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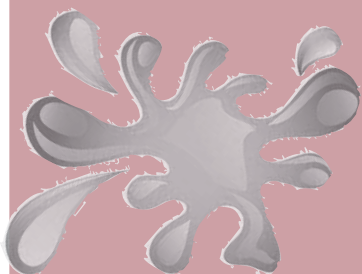
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## DCP: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

Over the past couple months there have been numerous stories in the news regarding the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP). If you did not fully understand DCP from the news reports, you were not alone. DCP is a complicated topic, with many moving parts, that challenges even the most seasoned professionals in the water industry. The simplistic way to describe DCP is a plan to proactively reduce the use of Colorado River water while we navigate a drought that has lasted over 18 years. Locally we know the importance of using water wisely in our desert community. DCP is a seven state solution to using Colorado River water wisely.

The largest portion of the District's renewable water supply is from the Colorado River. This water is delivered to our region from Lake Mead via the Central Arizona Project (CAP) canal. The Colorado River water is shared between seven western states including Arizona, California, and Nevada, which are considered the Lower Basin States. When the elevation of Lake Mead water falls below 1,075 feet above sea level, the first tier of shortage will be declared resulting in water delivery reductions to Arizona. Additional delivery reductions will occur if Lake Mead water elevations decline further. A Tier 2 shortage is reached when levels in the Lake are below 1,050 feet and a Tier 3 shortage occurs when levels are below 1,025 feet. Based on the most recent data from federal officials, there is a 57 percent chance that Lake Mead will undergo a Tier 1 shortage in January of 2020, with chances increasing in subsequent years for Tier 2 and Tier 3 shortages if no action is taken.

### What is DCP?

In an effort to reduce the chance of a Tier 2 and Tier 3 shortage, the District's General Manager, Joe Olsen, joined nearly 40 water professionals and industry experts from across Arizona to serve on the DCP Steering Committee. This Committee was established to find collaborative solutions to proactively conserve and reduce Arizona's use of Colorado River water. Since July of 2018, the Committee explored dozens of proposals and options before arriving at a series of solutions to balance the water needs of farms, tribes, industries, and water providers. On January 31, 2019, the Governor signed Arizona's DCP solution into law with broad bipartisan support from the Arizona State Legislature.


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## What this means to you?

For nearly twenty years, the District has taken delivery of our CAP allocation and stored this Colorado River water underground in Avra Valley for future use. In 2018, approximately half of our Colorado River water stored was greater than current customer water demands. In other words, last year, we stored enough water to provide a full year of future water needs based upon current water demands.

Under DCP, all sectors will receive a reduction in their Colorado River water deliveries but the District's allocation is among the highest priority of CAP water. As such, the District would not see any reductions in our CAP deliveries under a Tier 1 and Tier 2 shortage and would still receive 88 percent of our CAP allocation under a Tier 3 shortage. The District will be able to offset this relatively minor reduction with the water that we have already stored, and will continue to store, for future needs.

So while DCP is a complicated topic that involves many collaborative solutions, you can be confident that the steps the District has taken ensure that renewable water resources will be available to meet your current and future water needs. 💧



The Finance Oversight Committee (FOC) reviews financial recommendations and advises the Board of Directors on rate structure and adjustments, long range financial planning, and capital planning. The FOC traditionally meets three times annually.

The District welcomes a new member, Christopher (Kip) Volpe, to the FOC. Christopher (Kip) Volpe, a District resident, has volunteered to share his relevant subject matter expertise to support the FOC. Mr. Volpe is currently the Vice President and Treasurer for The Estes Co and oversees the operations of the Vail Water Company. Mr. Volpe possesses a Bachelor's of Science in Accounting from the University of Arizona and is also a Certified Public Accountant. He has also served on numerous boards and commissions, many of which were in a financial oversight capacity. Mr. Volpe presently serves as an alternate committee member on the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan Steering Committee; a group tasked with proactively mitigating impacts associated with declining Lake Mead levels. Mr. Volpe's multi-faceted financial, water management, and water policy expertise make him a unique fit to serve on the FOC.

