

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

WATER COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 17, 2026, 9:30 AM

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

Committee Members: Robert Arnett, Chair; Stephen Williams, Vice Chair; and Ken Clark, Melissa Harlan, Kevin Johnson, Kathy Mohr-Almeida, and Krista O'Brien

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 ROBERT ARNETT

- Request for approval of the minutes for the meeting of August 18, 2026.

2. Canyon Lake Drawdown Project CRAIG LARSON

Informational presentation regarding the Canyon Lake drawdown project.

3. C.C. Cragin Reservoir and Northern Gila County Communities Water Rights Agreements LUCAS SHAW

Informational presentation regarding background of the C.C. Cragin Reservoir and Pumping System and related water rights agreements. The Committee may vote to go into Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4), to have discussion or consultation with attorneys for legal advice.

4. Report on Current Events by the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer or Designees JIM PRATT

5. Future Agenda Topics CHAIR ROBERT ARNETT

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 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026

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MINUTES
WATER COMMITTEE
SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND
POWER DISTRICT

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August 18, 2026

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, August 18, 2026, 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 R. Arnett, Chair; S. Williams, Vice Chair; K. Clark, M. Harlan, K. Johnson, and K. Mohr-Almeida; and L. Rovey of the Association.

Committee Member absent at roll call was K. O'Brien.

Also present were President C. Dobson; Vice President B. Paceley; Board Members S. Kennedy, M. Pace, and P. Rovey; Council Chair R. Shelton; Council Vice Chair S. Naylor; Council Liaison D. Lamoreaux; Council Members N. Brown, E. Gorseger, N. Haddad, C. Resch-Geretti, and W. Sheely; I. Avalos, M. Burger, J. Felty, L. Hobaica, V. Kisicki, M. Klein, B. Koch, K. Lee, P. Likens, A. Lucas, C. McJunkin, M. Mendonca, L. Meyers, K. Morrison, M. O'Connor, J. Pratt, M. Purnell, P. Sigl, T. Skarupa, K. Tilghman, F. Tune, and A. Whiting of SRP; Paul Bergelin of Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA); and Joshua Revesz of Cooley LLP.

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, August 14, 2026.

Chair R. Arnett called the meeting to order.

Consent Agenda

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

On a motion duly made by Vice Chair S. Williams and seconded by Board Member K. Johnson, the Committee unanimously approved and adopted the following item on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the Water Committee meeting on June 16, 2026, as presented.

Corporate Secretary J. Felty polled the Committee Members on Vice Chair S. Williams' motion to approve the Consent Agenda, in its entirety. The vote was recorded as follows:

YES:	Board Members R. Arnett, Chair; S. Williams, Vice Chair; and K. Clark, M. Harlan, K. Johnson, and K. Mohr-Almeida	(6)
NO:	None	(0)
ABSTAINED:	None	(0)
ABSENT:	Board Member K. O'Brien	(1)

Board Member K. O'Brien; Council Member R. Miller; A. Chabrier, R. Judd, B. Olsen, and R. Taylor of SRP; and Albert Ruiz of Stantec Inc. entered the meeting. T. Skarupa of SRP left the meeting.

Colorado River Update

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Christa McJunkin, SRP Director of Water Supply and System, stated that the purpose of the presentation was to provide an update on the status of the hydrologic conditions on the Colorado River, the United States' (US) plans for post 2026 operations of the Colorado River reservoirs, including the status of the process for evaluating the environmental impacts of such operations under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

C. McJunkin provided an overview of the following matters: 1) key takeaways of transitioning to a new era of Colorado River management, 2) the fundamental challenge of meeting a demand that still exceeds supply, and 3) the remaining risk associated with efforts to stabilize reservoir levels. They stated that the US Bureau of Reclamation has released its Final Environmental Impact Statement; however, no overall agreement was reached with the basin states.

C. McJunkin outlined the US Bureau of Reclamation's role in protecting the critical infrastructure and explained the new post-2026 operating decision framework. They discussed the protection of the Lake Powell and Lake Mead reservoirs.

C. McJunkin reviewed the Colorado River priority system and the consequences it has for Arizona. They reviewed the Arizona Water Banking Authority backs-up supplies during shortages. C. McJunkin concluded with a discussion of how SRP and its regional partnerships are key in helping with water conservation.

C. McJunkin 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.

F. Tune, and A. Whiting of SRP left the meeting during the agenda item. Council Member W. Lines entered the meeting during the agenda item.

SRP-Central Arizona Project (CAP) Interconnection Facility (SCIF)

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Kyle Tilghman, SRP Director of Water Strategic Projects, stated that the purpose of the presentation was to provide an update on the status of developing the SCIF project, including the status of the process for review of the environmental impacts of the SCIF under NEPA.

K. Tilghman provided an overview of the following: 1) the SCIF's purpose, 2) SCIF's project partners; 3) developmental updates; 4) what NEPA is; 5) the NEPA process – environmental milestones; and 6) a SCIF milestone schedule. They concluded with a rendering of the SCIF looking southeast from the SRP Canal with a tunnel/pipeline through the butte.

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.

Joshua Revesz of Cooley LLP left the meeting during the agenda item. P. Likens and K. Tilghman of SRP left the meeting.

Executive Session: West Van Buren (WVB) Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site

Chair R. Arnett requested a motion to enter into executive session, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4), to have discussion or consultation with attorneys for legal advice and to give instructions on 1) pending litigation, Gallagher & Kennedy, P.A. v. City of Phoenix, et al., Case No. 23-15938, 2:16- cv-04447, and 2) legal issues and potential settlement/remedy for the WVB WQARF site to avoid additional litigation.

