



City of Prescott

Council Subcommittee on Water Issues

June 3, 2025 | 9:30 AM
201 N Montezuma Street
Council Chambers, 1st Floor
Prescott, AZ 86301

AGENDA

The following Agenda will be considered by the **Prescott Council Subcommittee on Water Issues at a Regular Subcommittee Meeting** pursuant to the Prescott City Charter, Article II, Section 13. Notice of the meeting is given pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 38-431.02. One or more members of the Council may be attending the meeting through the use of a technological device.

Viewing & Participation

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Public comments for Council may be submitted through the City website: [Public Comment Form](#)

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- A. Selection of Replacement Chair for the Subcommittee on Water Issues to Serve Through November 2025.

Recommended Action: MOVE to appoint a Replacement Chair for the Subcommittee to serve through November 2025

- B. Approval of the April 1, 2025 Council Subcommittee on Water Issues Meeting Minutes.

Recommended Action: MOVE to approve the minutes as presented

- C. Presentation & Discussion Regarding the 2024 Annual Water Withdrawal & Use Report.

Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.

- D. 2022 Water Management Policy Discussion - Current Residential & Non-Residential Water Budget Overview for January 1, 2025 through May 19, 2025.

Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.

- E. Presentation & Discussion Regarding the July 2025 - December 2025 Residential & Non-Residential Water Budgets, in Accordance with the Amended 2022 Water Management Policy, Guideline No. 11.

Recommended Action: MOVE to forward the residential & non-residential

water budgets for July through December 2025 to Council as recommended

- F. Presentation & Discussion Regarding an Update on PFAS Consultant Contract.
Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.
- G. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Proposed State Water Legislation.
Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.

4. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF

5. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a public majority vote of a quorum of the City Council, the Council may hold an executive session, which will not be open to the public, regarding any item listed on the agenda but only for the following purposes:

- (1) Discussion or consideration of personnel matters (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1));
- (2) Discussion or consideration of records exempt by law (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2));
- (3) Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the city's attorneys (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3));
- (4) Discussion or consultation with the city's attorneys regarding the city's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation, or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid litigation (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4));
- (5) Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the city to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(5));
- (6) Discussion, consultation or consideration for negotiations by the city or its designated representatives with members of a tribal council, or its designated representatives, of an Indian reservation located within or adjacent to the city (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(6));
- (7) Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the city to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7)).

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Prescott City Hall on 5/29/25 at 1:00 p.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Prescott City Council with the City Clerk.

Sarah M. Siep

Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: June 3 Water Issues Subcommittee
DATE: June 3, 2025
DEPT: City Clerk
ITEM #: 3.A
SUBJECT: Selection of Replacement Chair for the Subcommittee on Water Issues to Serve Through November 2025.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for the selection of a replacement Subcommittee Chair. Bi-annually the Council selects members for the Subcommittee on Water Issues for a period of two years. The Subcommittee is responsible for selecting their Chairperson at the first meeting following this reorganization. In November 2023 Cathey Rusing was selected as the Subcommittee Chair, since that time Ms. Rusing has resigned from Council and by proxy this Subcommittee leaving a vacancy in the Chair position. The selected member will serve through November 2025.

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOVE to appoint a Replacement Chair for the Subcommittee to serve through November 2025

ATTACHMENTS

None



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: June 3 Water Issues Subcommittee
DATE: June 3, 2025
DEPT: City Clerk
ITEM #: 3.B
SUBJECT: Approval of the April 1, 2025 Council Subcommittee on Water Issues Meeting Minutes.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for the approval of the minutes from the April 1, 2025 Council Subcommittee on Water Issues meeting. Staff recommends approval of the minutes as presented.

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOVE to approve the minutes as presented

ATTACHMENTS

1. April 1, 2025 WIS Meeting Minutes

City of Prescott

Council Subcommittee on Water Issues



April 1, 2025 | 9:30 AM
201 N Montezuma Street
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor
Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Rusing called the meeting to order at 09:31 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Cathey Rusing, Chairperson
Lois Fruhwirth, Member
Ted Gambogi, Member

3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of the March 4, 2025 Council Subcommittee on Water Issues Meeting Minutes.

MOTION BY MEMBER FRUHWIRTH TO APPROVE THE MARCH 4, 2025 MINUTES; SECONDED BY CHAIRPERSON RUSING: PASSED (2 - 0 - 1) MEMBER GAMBOGI ABSTAINING.

- B. Presentation & Discussion Regarding the Long-Term Water Management Plan Progress Report.

Leslie Graser, Water Resource Project Manager, introduced Herb Dishlip, lead Water Resource Management Consultant, who provided the presentation.

Chairperson Rusing sought clarification as to whether the plan is a regional plan. Ms. Graser responded that the City's water service area can be considered regional because water is provided both inside and outside of the City limits; however, the term regional is also used to describe when other jurisdictions (e.g. Chino Valley, Prescott Valley) work cooperatively in water management and infrastructure. This long-term water management plan is first focusing on the City's planning.

Mr. Dishlip discussed the Planning Framework:

- Build on Previous Plans and Studies
 - Utilize the Water Resources Management Model (WRMM)
 - Current and Previous Assured Water Supply Designation Studies
 - Water and Wastewater Models prepared by Carollo
 - Groundwater Models Developed for Prescott AMA
 - Big Chino Sub-Basin Groundwater Model and Studies
 - Updated to the City General Plan

- Others

Chairperson Rusing commented that the General Plan map area may change.

Ms. Graser added that the water service area has been expanded, it is updated every year as a requirement from ADWR.

Member Fruhwirth asked for clarification on communication with ADWR, and asked for the topic to be added to a future agenda.

Mr. Dishlip continued the presentation:

Planning Framework:

- Planning Process Will Rely on City Staff and Consultants
 - Technical Memoranda will be Created for Detailed Studies
 - City Staff Will Organize and Conduct Public Outreach Programs
 - Upon Completion of Certain Milestones, the Results Will Be Reviewed with the City Council and the Water Issues Subcommittee
- Focus on What Makes Prescott Unique
 - History of Water Supply Development
 - Characteristics of Current Supplies
 - Groundwater
 - Surface Water
 - Effluent
 - Stormwater
 - Water Quality for Each Supply Source
- Characteristics Of Current Demands
 - Service Area Is Regional - Not Just City Limits
 - Potable Residential and Non-Residential Uses
 - Non-Potable Demands for Golf Courses and Other Uses
 - Uses Often Not Recognized
 - Recreation
 - Fire Suppression
 - System Losses

Planning Steps - Develop a Baseline - What is the Current Condition?

- Legal and Institutional Parameters
- Supply Sources
 - Volumes
 - Reliability
 - Water Quality
 - Distinguish between Natural Supplies and Infrastructure Enhance Supplies
- Demand Parameters
 - General Description of Types of Users
 - Single Family Residential
 - Multi-Family Residential
 - Range of Non-Residential

- New Users vs. Longer Time Users
- Conservation Programs in Place
- Peaking and Fire Protection Parameters
- Infrastructure
 - Wells and Pipelines
 - Reservoirs
 - Storage
 - Recharge Facility

- Planning Steps - Projections of Future Conditions If No Changes are Made from Baseline

- Supply Sources
 - Ability of Current Sources to Satisfy Future Demands
 - Will Supply Sources Diminish or Grow?
 - Effluent Supply will Grow with Increased Demand, but New Customers Must be On Sewer System
 - Reservoir Storage will Decrease Over Time Due to Sedimentation
 - Groundwater Supplies Can Be Affected by Increased Pumping from Common Aquifer or Extended Droughts
 - Demand: Focus on Demands of Current Customers and Committed New Customers, Vacant Lots in Existing Subdivisions, Approved Agreements for New Master Plans and Intergovernmental Agreements, Not Yet Established Non-residential that Inevitably Supports Residential Customers
 - Infrastructure: Currently Planned Maintenance and Expansion, Currently Planned Wastewater Treatment Expansion, Supplementary New or Replacement Wells

- Planning Steps - Identify and Analyze Benefits and Costs of Alternative Approaches
 - Supply Sources Including:
 - Affects of Climate Change – Such as More Droughts and More Floods
 - Enhanced Recharge Opportunities
 - Modification of Reservoirs and/or How They Are Utilized
 - Enhanced Wastewater Treatment
 - Importation of Groundwater
 - Watershed Management
 - Demand Management Including:
 - Estimation of Additional Demands Based on General Plan Land Uses
 - Enhanced Water Conservation Programs
 - Loss Reduction Opportunities
 - Rate Structure and Hookup Fees
 - Infrastructure Including:
 - Need for New Wells, Pipelines, Booster Pumps to Meet Additional Demands beyond Current and Committed
 - Unanticipated Expansion of Sewer and Wastewater Treatment

Plants

- Supplementary New or Replacement Wells Optimizing Locations

- Planning Steps - Recommendations and Implementation Proposals Such As:

- Enhanced Monitoring and Evaluation
- Updates to the Water and Wastewater Models
- Updates to Groundwater Models
- Possible New or Modified City Policies or Ordinances
- Adaptive Management
- Capital Improvement Program

Chairperson Rusing commented on the need to work on boundaries for planning purposes to ensure that growth does not outpace infrastructure. She emphasized the importance of avoiding a situation where the city is forced to play catch-up with water supply and infrastructure needs. She also expressed interest in including a definition of a "high water user" in the plan. Additionally, she noted the need to address "forever chemicals" and recommended including language about working with the legislature to support protective measures.

Member Fruhwirth agreed with the idea of including a definition of the high-water user. She also questioned whether the project timeline, which currently extends to December 2026, could be accelerated by six months and asked what conditions would be necessary to make that possible.

Ms. Graser reviewed the draft document of the outreach piece that will be available on the website.

Member Fruhwirth requested staff note that the General Plan is currently in draft form. In the project description, add who the decision makers are, council, or staff and will public participation be requested at some point and when that will be.

Chairperson Rusing suggested including mention of protecting the flow of the Upper Verde River and should also mention recharge.

Ms. Graser responded they are trying to keep the document short. It will be part of a series and there will be additional information available online.

This item was for discussion only. No formal action was taken.

- C. Presentation, Discussion & Possible Action Regarding Potential Updates to the Water Service Applications and Water Management Policy Regarding Hazardous Materials.

Mr. Ruiz provided an update on the requested changes to the water service application regarding hazardous materials. The city is proposing updates to the Water Service Agreement (WSA) application and water policy to better address

hazardous materials and potential water contamination. These changes aim to align the application with existing pre-treatment and stormwater programs, ensuring industrial and commercial users identify any hazardous materials or activities that might affect the water or sewer systems. The revised application includes checkboxes for common use, an "other" option for clarification, and notifications that compliance with applicable water quality regulations (and related costs) is required. The water policy would also be updated to include descriptions of the pre-treatment and MS4 (stormwater) programs, with staff planning to bring these policy changes to the City Council for approval, likely at the May 13th meeting.

Chairperson Rusing thanked Mr. Ruiz for the work on updating the application.

Member Fruhwirth asked if reference to City Council review of WSA's is accurate since some are administratively approved.

Mr. Ruiz responded that he can touch up that language.

Chairperson Rusing suggested the legal department review the applications when hazardous material comes up.

Mr. Ruiz confirmed that legal is involved in the process and has reviewed the application changes.

