



## **Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRD)**

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# Introduction to CAP: Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGRD)

- What is CAGRD?
- Relationship to CAP
- Importance of Groundwater Replenishment
- How does CAGRD work?
- Who are its Members?
- Plan of Operation
- CAGRD's Future Focus



# What is CAGRD?



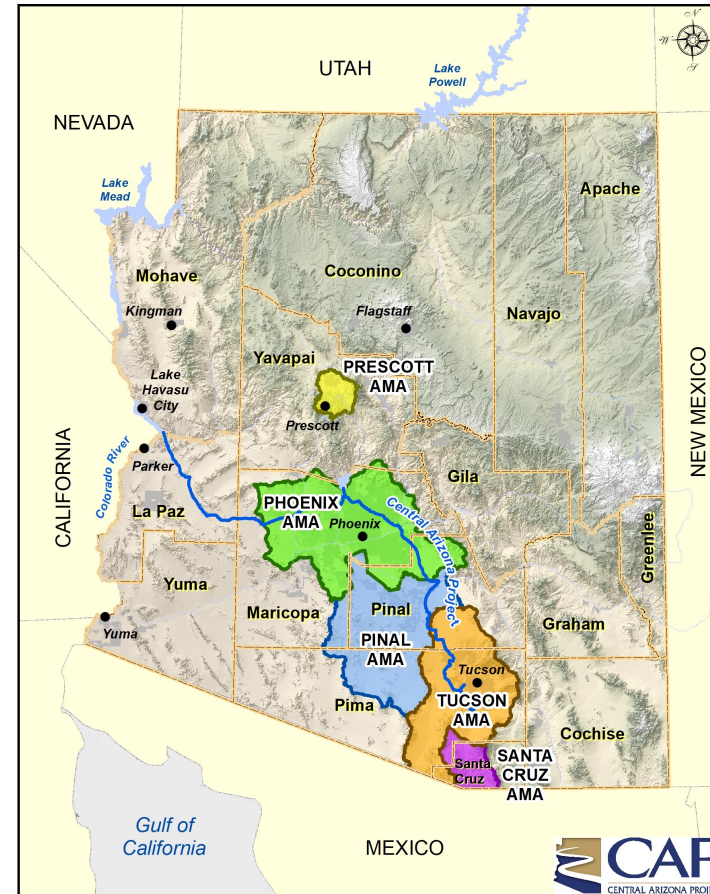
- **CAGRD** was created in the mid 1990s to help water providers and landowners comply with Arizona's groundwater management laws
- CAGRD plays an important role in Central Arizona's groundwater management by replenishing groundwater pumped by its members



# Arizona Groundwater Management

**1980** - Arizona passed the **Groundwater Management Act**, one of the toughest sets of groundwater laws in the country

- Regulated groundwater pumping in the most populated areas including Phoenix, Tucson, and Pinal
- Created the **Assured Water Supply Program**



# CAGRD's Relationship to CAP

- Not a separate entity – a special function of CAP
- Governed by the CAWCD Board of Directors and serves members in Maricopa, Pima & Pinal counties
- Financially separate – funded solely by members