On a motion duly made by Board Member Vice Chair S. Williams, seconded by Board Member K. O'Brien and carried, the Water Committee convened into executive session at 10:31 a.m.

Corporate Secretary J. Felty polled the Committee Members on Vice Chair S. Williams' motion to enter into executive session. The vote was recorded as follows:

YES:	Board Members R. Arnett, Chair; S. Williams, Vice Chair; and K. Clark, M. Harlan, K. Johnson, K. Mohr-Almeida, and K. O'Brien	(7)
NO:	None	(0)
ABSTAINED:	None	(0)
ABSENT:	None	(0)

Paul Bergelin of AMWUA and Albert Ruiz of Stantec Inc. left the meeting.

The Committee reconvened into open session at 10:53 a.m. with the following members and others present were President C. Dobson; Vice President B. Paceley; Board Members R. Arnett, K. Clark, M. Harlan, K. Johnson, S. Kennedy, K. Mohr-Almeida, K. O'Brien, M. Pace, P. Rovey, and S. Williams; Board Member L. Rovey of the Association; Council Chair R. Shelton; Council Vice Chair S. Naylor; Council Liaison D. Lamoreaux; Council Members N. Brown, E. Gorseger, N. Haddad, W. Lines, R. Miller, C. Resch-Geretti, and W. Sheely; and I. Avalos, M. Burger, A. Chabrier, J. Felty, L. Hobaica, R. Judd, V. Kisicki, M. Klein, B. Koch, K. Lee, A. Lucas, C. McJunkin, M. Mendonca, L. Meyers, K. Morrison, M. O'Connor, B. Olsen, J. Pratt, M. Purnell, P. Sigl, and R. Taylor of SRP.

Paul Bergelin of AMWUA and Albert Ruiz of Stantec Inc. entered the meeting.

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.

Future Agenda Topics

Chair R. Arnett 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 10:54 a.m.

John Felty
Corporate Secretary

An aerial photograph of a large concrete dam situated in a deep, rugged canyon. The reservoir behind the dam is a deep blue color, contrasting with the brown and tan rocky walls of the canyon. The sun is low in the sky, casting long shadows and highlighting the textures of the rock formations. The title text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

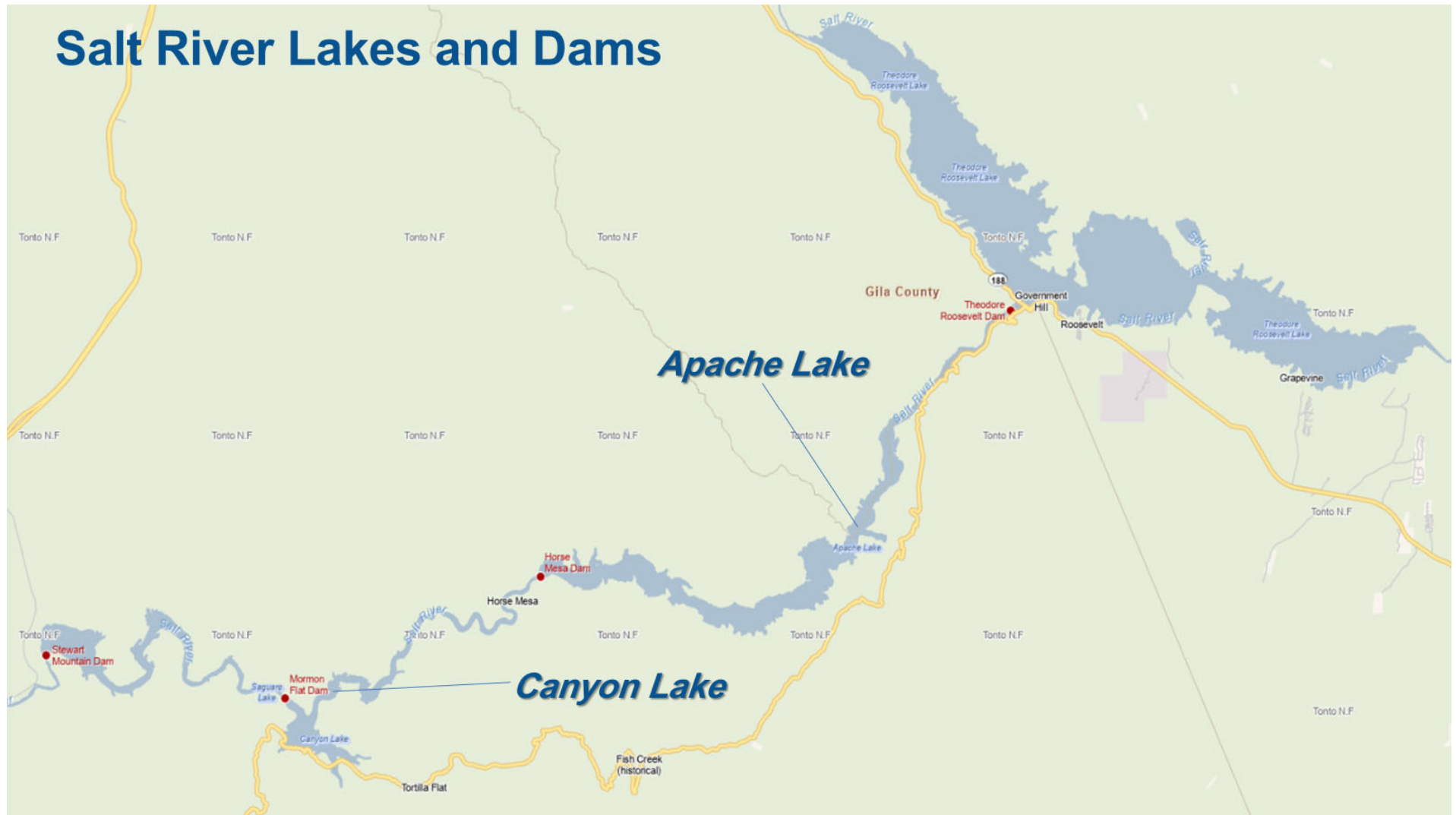
Canyon Lake Drawdown

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Craig Larson, Senior Director of Power Generation

A blue geometric graphic element consisting of two overlapping triangles, one pointing right and one pointing left, creating a larger triangular shape.