MOTION BY CHAIRPERSON RUSING TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE WATER SERVICE APPLICATION AND FORWARD RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1923 AS AMENDED TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL; SECONDED BY MEMBER FRUHWIRTH: PASSED (3 - 0)

D. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Proposed Water Legislation Impacting the City of Prescott & Surrounding Areas.

Mr. Ruiz provided a summary of the status of water legislation bills.

- **Big Chino Subbasin Bill** (Rep. Gress): The bill was officially put on hold as of February 20th after a constructive meeting with stakeholders including Prescott and Prescott Valley. There's an agreement to revisit the topic in future sessions with new legislative proposals.
- **Most Water Legislation Stalled:** Many of the water-related bills, especially those tied to stormwater infrastructure and rural groundwater management, have not advanced this session—largely due to committee inaction.
- **Water Legislation Bottleneck:** A single committee chair is effectively blocking movement on statewide water bills, which has been a recurring challenge even with the governor's support for stronger groundwater legislation.

- **SB 1520:** A rural groundwater management bill has passed the Senate and seems poised to move forward, potentially challenging the governor's preferred approach.
- **HB 2271:** Aims to expand the reporting requirements of the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) for subbasin assessments. It seeks more transparency on static water levels, groundwater volume, stormwater metrics, and related data.
- **HB 2274:** Introduces a Water Improvement District in the Willcox Basin as an alternative to existing AMA regulation, this is also advancing.
- **SB 1448:** Originally focused on a farm irrigation efficiency fund with bipartisan support but was unexpectedly replaced (as a striker bill) with unrelated dental compact legislation. However, the \$10M fund may still be included in the state budget.
- **SB 1236:** A stormwater tracking bill is progressing but may face a veto depending on political alignment.
- **SB 1558:** Proposes a Water Technology Study Committee. While moving forward, it's controversial—critics argue subcommittees may not be the best format for evaluating new technologies.
- **SB 1523:** A water use prohibition bill related to landscaping has seen major revisions in the House and now appears more likely to pass.

This item was for discussion only. No formal action was taken.

- E. Presentation & Discussion Regarding the Amended 2022 Water Management Policy Discussion - Current Residential & Non-Residential Water Budget Overview for January 1, 2025 through March 20, 2025.

Mr. Ruiz provided updates for the January 1–June 30, 2025 water budget period, the residential allocation began at 25 acre-feet, with 5.6 acre-feet approved for the Bradshaw Senior Living Apartments and two administratively approved projects, leaving 19.6 acre-feet remaining. The non-residential budget also started at 25 acre-feet, with 11.33 acre-feet allocated to the Embry-Riddle Student Union project, leaving 13.67 acre-feet available. Additionally, 2.34 acre-feet have been allocated under existing contracts, primarily for single-family homes and one low-usage self-storage facility, though these do not impact the current budget totals.

This item was for discussion only. No formal action was taken.

- F. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Proposed Updates to City Code 3-10-8 (Incentive Program).

Item 3.F. was discussed prior to Item 3.C.

Tracie Beasley, Water Resources Project Manager, provided a presentation on proposed updates. The program needs added clarity to assist residents to take

advantage of the incentive program offerings.

Member Gambogi asked to consider including benchmarks for residential water usage. Education and communication is key, especially for residents new to the area.

Ms. Beasley agreed that education is critical. Her goal is to get out into the community to reach more residents. The suggested updates to the code are clarifications such as establishing deadlines for reimbursement. The intention is to align program benefits with current work and funding. A rolling one-year timeline is suggested for most rebates, allowing sufficient time for customers to complete projects. For turf-related applications, a shorter six-month window may be proposed. Establishing timelines would support fair and consistent program administration, as seen in other municipalities.

Member Fruhwirth requested to include a grace period before implementation of the timeline feature to take advantage of further community education.

Ms. Beasley continued with a proposal of an increase in the lifetime incentive cap from \$2,500 to \$5,000 was suggested for commercial, multifamily, and HOA applicants to support larger-scale water-saving projects. Updates to the turf rebate program include shifting language from “removal” to “replacement,” clarifying eligibility for actively irrigated areas, requiring smart irrigation systems, and limiting hardscape to 25% of the converted area to encourage permeable, water-efficient landscaping. Expanded educational resources will support clearer communication and better program implementation.

Member Fruhwirth asked for clarification on what hardscape means in the rebate policy.

Ms. Beasley responded that the intention is to encourage residents to use permeable materials in their landscaping so water can soak or flow through to the soil below. The hardscape was referring to concrete, solid type materials that are not permeable, and can update the wording for clarity.

Chairperson Rusing asked if they plan to work with professional landscapers.

Ms. Beasley confirmed they will work through YCCA (Yavapai County Contractors Association) and do outreach. The final major proposal includes clarifying language and correcting a minor error in the rain barrel rebate. A key addition is the inclusion of specific language to promote commercial toilet rebates, particularly for automated flushometer models common in large public restrooms. These toilets, which often flush more than necessary, can result in significant water use, but also offer substantial savings when replaced. To encourage participation, a rebate of \$225 is proposed for these higher-cost commercial toilets, which typically range from \$300 to \$500. This change aims to attract more commercial applicants—who have been underrepresented—and achieve greater water savings compared to standard residential replacements.

Member Fruhwirth agreed with increasing the incentive amount for commercial

toilets and suggested education through the Chamber of Commerce and others to reach more businesses.

Ms. Beasley provided clarification regarding washer rebate eligibility. While the CE guidelines currently listed on the website determine qualifying models, the list is difficult for customers to navigate. Although Energy Star certification is used as a reference for about 90% of the time, it's not fully reliable due to some specialty models that don't meet water efficiency standards. To help customers, links and guidance have been added to the website, and staff recommend using the EPA's product page, which clearly displays the necessary water factor (3.2 or lower) to simplify the selection process.

Member Fruhwirth asked whether the current budget is sufficient to handle a potential surge in participation due to increased outreach, education, and expanded program offerings.

Ms. Beasley acknowledged the possibility of higher demand and emphasized the importance of monitoring participation and spending closely. If the program proves highly successful, adjustments may be needed, but the intent is to manage growth responsibly within existing resources while maximizing water savings.

MOTION BY CHAIRPERSON RUSING TO FORWARD PROPOSED UPDATES TO CITY CODE 3-10-8 (INCENTIVE PROGRAM) TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL; SECONDED BY CHAIRPERSON FRUHWIRTH: PASSED (3 - 0)

4. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF

Mr. Ruiz added that the ADWR annual report, detailing the city's water usage and groundwater data for the year, was submitted on March 31st in compliance with the deadline. A focused discussion on the report's contents and water usage trends will be presented at the next meeting for informational purposes.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Rusing adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

PHILIP R. GOODE, Chair

ATTEST:

Torey Dawson, Deputy City Clerk



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: June 3 Water Issues Subcommittee
DATE: June 3, 2025
DEPT: Public Works
ITEM #: 3.C
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding the 2024 Annual Water Withdrawal & Use Report.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for a presentation of key information from the City's 2024 Annual Water Withdrawal and Use Report, submitted to the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) on March 31, 2025.

BACKGROUND

The City of Prescott is located within the Prescott Active Management Area (Prescott AMA) which includes the Town of Chino Valley, Town of Prescott Valley, parts of Unincorporated Yavapai County, the Town of Dewey-Humbolt, and the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Reservation. The Groundwater Code requires the City, as a water service provider, to report annual pumpage to ADWR. Reported water volumes include groundwater pumped, reclaimed and recharged effluent, and surface water. Annual withdrawal fees are assessed for groundwater withdrawn at \$2 per acre-foot. Fees are used to offset the cost of resource management and to fund conservation projects within the Prescott AMA. The City reported a total groundwater pumped for 2024 of 4,930.53 acre-feet and paid total withdrawal fees of \$9,861.06. Staff will provide a presentation regarding reporting requirements to ADWR and a summary of the 2024 report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding is budgeted and available in the Public Works Department Fiscal Year 2025 Water Budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.

