

CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT

Tribal Water Users

FACT SHEET

The Colorado River Basin is located within the boundaries of Arizona, Nevada, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. There are **30 tribes within the Basin boundaries**, and the United States maintains a federal trust relationship with each of those tribes. **Within Arizona, there are 22 tribes** with recognized land bases, governments and communities. Of those, **eleven have rights to CAP water**, representing more than **one-third of all the tribes in the Colorado River Basin**. CAP delivers more tribal water than any other organization in the United States.

THE 11 ARIZONA TRIBES THAT CAP SERVES



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HOW TRIBES USE CAP WATER

Tribal communities represent a significant portion of CAP stakeholders, with approximately 46 percent of the CAP's water supply currently designated for permanent allocation to tribes in Arizona. Use of CAP water by CAP tribes is governed by the individual allocations, contracts and settlement agreements associated with each tribe's entitlement. As a general rule, CAP tribes are authorized to use their CAP water for agricultural, domestic, municipal, and economic development uses within their communities. In addition, CAP water associated with tribal water right settlement agreements may be leased at the discretion of the tribe and with the approval of the United States.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CAP actively communicates and partners with tribal leaders and their staff to coordinate efforts aimed at sharing information and increasing our understanding of the community's portfolio, water uses, priorities and challenges. We also work to share information regarding the Central Arizona Project and the Colorado River water supply. Tribes play a vital role in Arizona water management. CAP's outreach efforts work to reinforce the essential connection between tribes and CAP and helps to move forward important conversations and opportunities that benefit all.