Salt River Lakes and Dams



Overview

- Beginning September 16, Canyon Lake will be lowered about 54 feet
- SRP will perform inspection and maintenance activities of underwater features as part of its role and responsibility for the care, operation and maintenance of the Project
- Drawdowns performed approximately every 20 years
- Work will focus primarily on the Horse Mesa Dam tailrace and downstream channel, and on the upstream portion of Mormon Flat Dam
- All water drained from Canyon Lake will be used to satisfy water orders
- Agencies and businesses taking the opportunity to perform maintenance and improvements
- Canyon Lake will be closed to the public starting September 8th for approximately sixteen weeks

Communication and 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
- Public outreach included television, radio, news, social media, and srpnet.com

Canyon Lake to close for several months in 2026

CANYON LAKE WILL BE CLOSED FOR 4 MONTHS
OFFICIALS CONDUCTING SAFETY INSPECTIONS & MAINTENANCE NEXT YEAR

**CANYON LAKE ARIZONA
CLOSED FOR
MAINTENANCE
BEGINS SEPT. 16, 2026**

**CANYON LAKE ARIZONA
DRAWDOWN PROJECT**

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, please visit the Tonto National Forest closure webpage at fs.usda.gov/alerts/tonto/alerts-notice.

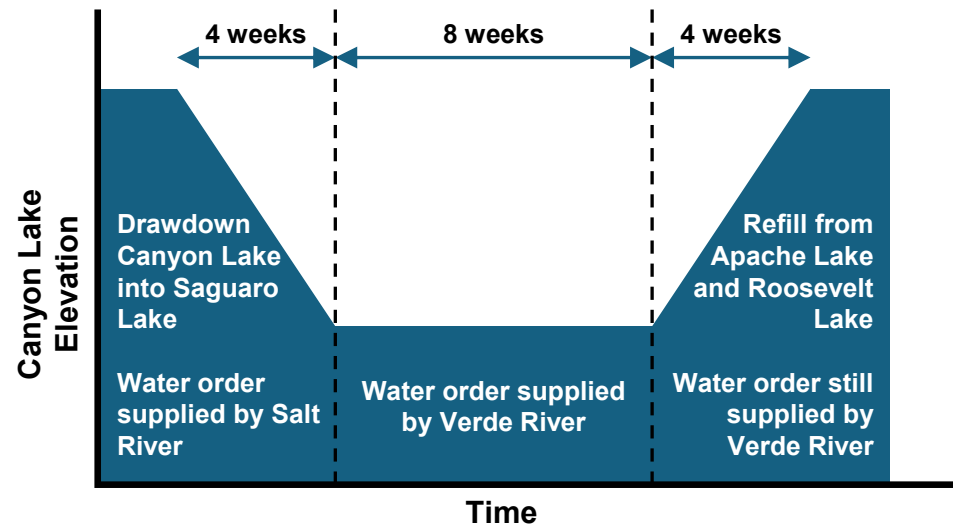
TIMELINE

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SRP Water Operations

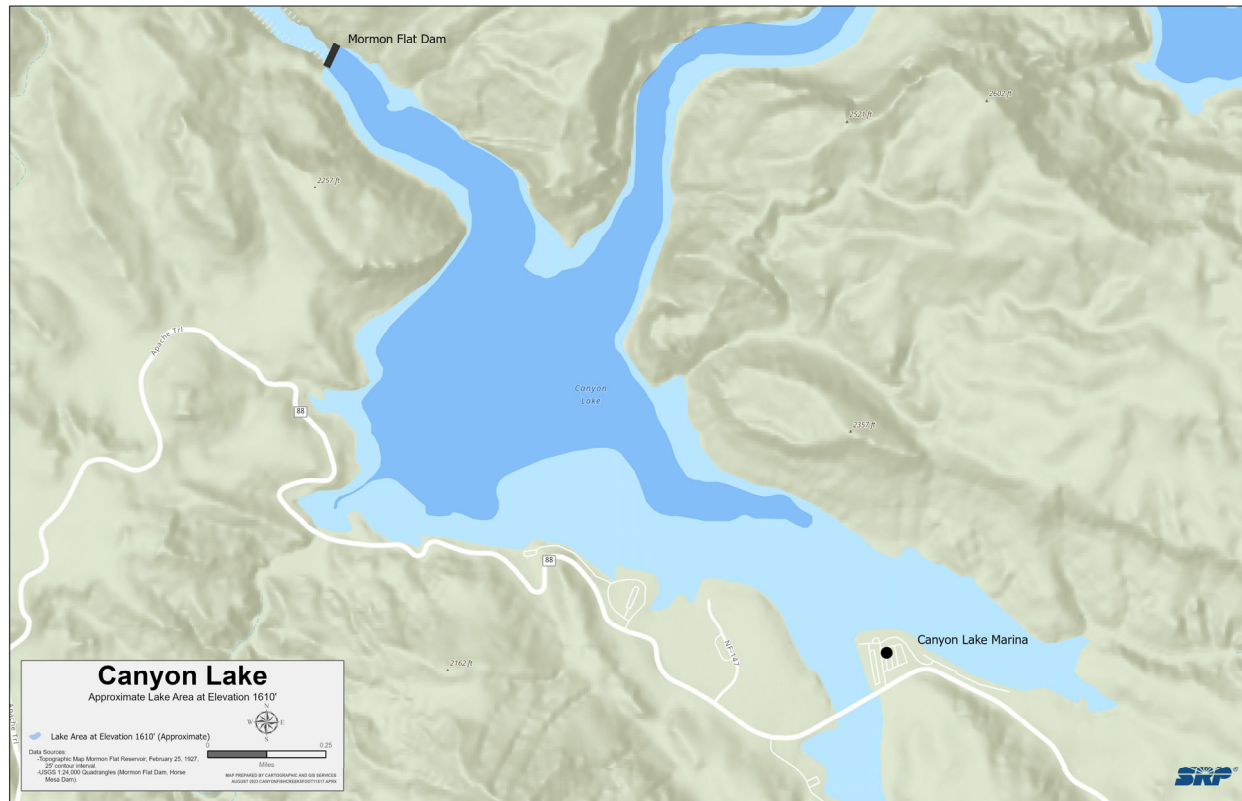
- Continued coordination with Water Supply
- Adjustments made to Project Reservoir Operations Plan (PROP)
- Target met on the Verde to support the drawdown
- Established periodic weather briefings with Hydro Generation