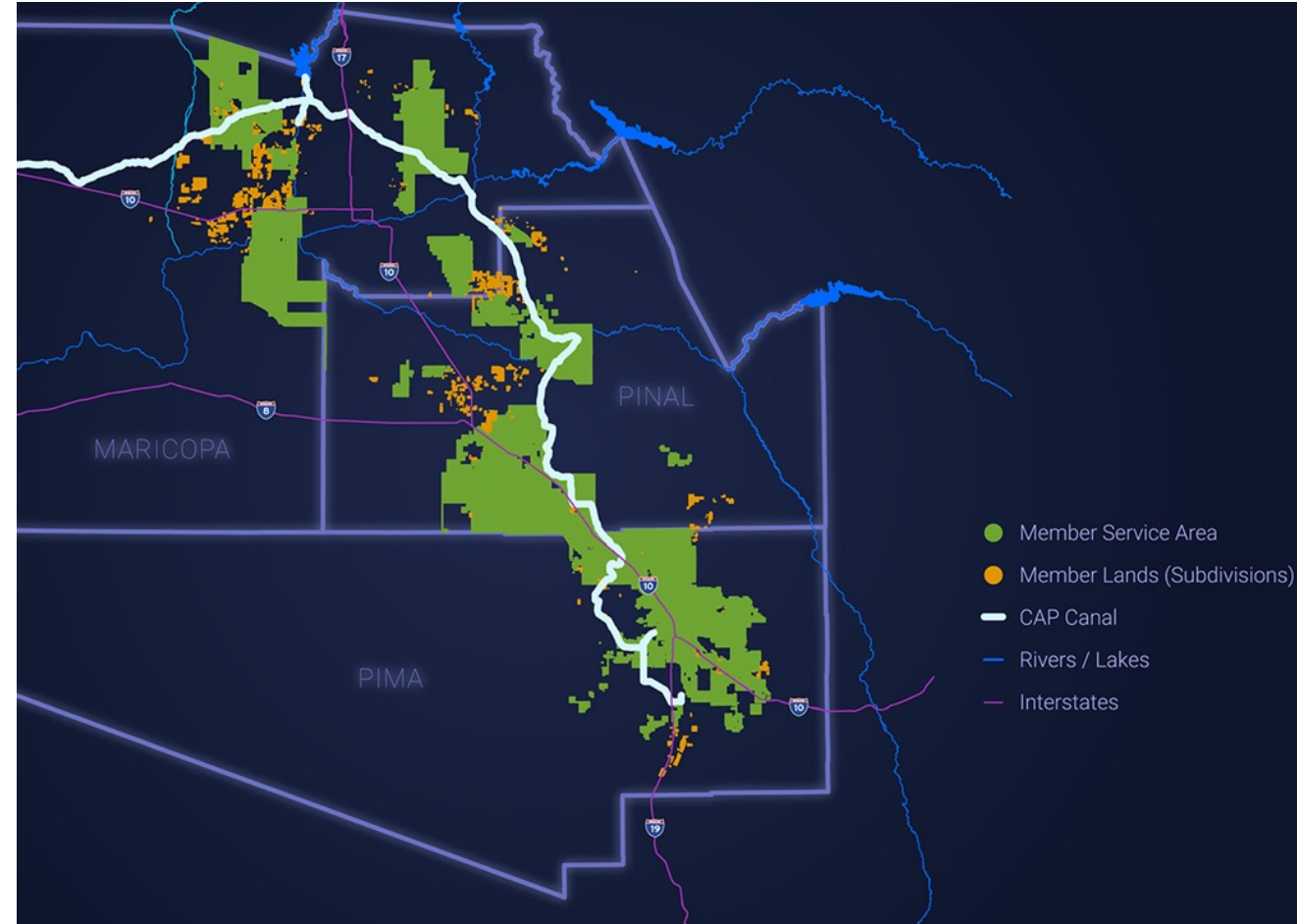
Superstition Mountains Recharge

Canal at Norterra Bridge

# Who joins CAGR D?

Two types of members:

- **Member Service Areas**
  - City, town or private water company
  - Currently 23 enrolled Member Service Areas
- **Member Lands**
  - Subdivisions
  - Nearly 1,300 enrolled Member Lands



# Groundwater Replenishment

- Aquifers are layers of sand and gravel beneath the ground and contain groundwater
- CAGRDR replenishes aquifers through recharge



Hieroglyphic Mountains Recharge

# CAGRD Water Supplies

CAGRD's water portfolio includes:

- CAP allocation
- Effluent
- Leased CAP water
- Stored water





# CAGRD Plan of Operation

- CAGRD operates under a 10-year Plan of Operation
- All plans have been developed with public input and have been approved by the ADWR
- Describes the projected obligations and water supplies for the next 100 years



# CAGRD is Looking to the Future

- Involvement in the Governor's Water Augmentation, Innovation, and Conservation Council
- Water Use It Wisely Steering Committee, ensuring the campaign's conservation efforts reach CAGRD Members
- Recently began development of the next Plan of Operation due to ADWR by end of 2024



# CAGRD: Key Take-Aways

## CAGRD:

- Plays an important role in Central Arizona's groundwater management by replenishing groundwater pumped by its members
- Is governed by the CAWCD Board of Directors and serves members in Maricopa, Pima & Pinal counties
- Replenishes groundwater through a process called recharge, which involves sending water to basins, where the water percolates through the soil to an aquifer, or to farms
- Is funded solely by its members





**Thank you.**

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