#### Water Shortage Management Plan

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#### Purpose

Seeking approval of Council for adoption of the Water Shortage Management Plan.

Sustainability and Transportation Committee approved 3 - 0.



# What is a water shortage?

City-wide or localized water supply is reduced to a level that current demand cannot be met.

- Drought
- Infrastructure failure
- Customer demand
- Regulatory actions
- Outages

#### Goals

Manage Manage shortage conditions as they occur Prevent the need to implement drastic demand Prevent reduction measures Plan Plan for future conditions before they occur



### Mesa Service Area

- Mesa is divided into two zones separated by the Eastern Canal: City and Eastern zones
- City Zone: Salt/Verde River water delivered through SRP (treated at Val Vista WTP)
- Eastern Zone: Colorado River water delivered through CAP (treated at Brown Road WTP)
- City and Eastern wells provide water throughout Mesa



### Revised Mesa Service Area

- •June 2018 Signal Butte Water Treatment Plant will deliver treated water into the distribution system
- Southern Zone: Colorado River water delivered through CAP

#### MESA WATER SOURCES Groundwater Salt & Verde Wells **Rivers** 19% 26% Colorado River 55%

### Water Supply

- Two sources: surface and groundwater
- Abundant groundwater credits and allowances – nearly 1 million acre-feet
- Groundwater is used during peak demand and emergencies
- The Assured Water Supply Program: framework for designating Mesa's 100-year supply for current and future demands

### Shortage Planning and Preparation

Securing and managing

Securing, banking and managing a variety of different water sources

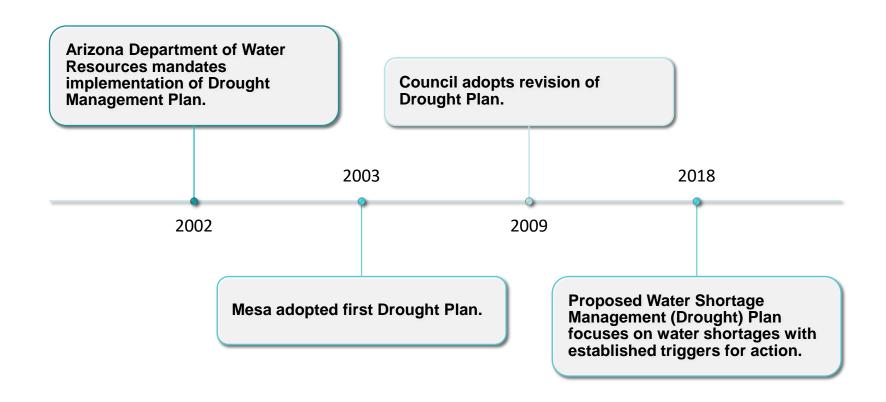
Maintaining

Maintaining water treatment capacity needed to meet customer demand

Promoting and encouraging

Promoting and encouraging voluntary water conservation since 1982

### State Requirement



#### The Plan

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Evaluation of shortage conditions based on current and forecasted water <u>supply</u> and <u>demand</u>, as well as the economic impact to the City.

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**Cross-Departmental team** 

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Four stages based on increasing severity with recommended conservation measures.



### Stage One – Water Watch

- Increase awareness of actual reductions in water supplies several months in advance.
- Surface water shortage that will affect the City of Mesa is predicted or occurs.
- Mesa is capable of meeting demand through remaining supplies.
- Water demand management strategies may include: internal water reductions, increased community education.



### Stage Two – Water Alert

- SRP deliveries of Stored & Developed water are cut to less than or equal to 50% of supplies and/or CAP Subcontract & Lease water is cut to less than or equal to 80% of water supply.
- Mesa is capable of meeting demand through remaining supplies.
- Voluntary water demand management strategies may be implemented for all water customers.
- Goal of 5% reduction in water demand.



# Stage Three – Water Warning

- SRP deliveries of Stored & Developed water are cut to less than 33% and/or CAP Subcontract & Lease water is cut to less than or equal to 60% of water used in the most recent non-drought year.
- Mesa is capable of meeting demand through remaining supplies.
- Mandatory water demand management strategies may be implemented for all water customers.
- Goal of 10% reduction in water demand.



## Stage Four – Water Emergency

- Water supply deliveries are insufficient to meet demand.
- Mandatory water demand management strategies are implemented for all water customers to ensure basic water needs for residents and businesses will be met.
- Goal of 20% reduction in water demand.

### Questions?