Shoreline at Upstream Portion



Shoreline at Downstream Portion



Mormon Flat Dam

- Inspection and full-travel test of spill gates
- Repair and recoat spill gates
- Inspect/Replace seals
- Recoat underwater intake gates
- Refurbish hydraulic intake gate cylinders and actuators
- Inspect and repair other equipment that is normally underwater



Horse Mesa Dam

- Repair Powerhouse concrete
- Inspect draft tubes
- Inspect and repair trash racks
- Replace various sump discharge valves
- Inspect Unit 4 draft tube fill valve grating
- Inspect and repair stilling wells
- Inspect and repair Unit 4 bulkhead slot



River Channel Below Horse Mesa Dam



- Modeling Identifies Head Loss Impacts
- Roosevelt Plan 6 Reduce Natural Sediment Flushing
- Operational Flows Insufficient for Sediment Removal
- Drawdowns Enable Channel Remediation Activities

River Channel Below Horse Mesa Dam

- Pivoted from Sediment Control Structure
- Pursuing Authorization for Sediment Removal Similar to 2007
- Estimated to Move 54,000 Cubic Yards of Sediment
- Recover Generation Efficiency Losses



HMD Tailrace and Plunge Pool Work in 2007

Canyon Lake Key Takeaways

- Public access closed: **September 8th**
- Drawdown operations begin: **September 16th**
- Gate maintenance complete: **December 2026**
- Lake returned to normal pool: **January 2027**



thank you!





C.C. Cragin Reservoir and Northern Gila County Communities Water Rights Agreements

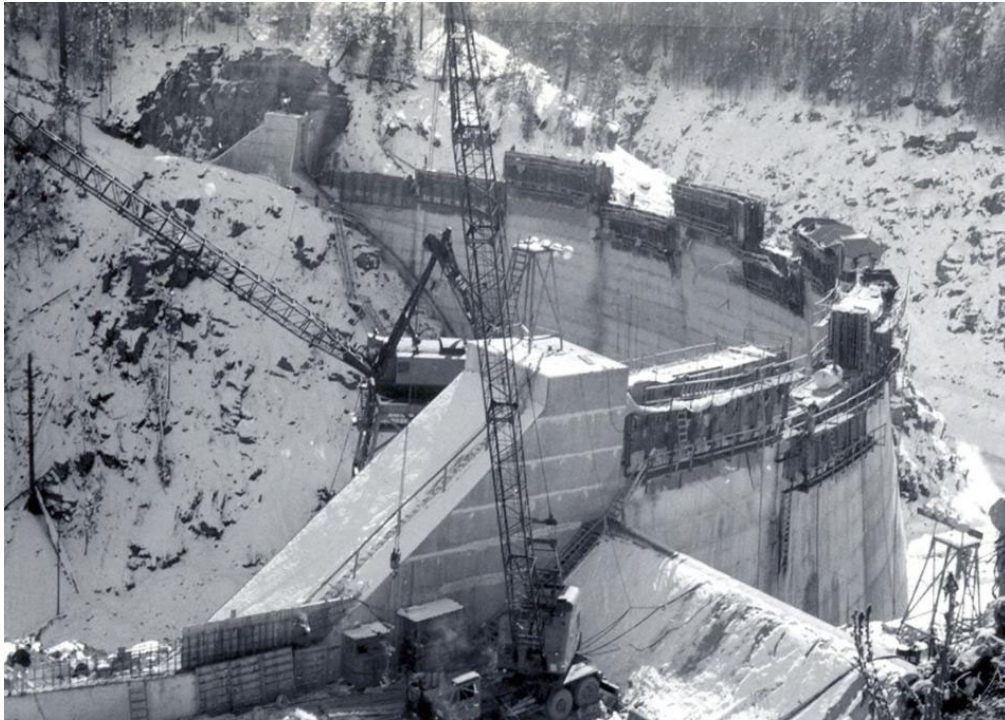
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C.C. Cragin Watershed