Mr. Volpe joins the current FOC comprised of: Ralph Churchill, Lee Jacobs, Charlie Maish, Lee Mayes, Scott Schladweiler, and Robert Shonka.

For more information and access to past and future meeting agendas go to: <http://bit.ly/focmeeting> 💧



*Pictured is the District's Clerk of the Board, Theo Fedele, swearing in the newest Board Member, Richard Sarti. 💧*



*Pictured from left to right is Judy Scrivener, Jim Doyle, and Richard Sarti after they were sworn in for a four-year term at the January 14, 2019 Board Meeting. 💧*

# AZWARN



## Hub Reservoir Expansion Update

The Winter newsletter reported on the District's Capital Projects including the Hub storage Site Expansion.

Since then, the old tank was removed, the hydrotank was relocated, the new tank foundation was completed, and fabrication of the new tank commenced in early January. Work on the tank is expected to be complete and operational in early April 2019, prior to the higher summer demand period. While you cannot tell from the black and white photo, the tank is currently a deep red color but will be painted when the construction is completed. ♦

## SPOTLIGHT ON METRO SOUTHWEST



*The last Newsletter showed the beginning phase of construction on a new 180,000 gallon storage tank at the Diablo Village #1 wellsite. The storage tank, which is shown above, is nearing completion. Pictured next to the new tank is the existing 200,000 gallon tank. ♦*

At the January 14, 2019 Board Meeting, the District's Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the Arizona Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network Mutual Aid Agreement (AZWARN).

The Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) model has been successfully used throughout the country in response to many large scale disasters as well as isolated local events. A water and wastewater utility cannot prevent all emergencies, but it can be prepared by having access to resources to mitigate and assist in a quicker recovery. The WARN model establishes an all-hazards approach for faster response and recovery than traditional emergency management putting customers back in service sooner. AZWARN was established in Arizona in March of 2008 when the City of Phoenix, the City of Tempe, and the District signed the first agreement. The purpose of the agreement was to address reimbursement, insurance, indemnification, and other legal issues in advance of an emergency. The idea behind AZWARN is that utilities are better equipped to provide assistance to another utility as they have similar staff knowledge, equipment, materials, and resources.

There is no obligation for any member to use the agreement. Requesting assistance and responding to a request for assistance is voluntary. This gives each utility the opportunity to evaluate their own situation and determine the availability of resources. Since participation is voluntary, there are no required costs to be a member of AZWARN. AZWARN provides a no cost or low cost access to resources in the event of an emergency. Fortunately, over the last 10 years of the AZWARN existence, the District has not requested any assistance through AZWARN. Throughout the state, there have only been a couple of times the AZWARN agreement has been used in a Utility to Utility response. The hope is to not need to use the AZWARN agreement; however, having it available is a valuable component to the District's emergency response tool box. ♦