ATTACHMENTS

1. ADWR Annual Report Presentation

Council Subcommittee for Water Issues

June 3, 2025

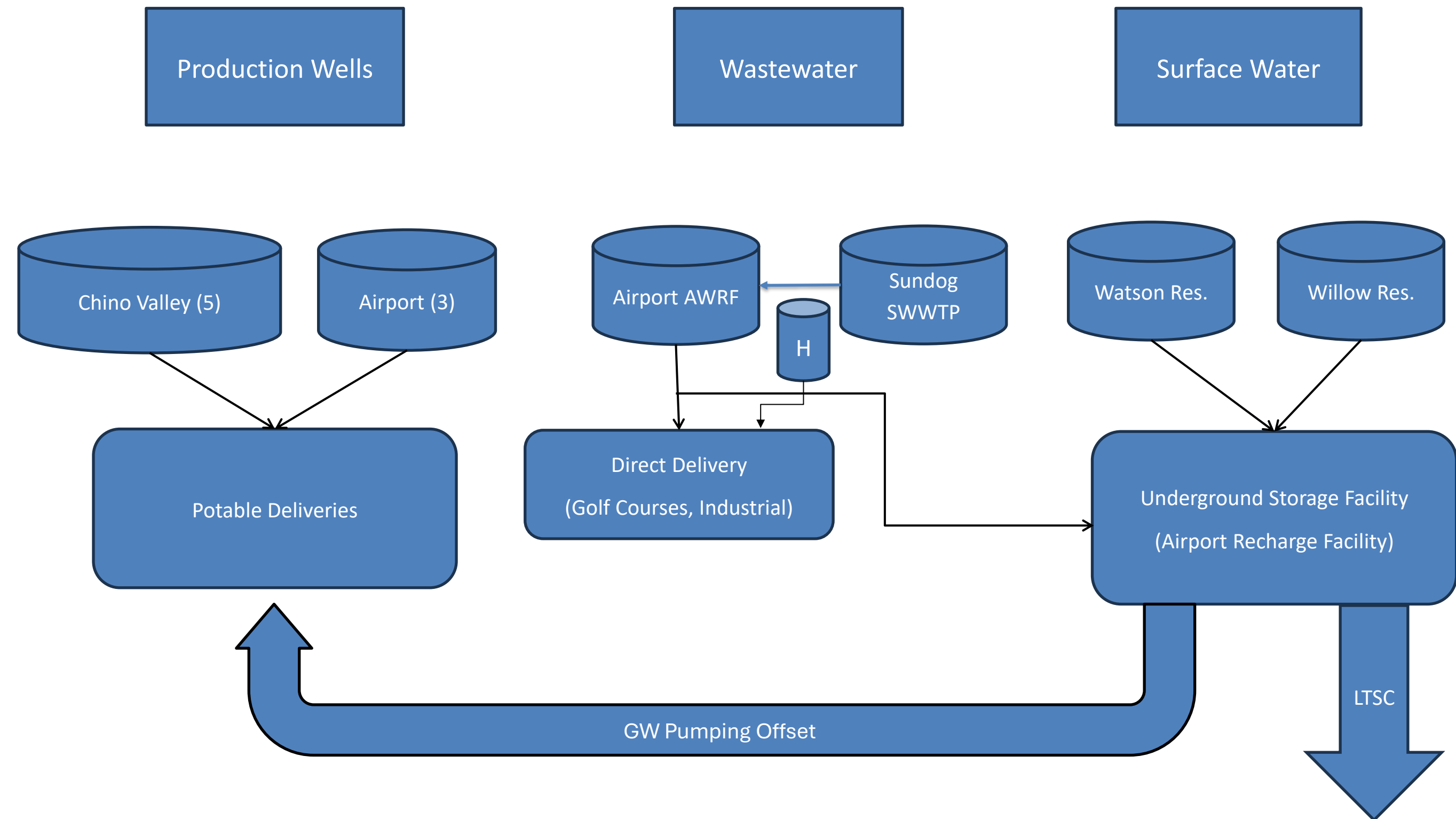
Brian Ruiz
Water Resource Manager



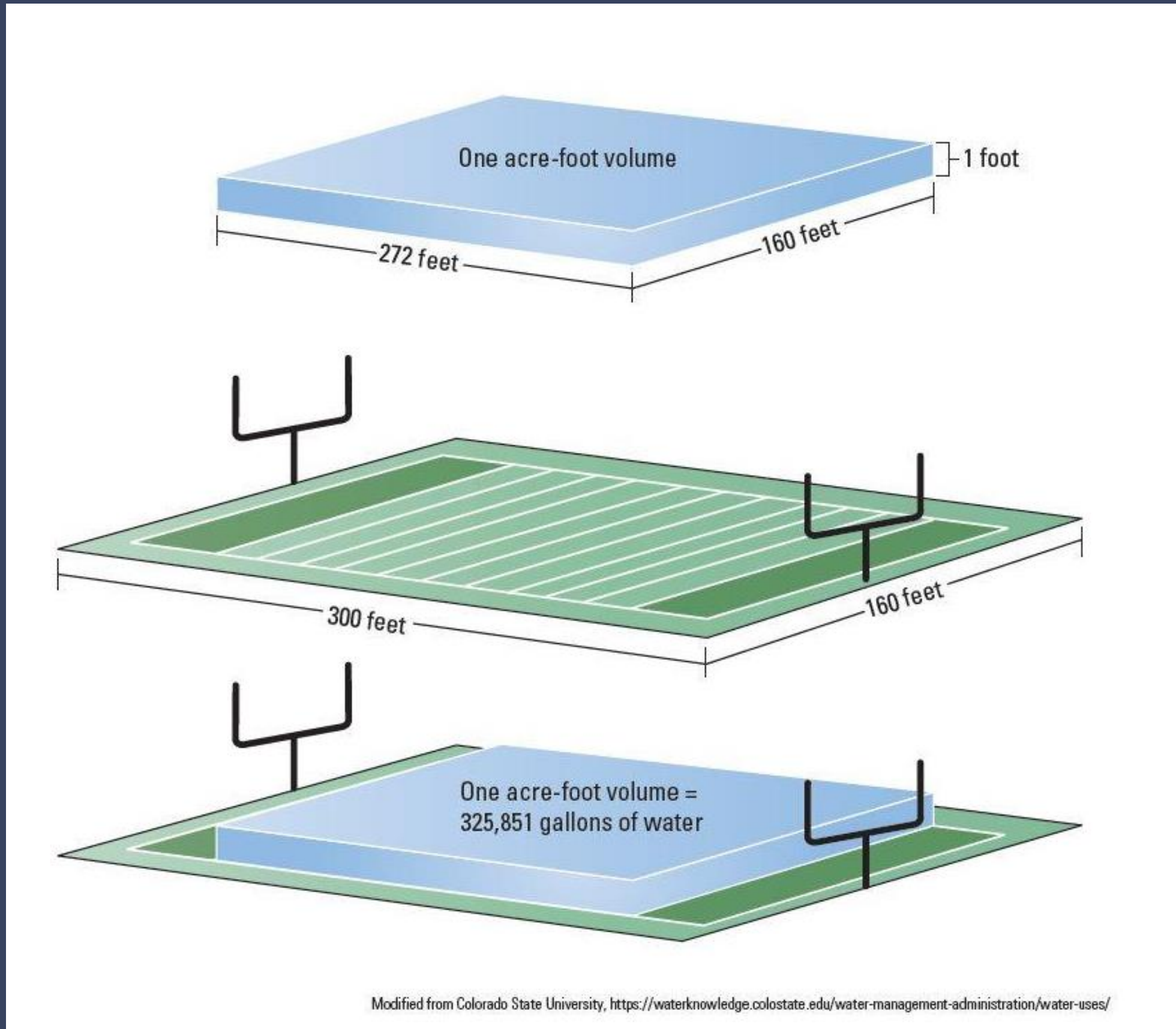
ADWR Water Withdrawal & Use Annual Report



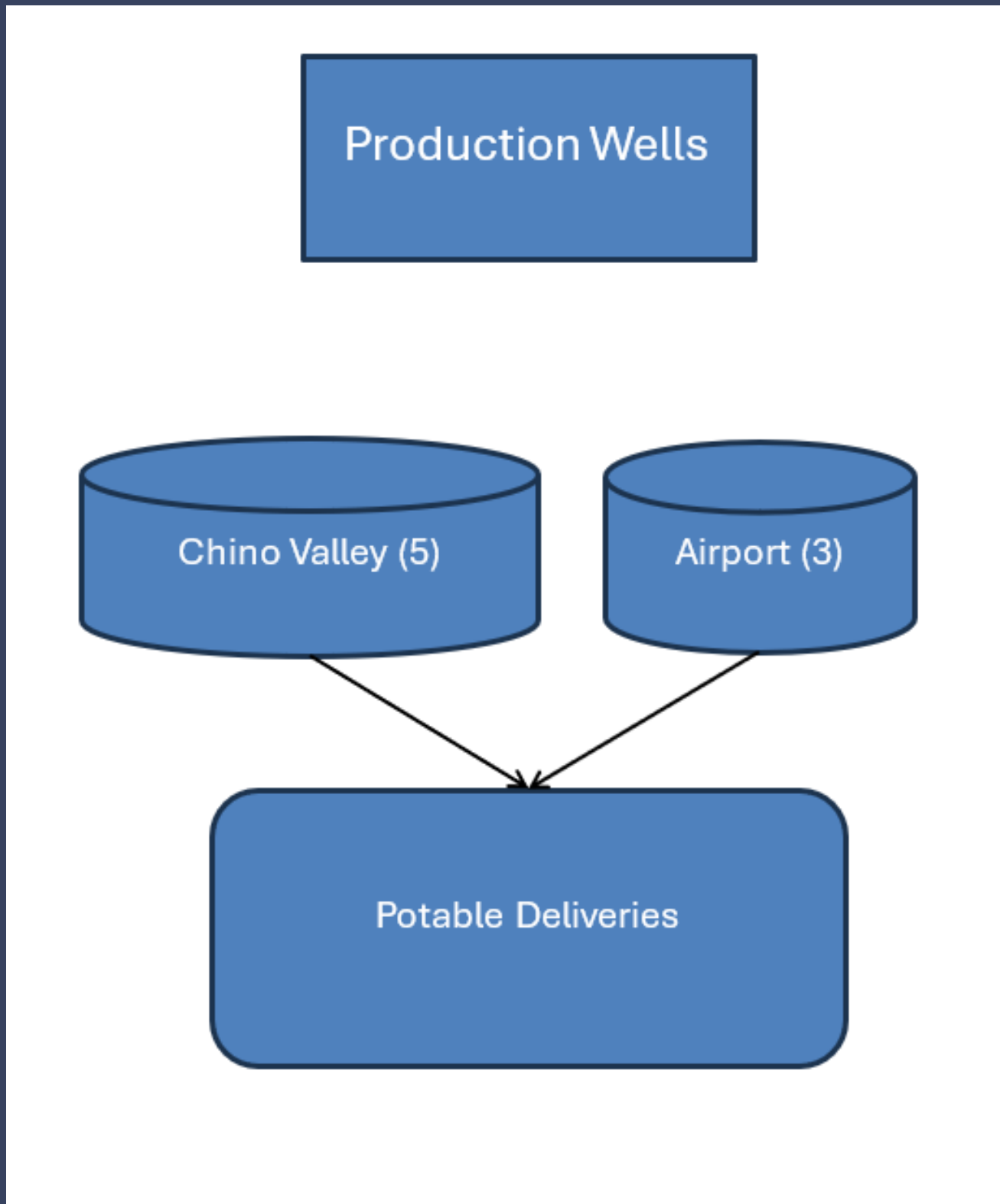
City Water Supplies



Acre-foot



Production Wells

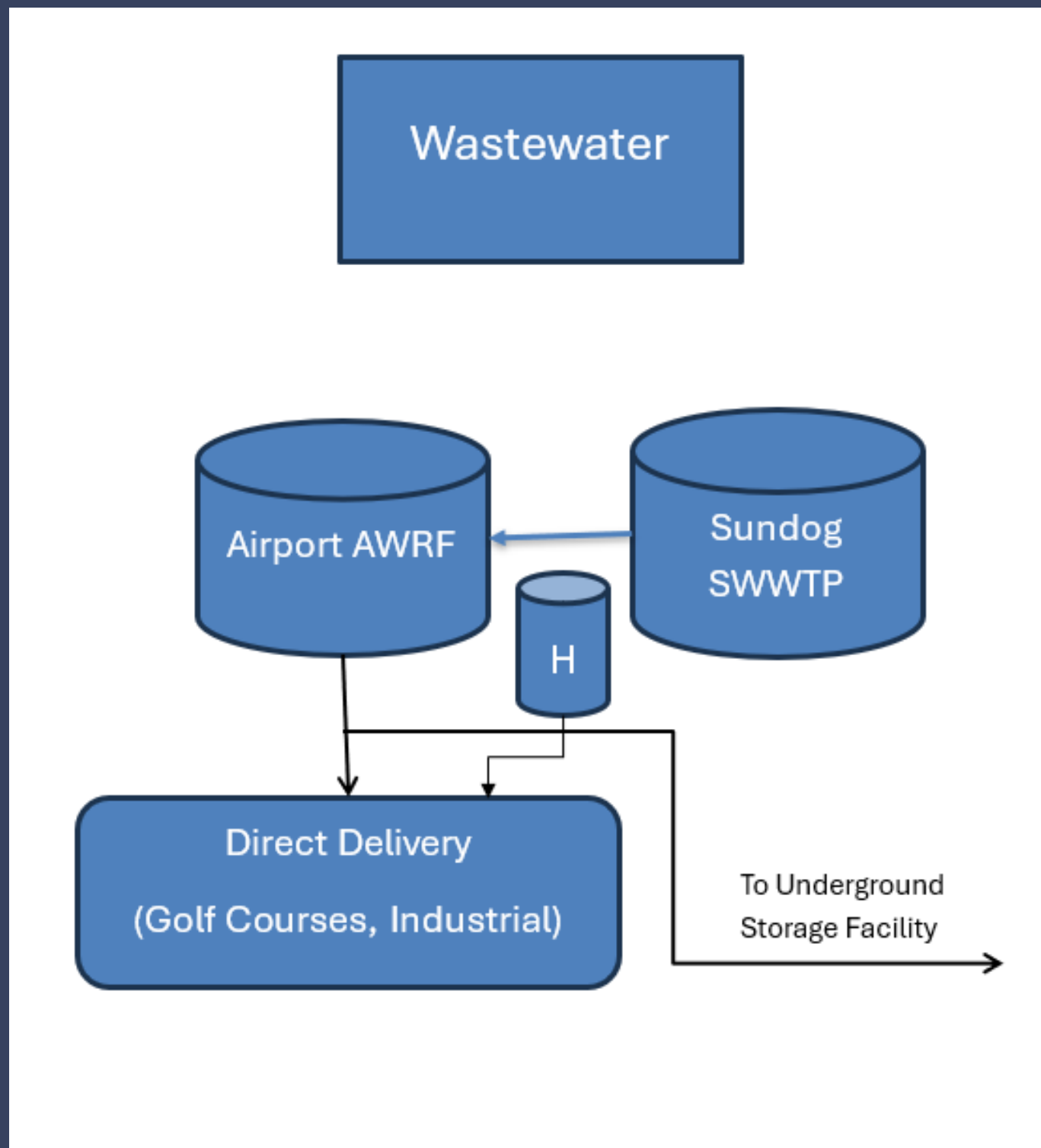


Eight Wells Currently in Production

SUMMARY STATS

Total Pumped: 7,292 AF
Total Deliveries: 6,580 AF
Loss & Unaccounted: 712 AF

Treated Effluent



Treatment Facilities:

- Airport Water Reclamation Facility
- Sundog Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Hassayampa Wastewater Treatment Plant

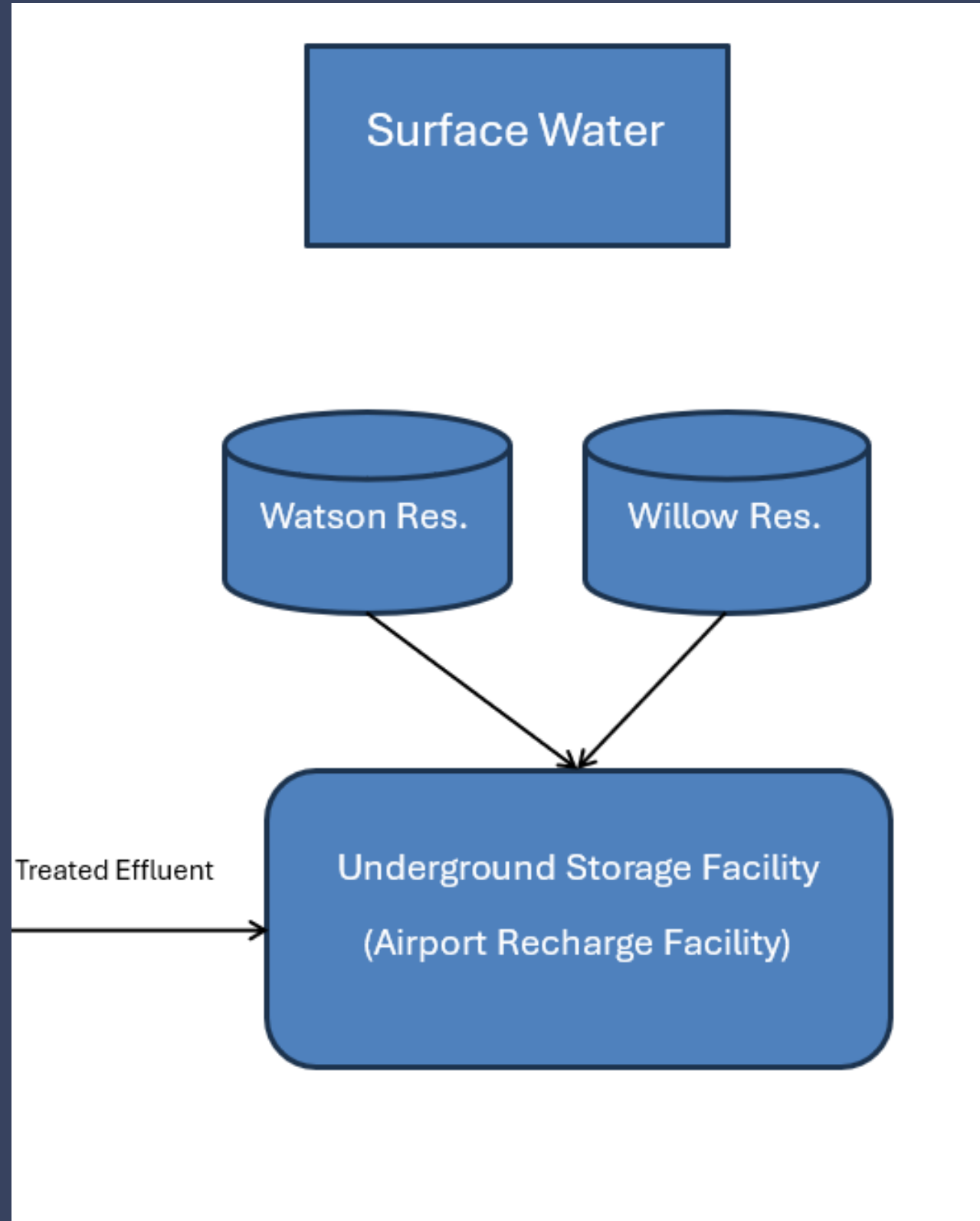
SUMMARY STATS

Total Treated: 4,676 AF

Total Recharge: 2,407 AF

Loss & Unaccounted: 740 AF

Surface Water

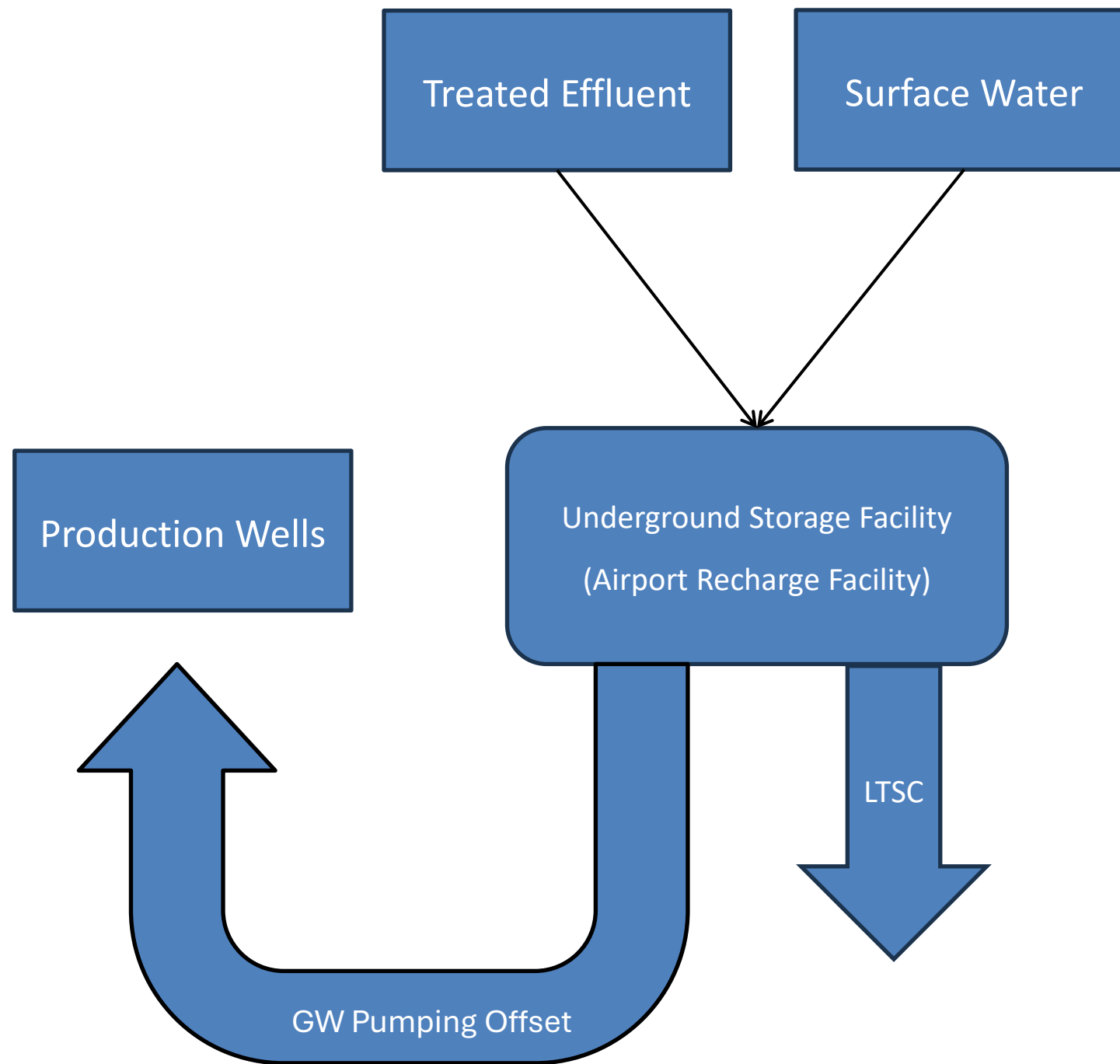


Sources:

- Watson Reservoir
- Willow Reservoir

Recharge Period April 1 through November 1
Surface Water Recharge: 1,161 AF

Underground Storage Facility



Sources:

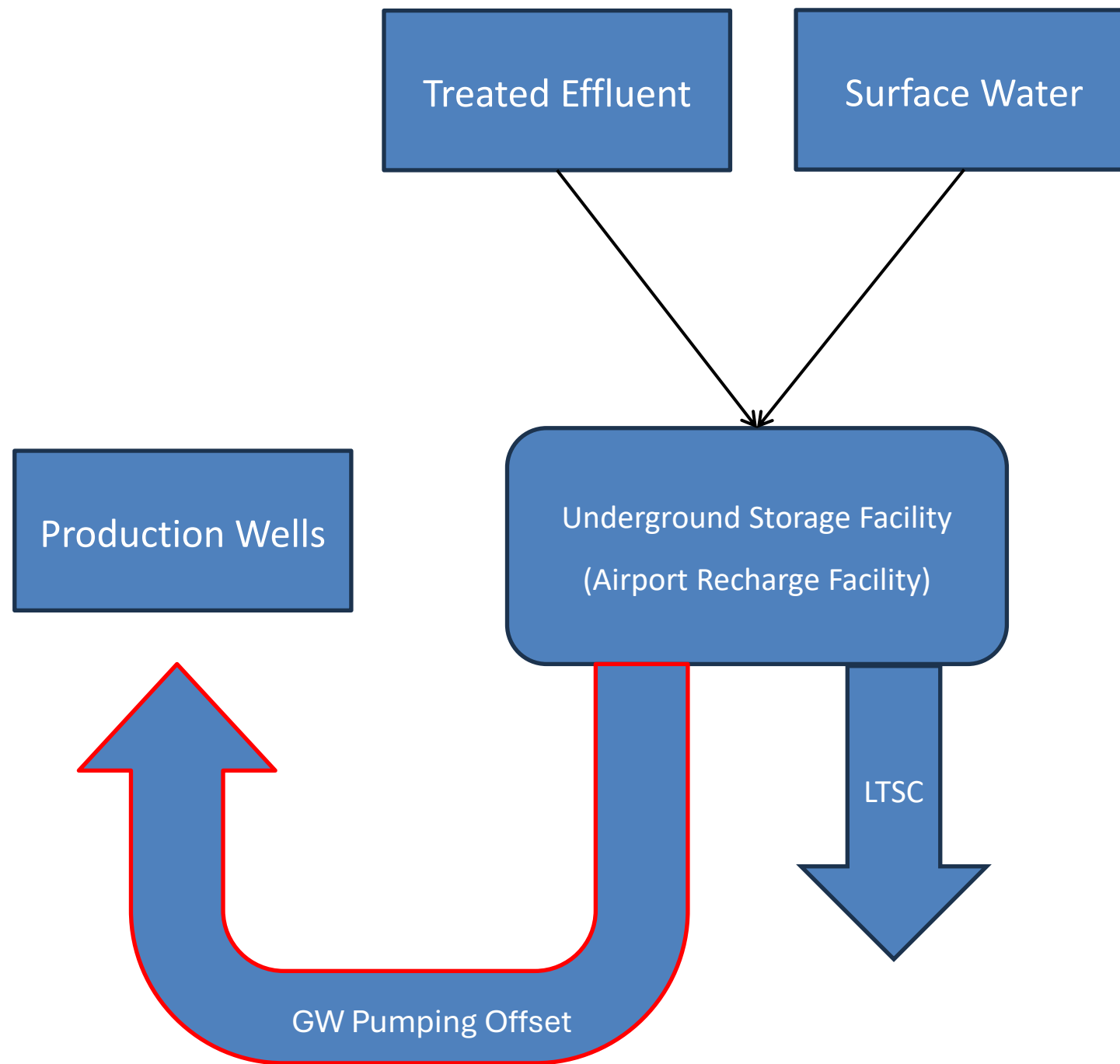
- Watson Reservoir
- Willow Reservoir
- Treated Effluent

