongoing issue; earthmoving activities completed during past drawdowns



Fish Creek and Horse Mesa Tailrace bathymetry (left) and flow modeling (right)

Horse Mesa Plunge Pool



HMD Tailrace and Plunge Pool Work in 2007

Fish Creek Delta



Fish Creek Delta 2007

Canyon Lake Drawdown

Area Impacts

- Forest Service will close Canyon Lake to recreation
- Canyon Lake Marina (Suntex)
- No closure of Apache Trail

thank you!