C.C. Cragin Reservoir - History



Construction of C.C. Cragin (Blue Ridge) Dam (1965)



Construction of pumping system inlet tunnel (1965)

C.C. Cragin Reservoir – Arizona Water Settlements Act

Public Law 108–451
108th Congress

(excerpt)

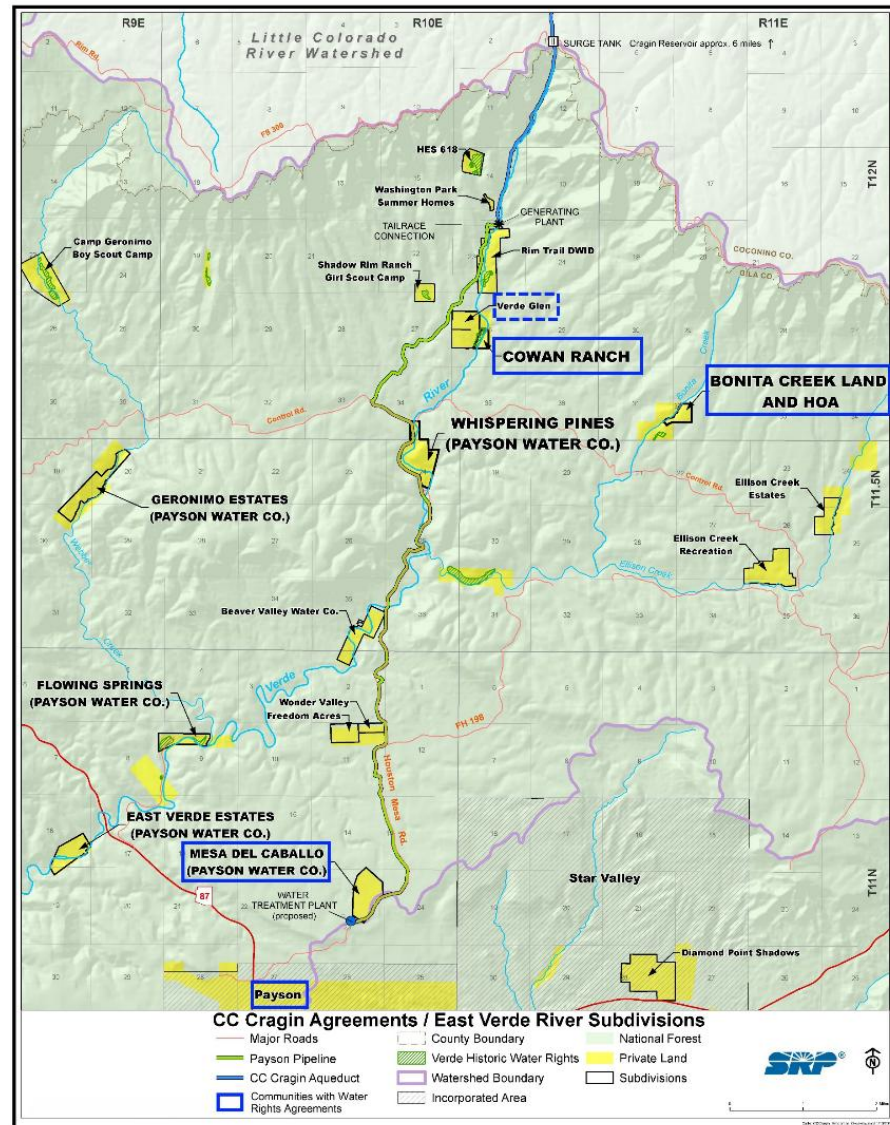
(3) USE AND BENEFIT OF SALT RIVER FEDERAL RECLAMATION PROJECT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the United States shall hold title to the Blue Ridge Project for the exclusive use and benefit of the Salt River Federal Reclamation Project.

(B) AVAILABILITY OF WATER.—Up to 3,500 acre-feet of water per year may be made available from Blue Ridge Reservoir for municipal and domestic uses in Northern Gila County, Arizona, without cost to the Salt River Federal Reclamation Project.