## DID YOU KNOW...

**The District is fortunate that the Chair of AZWARN is also our Utility Superintendent, Steve Shepard. ♦**

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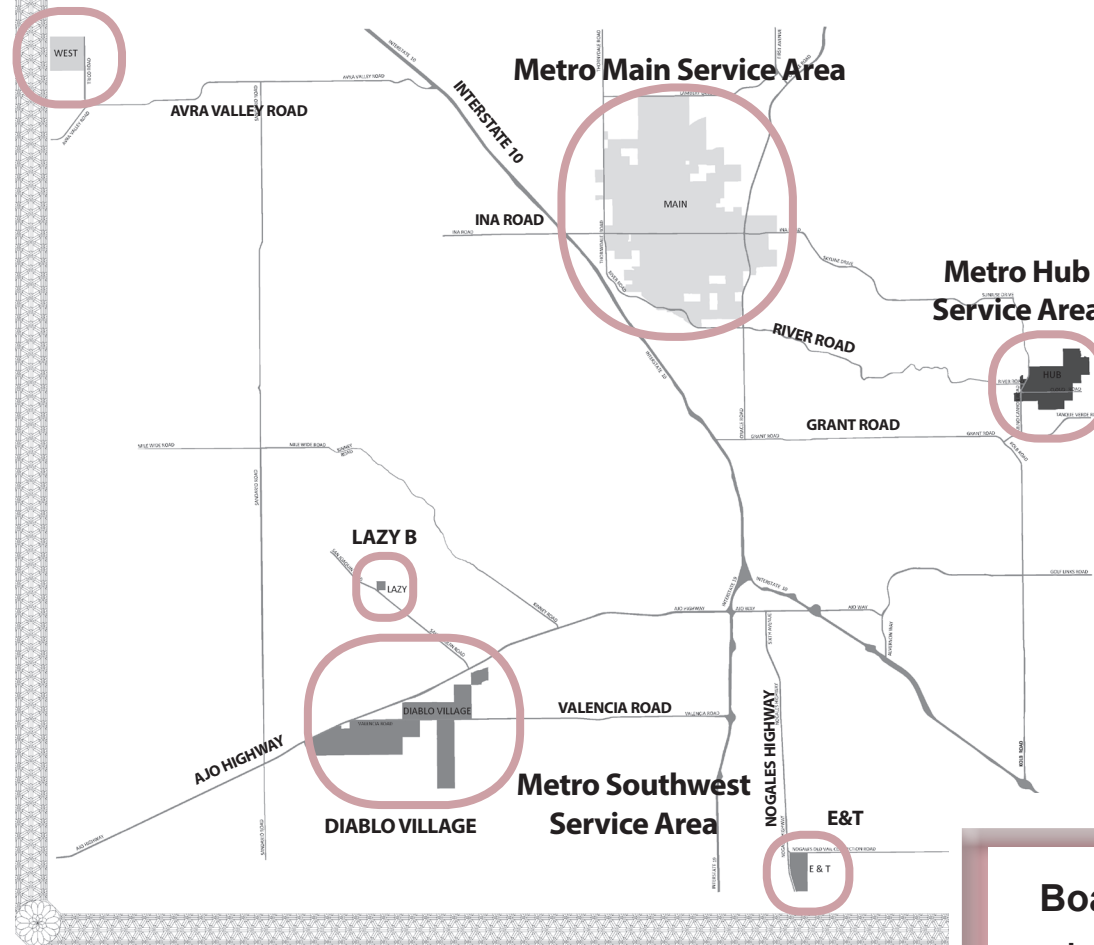




# WHERE'S MY SERVICE AREA?

**Metro West  
Service Area**

**METROPOLITAN DOMESTIC WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT VALVEMAPS**



THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THESE VALVE MAPS IS THE BEST CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. THE M.W.D. CANNOT GUARANTEE OR WARRANT THAT THE WATER LINE LOCATIONS AND OR DIMENSIONS SHOWN HEREIN ARE ACCURATELY DEPICTED ON THESE MAPS. THESE MAPS ARE ONLY A GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION OF THE EXISTING METRO WATER FACILITIES AND SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A DESIGN TOOL. ALL FACILITIES SHOULD BE FIELD VERIFIED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

## Legend

- METRO MAIN
- METRO HUB
- METRO SOUTHWEST (DIABLO VILLAGE, E & T, LAZY B)
- METRO NORTHWEST

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Tucson, Arizona 85704

Office Hours:  
Monday - Thursday  
7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Friday 7:30 a.m. - Noon

*Metro Water offices  
will be closed on:*

**Monday, May 27, 2019  
for Memorial Day**

## Board of Directors:

Judy Scrivener, Chair  
Bryan Foulk, Vice Chair  
Jim Doyle, Member  
Dan M. Offret, Member  
Richard Sarti, Member

## Board Meetings:

**Monday, March 11, 2019  
Monday, April 8, 2019  
Monday, May 13, 2019**

Board meetings are held at  
6265 N. La Cañada Drive  
and typically start  
at 6:00 p.m.

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