Surface Water: 1,161 AF

Effluent Recharge: 2,407 AF

Total Recharge: 3,568 AF

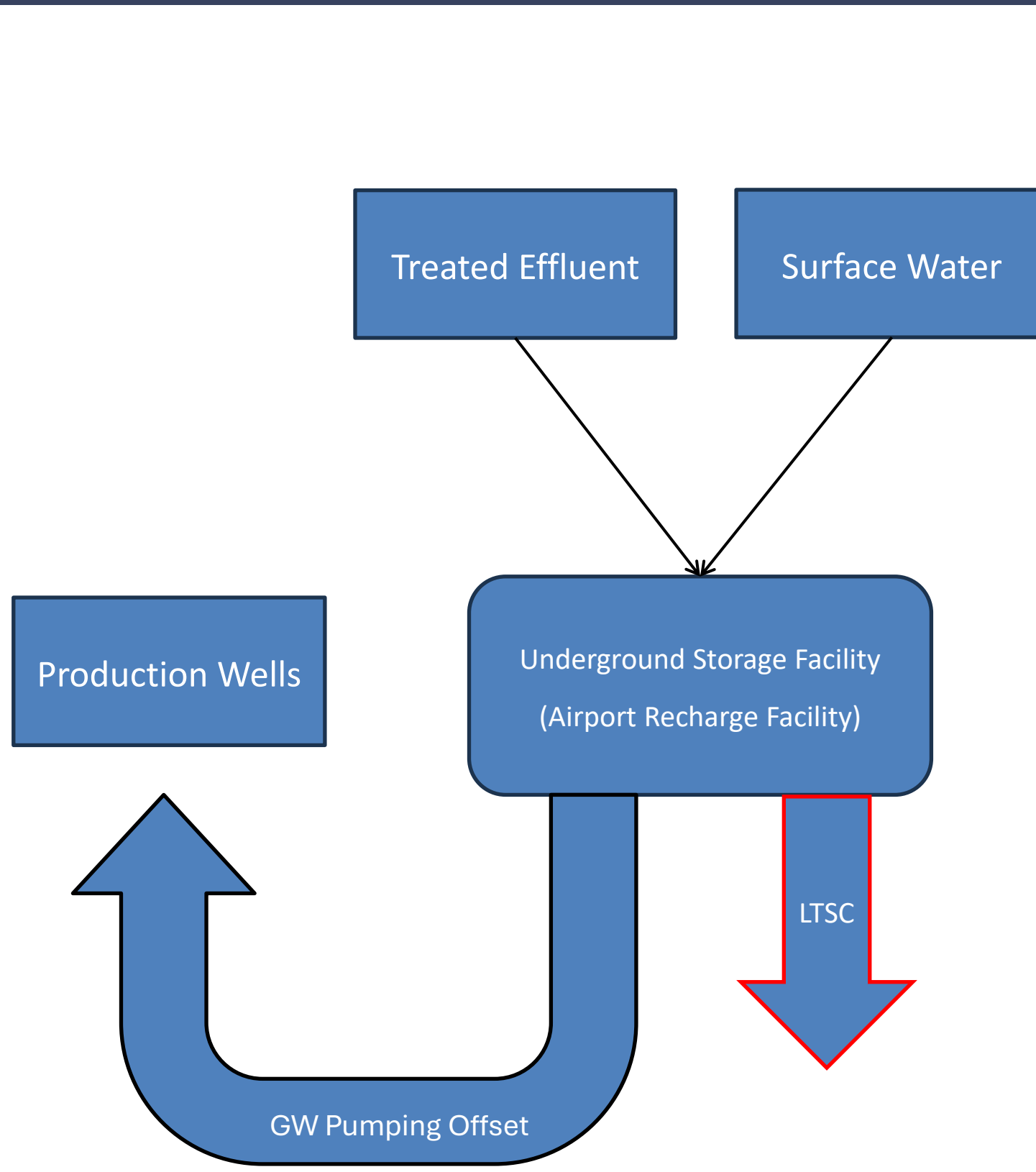
Use of Recharge



1) Offset groundwater pumping (Recovered Water)

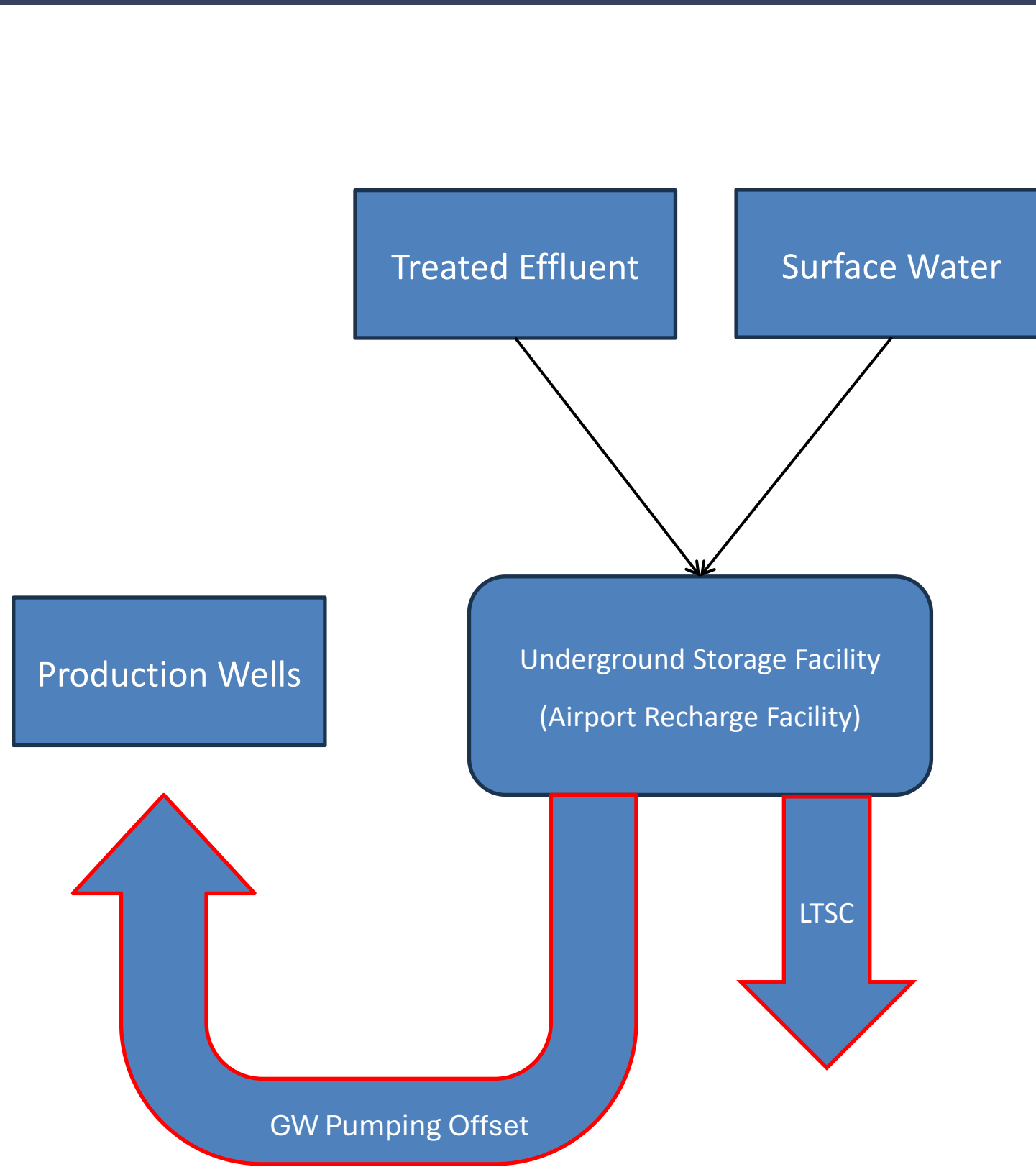
- Surface Water -Must be recovered the year recharged
- Treated Effluent -Can be recovered or;

Use of Recharge



- 1) Offset groundwater pumping (Recovered Water)
 - Surface Water - Must be recovered the year recharged
 - Treated Effluent - Can be recovered or;
- 2) Convert to Long Term Storage Credits (LTSC)

Use of Recharge



1) Offset groundwater pumping (Recovered Water)

- Surface Water - Must be recovered the year recharged
- Treated Effluent - Can be recovered or;

2) Convert to Long Term Storage Credits (LTSC)

For 2024 we split Treated Effluent:

- 1200 AF Recovered
- 1207 AF LTSC

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Annual Report Summary

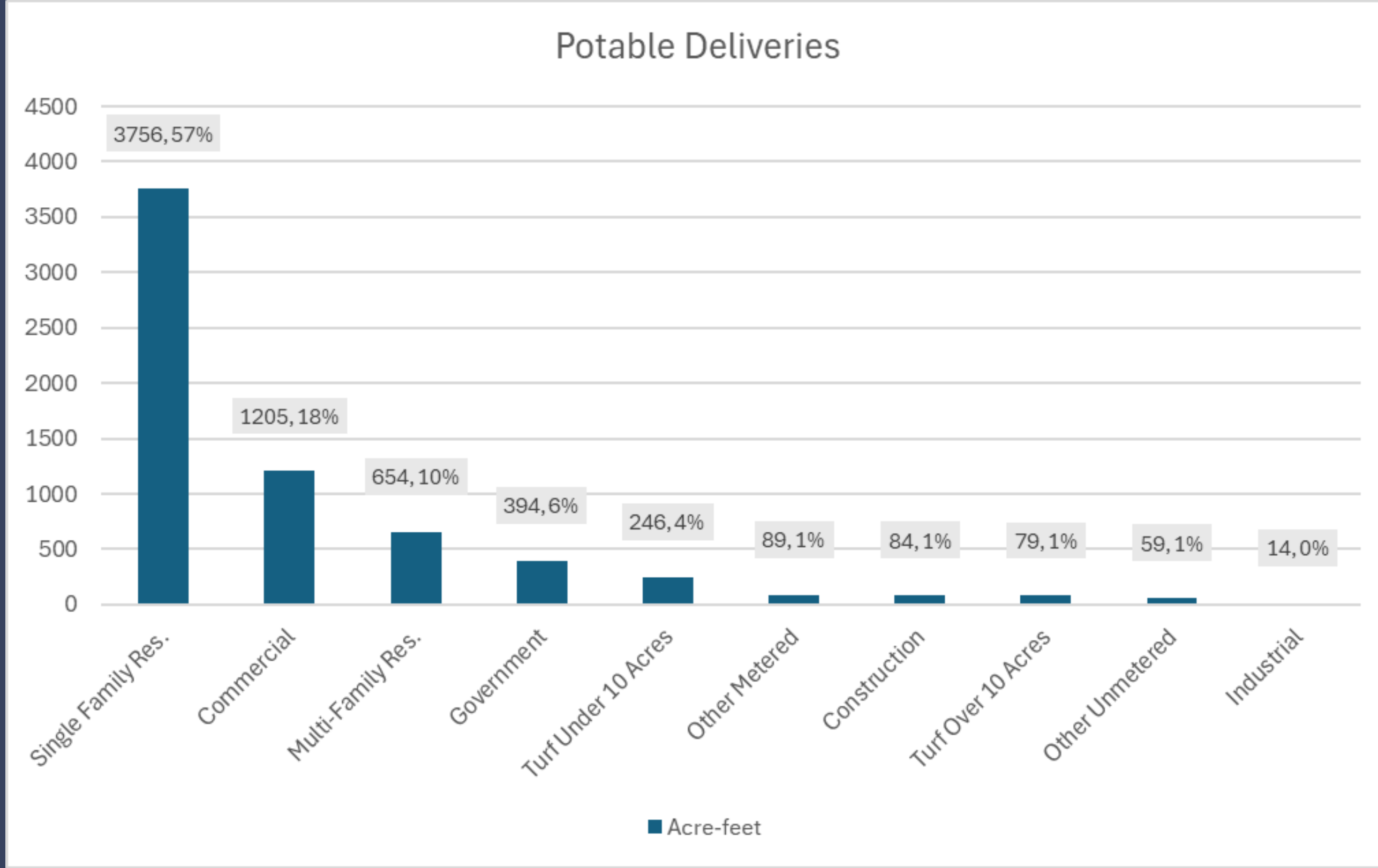
	Acre-Feet
TOTAL PUMPED	7,292 Acre-feet
TOTAL DELEVIERIES	6,580 Acre-feet
TOTAL TREATED EFFLUENT	4,676 Acre-feet
TOTAL SURFACE WATER	1,161 Acre-feet
TOTAL RECHARGE	3,568 Acre-feet
RECHARGED RECOVERED	1200 Acre-feet
RECHARGE – LONG TERM STORAGE CREDIT	1207 Acre-feet
TOTAL GROUNDWATER PUMPED/WITHDRAWN	4,931 Acre-feet

Total Withdrawal Fees Paid to ADWR: \$9,861.06

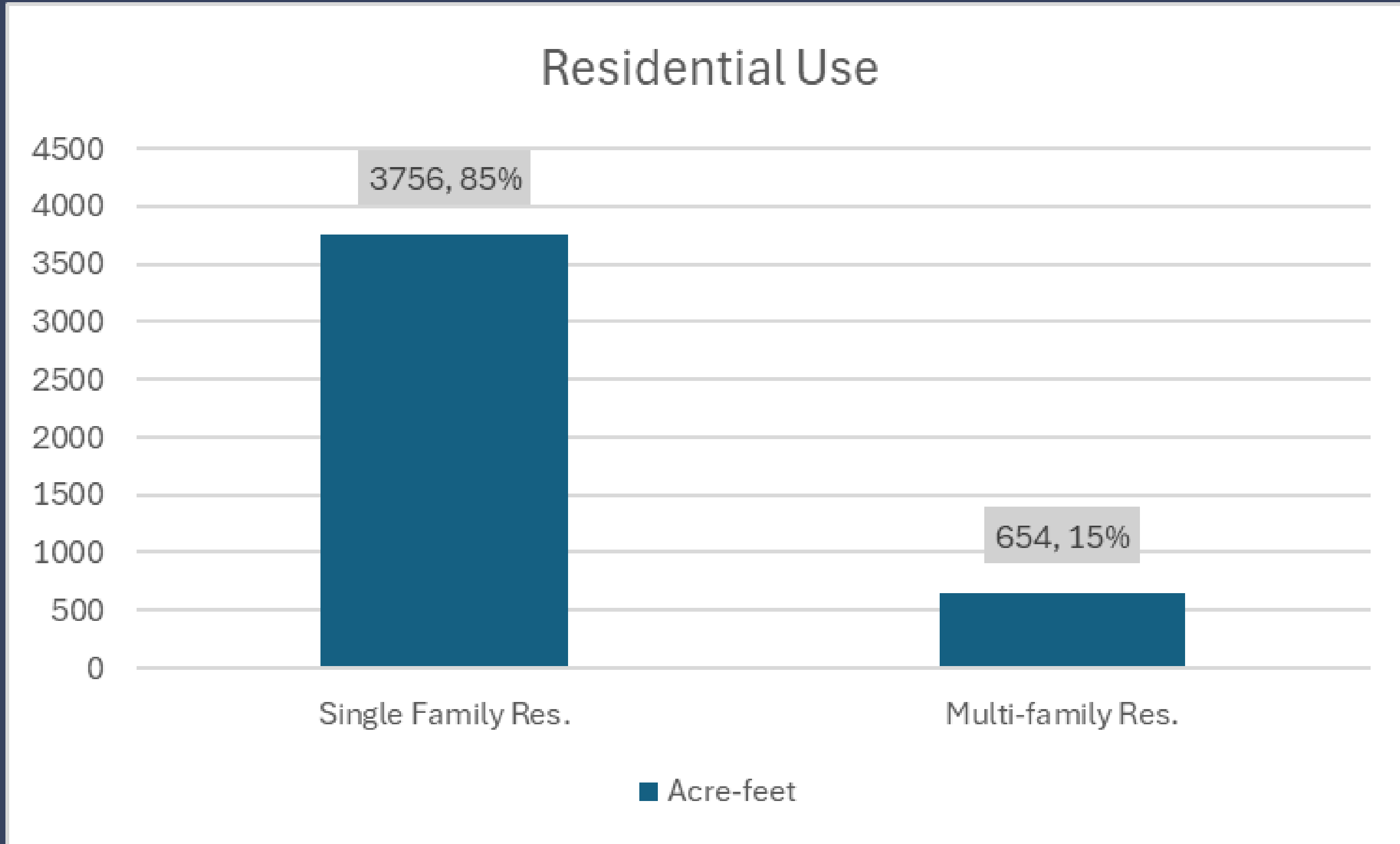
Total Groundwater Pumped/Withdrawn = Total Pumped - Total Surface Water - Recharge Recovered OR
 $7,292 - 1,161 - 1,200 = 4,931 \text{ AF}$

In accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes recharged surface water must be recovered annually. The City can decide if its recharged treated effluent is recovered annually and how much. The remainder of the recharged treated effluent is assigned to the City's Long Term Storage Account.