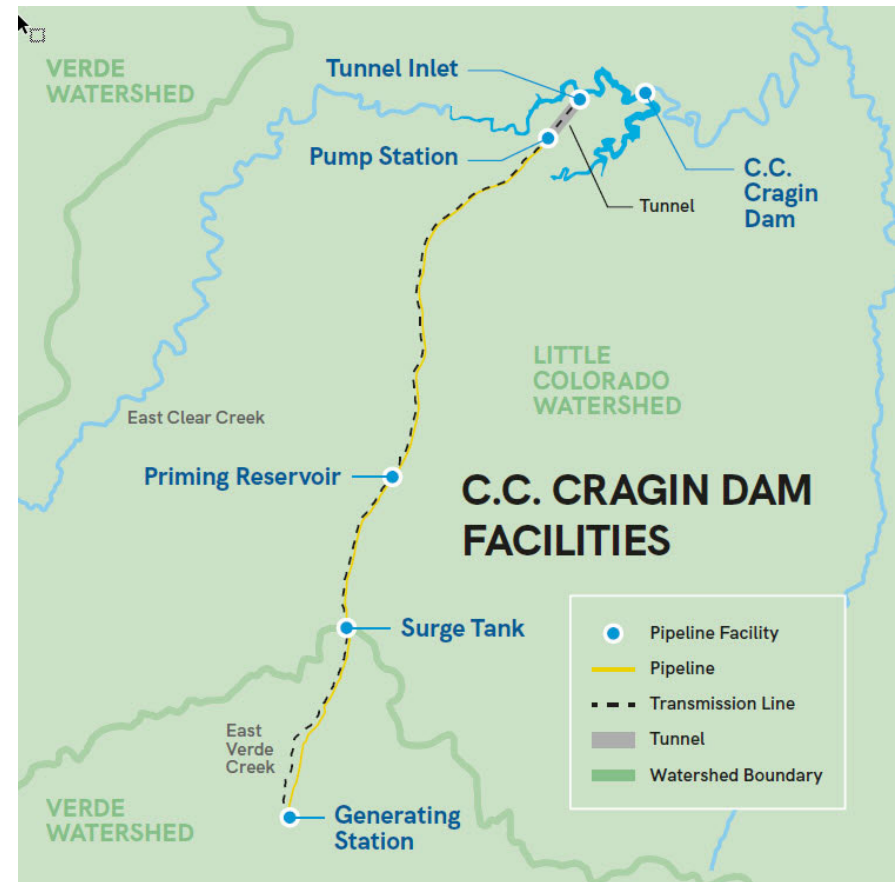
Northern Gila County Communities

- 4 communities with agreements
- 2 negotiations in process

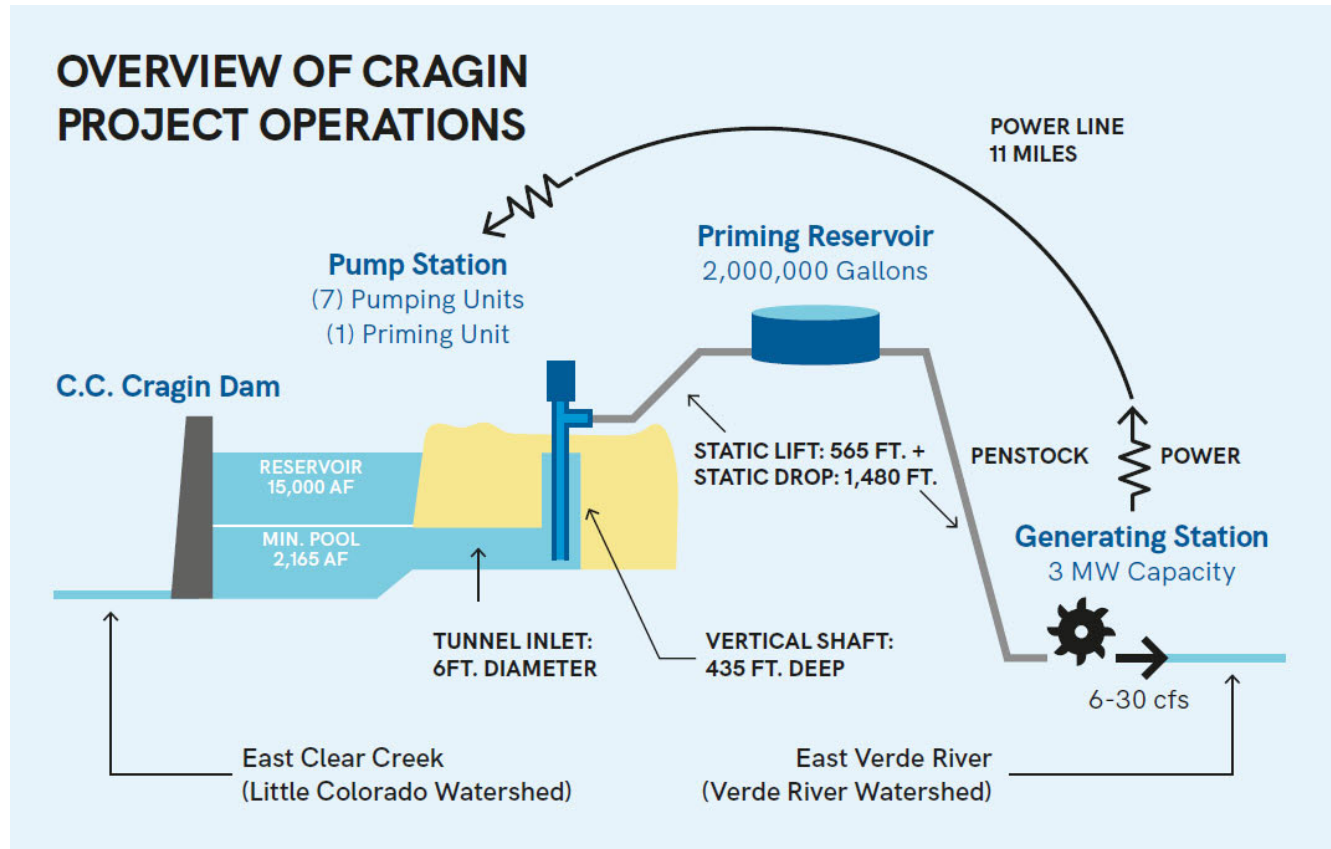


C.C. Cragin Reservoir & Pumping System – Overview

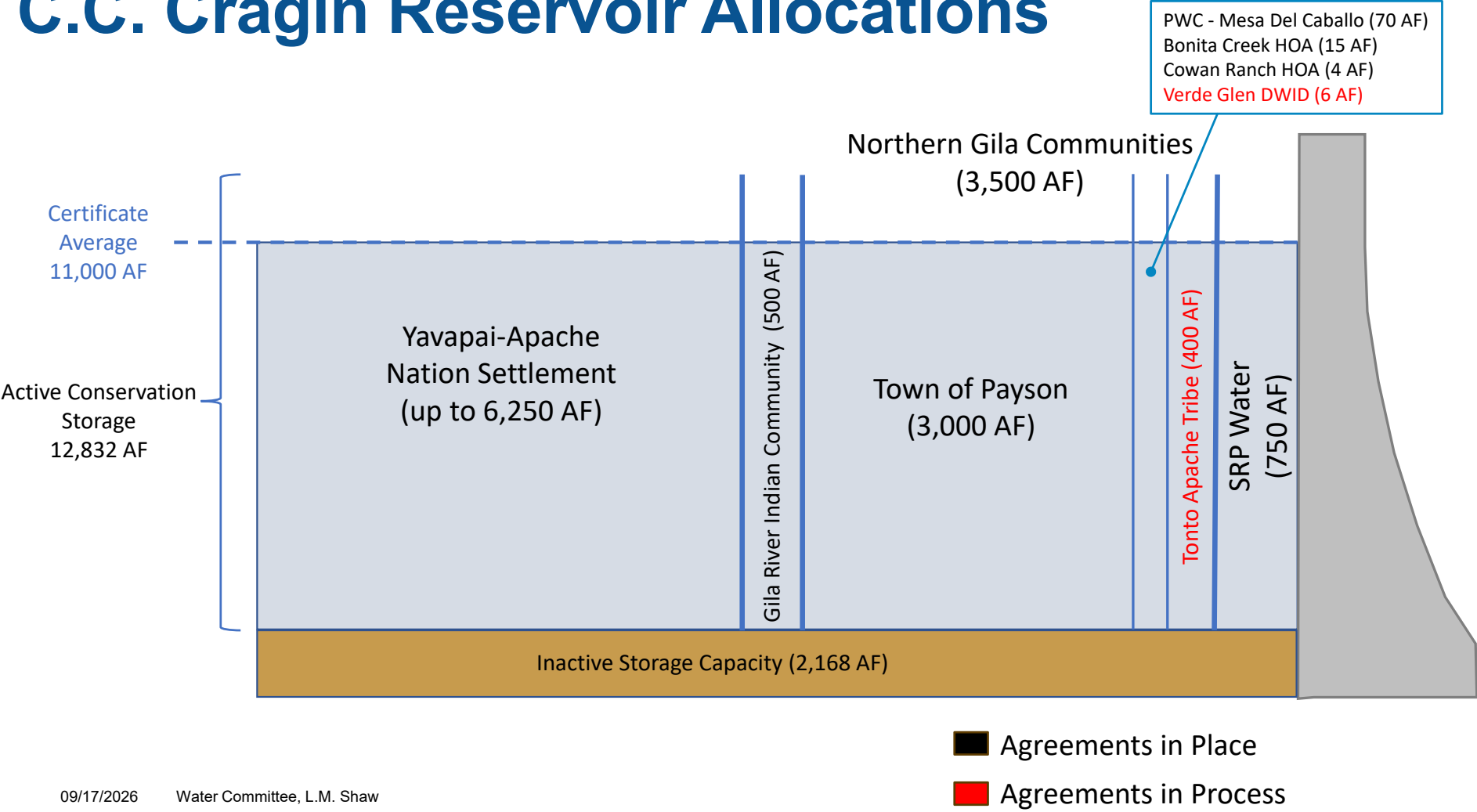
- SRP operates and maintains dam and pumping system
- Reservoir Capacity: 15,000 acre-feet (AF)
- Certificate of Water Right:
 - 11,000 AF average