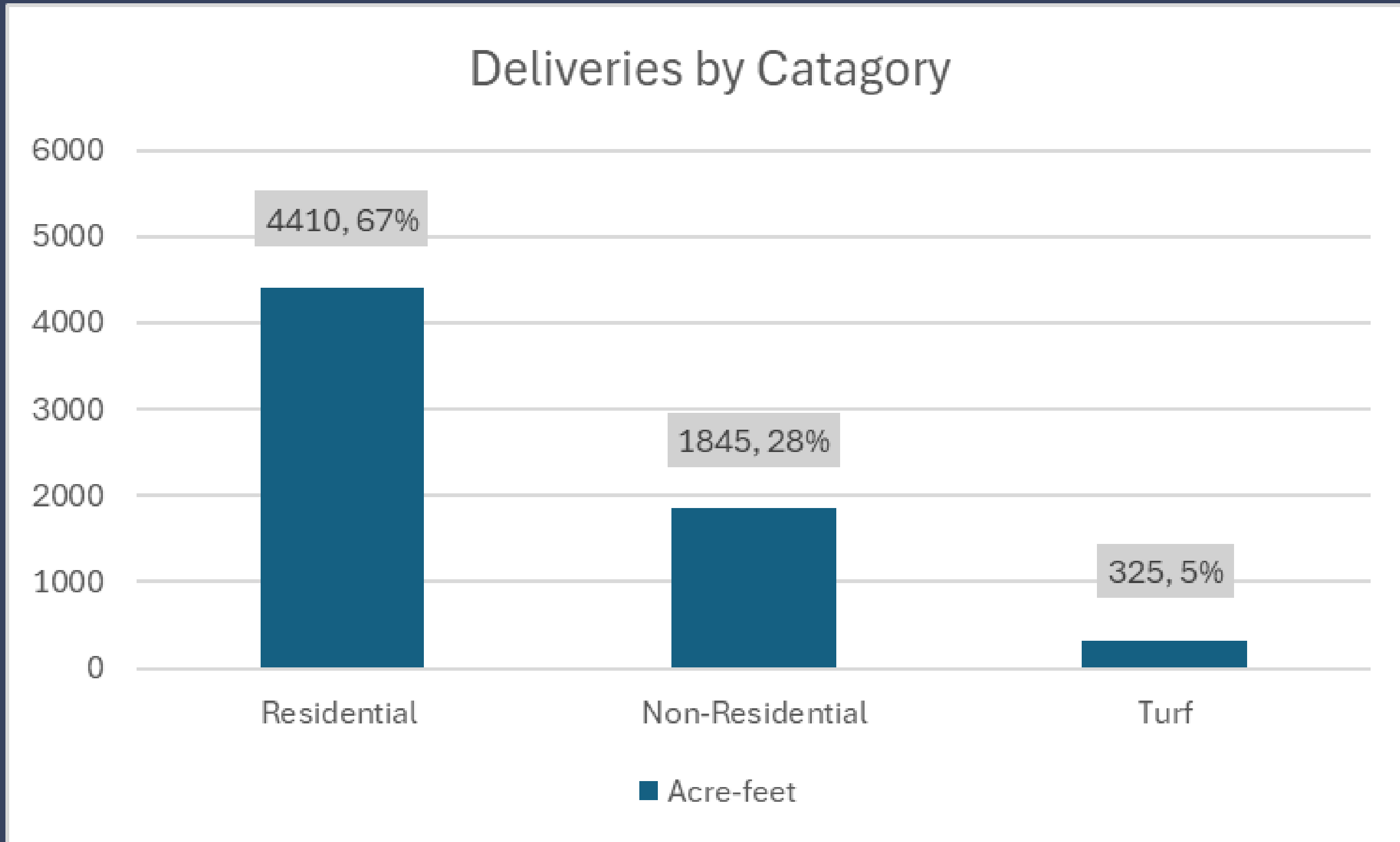
Deliveries



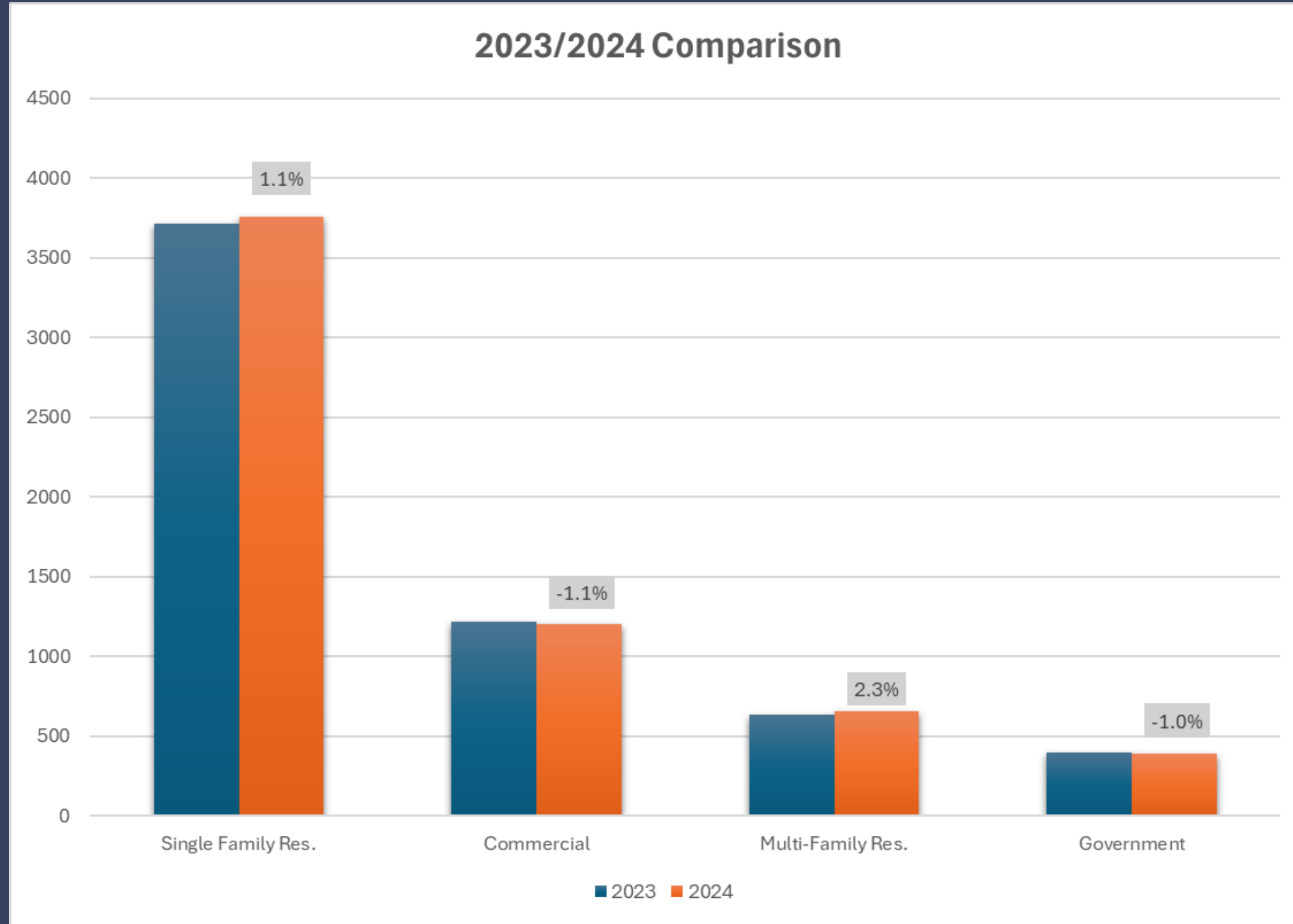
Deliveries



Deliveries



Deliveries



Questions?



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: June 3 Water Issues Subcommittee
DATE: June 3, 2025
DEPT: Public Works
ITEM #: 3.D
SUBJECT: 2022 Water Management Policy Discussion - Current Residential & Non-Residential Water Budget Overview for January 1, 2025 through May 19, 2025.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for review and discussion regarding the current residential and non-residential water budgets, including projects that have received approval for water between January 1, 2025 and May 19, 2025.

BACKGROUND

The 2022 Water Policy, Policy 11-13, established a semi-annual water budget for residential and non-residential projects. The budget set for January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 for residential projects was 25 acre-ft/year and the budget set for non-residential projects was 25 acre-ft/year.

Between January 1, 2025 and May 19, 2025, four new residential projects were approved. Three were single-family homes and one was a Senior Living home requesting 5.6 Acre-feet/year. The total remaining residential budget is 18.10 acre-ft.

Between January 1, 2025 and May 19, 2025 four new non-residential project were approved. One project requested 11.33 acre-feet/year and was approved by WIS and City Council. The other projects were administratively approved. The total remaining non-residential budget is 12.49 acre-ft.

Between January 1, 2024 and May 19, 2025 a total of 20 projects were approved under existing contracts. Nineteen of these projects were new single-family homes located primarily within Groundwater Subdivisions and one was a non-residential project. The total volume approved under existing contracts is 4.39 acre-ft/year. Projects under existing contract are not included in the water budget (Policy 9).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.

ATTACHMENTS

1. May 19 Water Budget Update
2. Water Budget_Presentation

**WATER POLICY TRACKING TABLE
APPROVED PROJECTS**

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS							
	PERMIT TYPE	DESCRIPTION	PERMIT NUMBER	AFY	APPROVAL TYPE	WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT	DATE APPROVED
1	RESIDENTIAL	SFR-Hassayampa	ENG2502-020	0.17	ADMIN - Residential under 1 AFY	WSA25-006	3/12/2025
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Council Subcommittee for Water Issues

June 3, 2025

Brian Ruiz
Water Resource Manager



Current
Residential & Non-
Residential Water
Budget Overview



January 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025

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Questions

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TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: June 3 Water Issues Subcommittee
DATE: June 3, 2025
DEPT: Public Works
ITEM #: 3.E
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding the July 2025 - December 2025 Residential & Non-Residential Water Budgets, in Accordance with the Amended 2022 Water Management Policy, Guideline No. 11.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for discussion and action regarding the July through December 2025 residential and non-residential water budgets.

The Amended 2022 Water Management Policy, Guideline 11, requires that the City Council set Water Budgets for both Residential and Non-Residential development at the last meeting in June and December of each year. This item will be for discussion and recommendation of the amount of the water budgets for January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

BACKGROUND

The City Council adopted the Amended 2022 Water Management Policy on March 26, 2024. The document sets forth the guidelines for a property owner or developer to receive water service from the City. Guideline 11 states, "The Council shall set the water budgets semi-annually at it's last meeting in June and December of each year." Guideline 12 sets the residential Water Budget and Guideline 13 sets the non-residential Water Budget.

The Water Policy tab of the Water Resource Management page of the City's webpage, includes information regarding the current Water Budget(s) as well as the amount of water approved and the amount of water remaining available for both residential and non-residential developments. The information is updated on the first and third Wednesday of each month and includes administratively approved projects as well as projects approved by City Council. Projects do not reduce the amount of water available in the Water Budget until they are administratively approved for permitting or approved at a City Council meeting.

The Council set a residential Water Budget of 25 acre feet per year (AFY) for January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. A total of 6.9 AFY was used to date with 18.1 AFY remaining. This represents approximately 28% of the Water Budget used for this time period. Note that one residential project was approved by Council on appeal for 13.24 AFY during this period.

The Council set a non-residential Water Budget of 25 AF for January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. A total of 12.52 AFY was approved to date with 12.48 AFY remaining. This represents approximately 50% of the Water Budget used for this time period.

Staff will provide an overview of potential projects which may come forward in the next review period as part of the discussion of this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOVE to forward the residential & non-residential water budgets for July through December 2025 to Council as recommended

ATTACHMENTS

1. Water Budget July-December 2025 _Presentation

Council Subcommittee for Water Issues

June 3, 2025

Brian Ruiz
Water Resource Manager



Setting of
Residential & Non-
Residential Water
Budget July –
December
2025



2025 JANUARY TO DECEMBER WATER BUDGET SUMMARY		
<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>		
	Number Applications	July -December 2024 AFY
Water Budget		25.00
Adminstrative Approval	3	1.3
Council Approval	1	5.6
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL APPROVALS	4	6.9
TOTAL WATER BUDGET REMAINING		18.10
<u>NON-RESIDENTIAL</u>		
	Number Applications	July -December 2024 AFY
Water Budget		25.00
Adminstrative Approval	3	1.19
Council Approval	1	11.33
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL APPROVALS	1	12.52
TOTAL WATER BUDGET REMAINING		12.48

Note: Council approved a residential project on appeal for 13.24 AFY during the first half of 2025

POTENTIAL PROJECTS

POTENTIAL RESIDENTIAL

Project No.	Project Name	Description	Location	Approximate Water Demand AFY
CUP24-003	Rincon Ridge	30 - Mobile Home Park	906 Rock Lane	3.6
PAC25-023	10 Unit Apartment Complex	10 Unit Apartment Complex	450 Goodwin St	1.5
PAC25-033	Stetson Rd Apartments	48 Unit Apartment Complex	1317 Stetson Rd	6.5
PAC25-036	Granite Creek Village	SFR and MFR Development	1101 White Spar	7.0
PAC25-037	500 Copper Basin Rd	15 Apartment Units	500 Copper Basin	2.0
PAC25-045	646 W Gurley	Multi-family Triplex	646 W Gurley St	1.5
PAC25-051	Lafferty Ranch Subdivision	4 Lot SFR Subdivision	3910 E State Route 69	1.0
PAC25-060	130 N Cortez	17 Unit Apartment Conversion	130 N Cortez	2.0
PAC25-062	TPAZ Villas Touchmark	63 Apartment Units	3150 Touchmark Blvd	2.0
PAC25-064	Cortez Project	9 Unit Multifamily	410 S Cortez	1.5
PAC24-082	Grace Ave Residence	1- SFR Home	235 Grace Ave	0.2
PAC24-053	Whipple Cover	5-6 Townhome Units	913 Canterbury Ln	1.0
PAC23-133	New Townhomes	6 Unit Townhome Units	544 Dameron Rd	1.0
PAC23-124	Multi-family Complex	6 Units Replace 7 SF Houses	614 E Willis St	1.0
PAC23-004	Townhomes at the Ranch	15 Townhome Units (1800-2200 SF)	3351 Gateway Blvd	2.5
		TOTAL POTENTIAL WATER		34.3
		EXPECTED RANGE		8-25

POTENTIAL NON-RESIDENTIAL

Project No.	Project Name	Description	Location	Approximate Water Demand AFY
PAC-24-079	Custom Granite Works	Stone Countertop Fabrication Bld.	Prescott Airpark Unit 6	2.5
PAC25-014	Mountain Institute CTED	Tech School	2989 Centerpointe East	2.0
PAC25-040	Turcas Assisted Care Facility	10 Room Assistant Care House	5995 Symphony Dr	2.0
PAC25-042	2237 Cirrus Lot 40	Metal Bld with 6 Condos	2237 Cirrus LN	1.0
PAC25-044	Liberator #2	Storage Condos	2650 Liberator	1.0
PAC25-048	Thundermaker Whipple OTC	Day Care to Outpatient Therapy	1045 Whipple St	1.0
PAC25-052	S&A Excavation New Bld	Construction Yard and Building	2105 Gulfstream	2.0
PAC25-053	Prescott House	Drug Rehab Group Home	1306 W Gurley St	2.0
PAC25-056	Tri-City Prep High School	Classroom Buliding	5522 Side Rd	2.0
PAC25-061	Yavapai Foot and Ankle Center	Medical Office Building	5431 Distinction Way	2.0
PAC25-065	Cornerstone Church	New Church & Classroom Building	5438 Larry Caldwell	2.0
PAC25-068	Guidance Aviation Dev	Office, Hanger, Helipad	Airport Industial	1.5
REZ24-002	Willow Creek Commons	Office and Retail	Willow Creek Road	3.0
PAC24-051	Suits Law	Office and Retail	732 W Hillside	1.0
PAC23-151	Business Park	42 Units	6739 Generation Ln	3.0
PAC23-140	Surgery Center	Surgery Center	1511 W Gurley St	2.0
PAC23-040	New Office Building	2-Story Office Bldg	1545 Plaza West Dr	1.0
PAC23-039	Plaza Hotel	55 Rooms with Wine Bar	140 S. Montezuma St	8.0
		TOTAL POTENTIAL WATER		34.5
		EXPECTED RANGE		10-30

Questions

Thank you



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: June 3 Water Issues Subcommittee
DATE: June 3, 2025
DEPT: Public Works
ITEM #: 3.F
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding an Update on PFAS Consultant Contract.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is to discuss the PFAS consultant contract. The City of Prescott has been working with a vendor to prepare a number of technical memoranda that will assist City staff in determining the best way forward to remove PFAS contaminants from the water supply and aquifer.