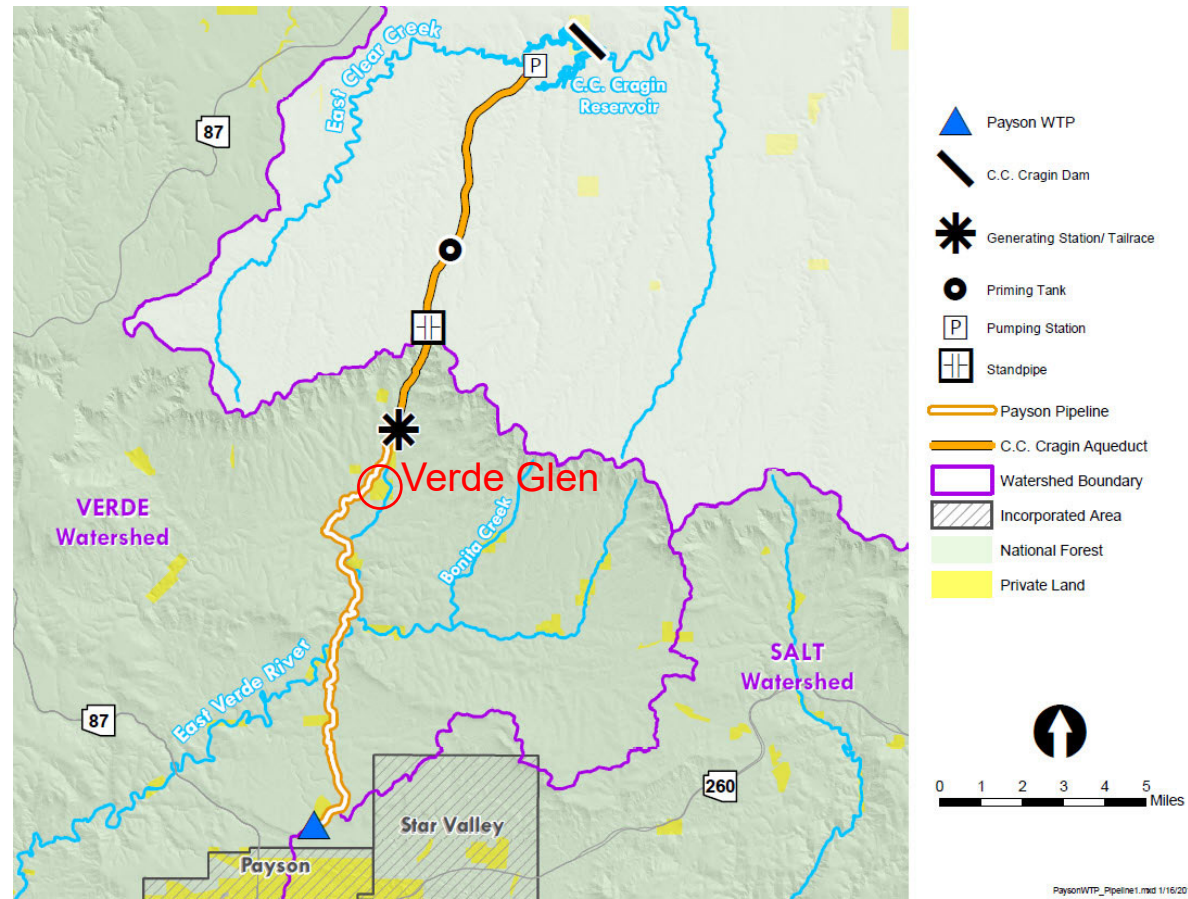
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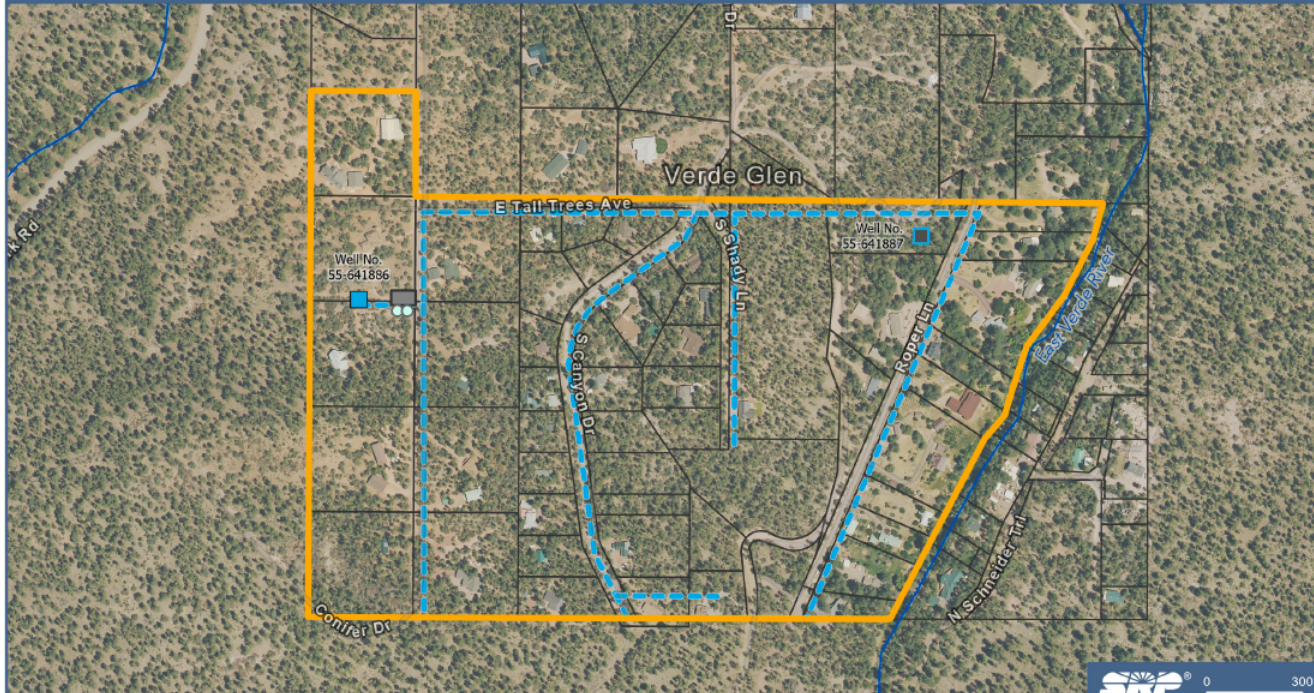
C.C. Cragin Reservoir Allocations



Verde Glen Domestic Water Improvement District (DWID)



Verde Glen Domestic Water Improvement District (DWID) Water Distribution System



Distribution Facilities

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| Pumphouse | River |
| Storage Tank (10K Gallon) | Gila County Parcel |
| Active Well | Verde Glen Domestic Water Improvement District Service Boundary |
| Inactive Well | |
| Distribution Line | |

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Cartographic & GIS Services



Carto: VerdeGlen_DWID from VerdeGlenDWID_VerdeDistribution.aprx 5/8/2026

Verde Glen DWID

- Customers: 42 connections (54 lots)
- Water Demand: ~6 AF per year

Cragin Water:

- One-Time Buy-In Cost: \$14,402
- Annual O&M Cost: \$352
- Severance and Transfer of Water Rights from SRP to Verde Glen DWID



Verde Glen DWID – Pumphouse & Storage Tanks

Next Steps

October 2026

- Water Committee recommendation
- Complete negotiations on Water Rights Transfer, and Water Delivery & Use Agreement

November 2026

- SRP Board approval for Water Rights Transfer, and Water Delivery & Use Agreement
- Complete Severance & Transfer application

December 2026

- Submit Severance & Transfer application to Arizona Department of Water Resources

thank you!