BACKGROUND

The City advertised an RFQ for an engineering consultant to assist City staff with removal of PFAS contamination from our potable wells as well as identifying the potential source of the groundwater contamination. The City is finalizing the fee and scope for this project and staff would like to share the scope of this project.

PFAS is known as Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances. There are many thousands of contaminants in the category of PFAS. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has passed regulations for the removal of these contaminants from the potable water system. In May 2022, Prescott staff conducted a study of all the potable wells in Chino Valley and the airport, the sources of Prescott's drinking water. Within the samples collected, PFAS was identified in all the City wells at some level and Airport Well 5 had such a high concentration, it was idled and removed from the water system. In Fall 2023, EPA adjusted the Maximum Contaminate Level (MCL) of the PFOA and PFOS species to 4 parts per trillion (ppt), regulated several other species of PFAS in a mixture, and set the time of compliance to May of 2029. City staff continued sampling the wells monthly, then quarterly to ensure that PFAS levels were below the 4ppt concentration. All wells in the Chino and Airport Well field were under the regulated levels for PFAS except Airport Well 5, which showed contamination levels four times higher than the required MCL. Fall of 2024, City staff advertised for an engineering contractor to assist City staff in understanding the nature of the PFAS contamination, potential sources of contamination, and the best methods for removal of PFAS from the water system. In May 2025 the EPA reduced the number of regulated contaminants to just PFOS and PFOA species of PFAS, kept the current level of 4ppt, and extended the time for conforming to the PFAS MCL until May 2031.

The scope of the RFQ includes the following analyses: **Hydrological Evaluation**, which will study the aquifer and find the best area for new wells that would be outside the current PFAS contamination area. The **Particle Tracking Model** will look for potential sources of PFAS which will also assist in siting new wells. **Alternative Treatment methods** for the removal of PFAS to determine the best contaminant removal concept for the City's water. The options that will be evaluated will be blending, wellhead, or centralized treatment. A **Treatment Alternatives** memo that compares the capital, operating, and maintenance costs as well as determines which treatment technology will be the best for our water. Those technologies include Granular Activated Carbon (GAC), Ion Exchange (IX), and Fluoro-sorb removal with high-level conceptual layouts. The last memo will prepare alternatives and a decision matrix, final recommendations, and a final conceptual layout and costs for each type of treatment technology. Finally, all the memos will be combined in a final report that will be titled **PFAS Roadmap**. In addition, the vendor will perform up to 21 virtual

and in-person meetings, which include a City Council meeting or study session and one public meeting. The study will take approximately 1 year to complete and will provide a large amount of data to assist staff and Council in deciding on the next steps in removing PFAS contamination from the water system.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The study is budgeted in the FY 25 budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.

ATTACHMENTS

1. PFAS Consultant Contract Scope



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STEVEN OLFERS
UTILITIES MANAGER

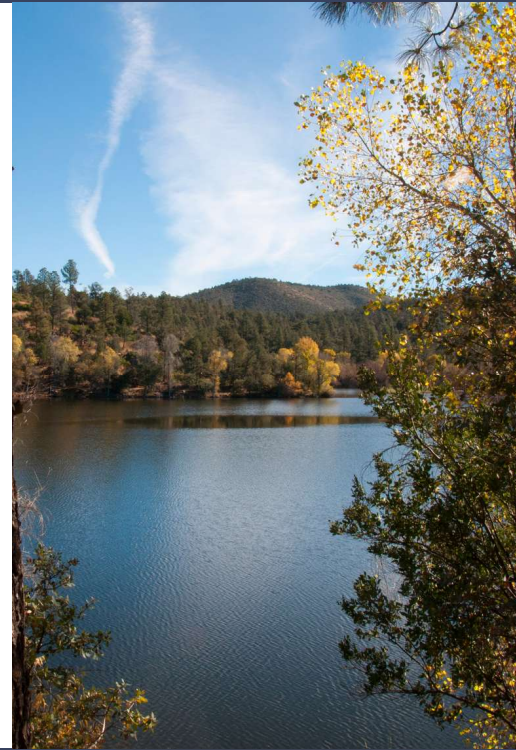
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Introduction to Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

What Are PFAS and Why Do They Matter?

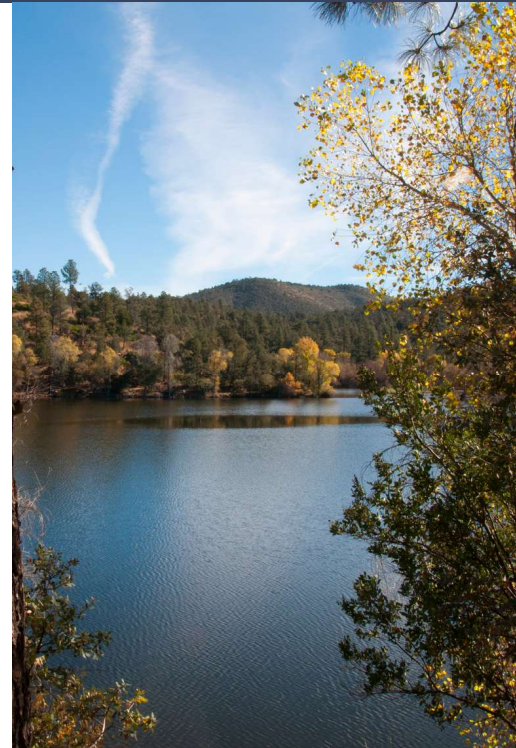
- PFAS is a general name for Fluorinated Carbon chains that resist degradation in the environment.
- Over 10,000+ identified
- Found in many commercial products including cookware, food packages, and textiles
- Released into the wastewater system from normal use
- Wastewater plants cannot effectively remove from the waste stream
- Also found in water, air, and soil samples throughout the environment



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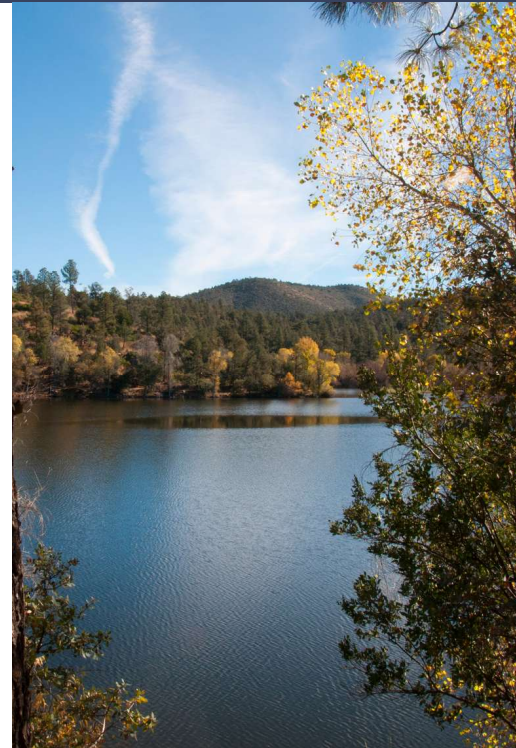
- In May of 2022, City Wells were tested and were found to contain a small amount of PFAS in all wells.
- Airport Well 5 found to have a level of contamination higher than recommended by the EPA and was subsequently temporarily taken off-line.
- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued new rules in 2023.
- Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) were set at 4 parts per trillion (PPT) for PFOS and PFOA as well as other species that are regulated as a mixture.



Introduction to Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

COP Response and EPA Rule Adjustments

- COP begins monthly, then quarterly testing
- Current levels in the Chino and Airport wells are below the 4 ppt, except Airport well 5.
- In Fall of 2024, COP advertised an RSOQ to procure a consultant to develop recommendations for treatment of contaminants at Airport Well 5 and other wells.
- May of 2025, EPA retracts several regulated PFAS substances, maintains the MCL on PFOS and PFOA and extends date of compliance to May of 2031.



PFAS Consultant Contract Scope



Purpose & Objectives

- The contract will focus on how PFAS gets into the aquifer and ways to determine additional well sites.
- The following technical reports will be generated from this study:
 - Hydrogeologic Evaluation
 - Study the existing aquifer
 - Assist in siting new wells
 - Particle Tracking Model
 - Look for potential PFAS sources
 - Assists in siting new wells

PFAS Consultant Contract Scope



Evaluating PFAS Treatment

- Alternative Treatment Methods
 - Reducing PFAS levels with differing treatment methods
 - Blending
 - Wellhead treatment
 - Centralized treatment
 - Technologies to consider:
 - Granular Activated Carbon (GAC)
 - Ion exchange (IX)
 - Fluoro-sorb
 - High-level treatment conceptual layouts

PFAS Consultant Contract Scope



PFAS Treatment Strategy

- Overall Alternative Recommendations and Decision Matrix
 - Decision-making criteria including analysis to date
 - Final recommendations
 - Final conceptual site layout and costs
- PFAS Roadmap (Final Report)
 - Combine all memoranda into one report
 - Recommendations for phasing for
 - Immediate
 - Intermediate
 - Long-term solutions

PFAS Consultant Contract Scope



Workshops, Deliverables, and Project Timeline

- Vendor workshops with Staff
 - 21 total virtual and in person meetings and workshops
 - Includes two meetings for City Council and/or Public
- Timelines
 - First tech memo 10 weeks after Notice to proceed (NTP)
 - Other tech memos to follow every 2-4 weeks
 - Council meeting and public meetings
 - PFAS roadmap 60 weeks after NTP



Questions & Discussion



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: June 3 Water Issues Subcommittee
DATE: June 3, 2025
DEPT: Community Development
ITEM #: 3.G
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding Proposed State Water Legislation.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for Water Resources staff will provide a status update on State Legislation related to water proposed for 2025.

BACKGROUND

The Subcommittee on Water Issues has heard several presentations regarding the status of proposed State Legislation regarding water and how that legislation may impact the City and the Prescott Active Management Area. At the start of the legislative session, the Northern Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (NAMWUA) reviewed 122 water-related bills to recommend support, opposition, or remain neutral. The Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) website has a Legislative Affairs section which provides updates on water bills that the ADWR is tracking. This presentation will provide the status of the bills being tracked by ADWR and NAMWUA, water bills vetoed by the Governor, and water bills transmitted to the Governor's Office. Attachment 1 includes a list of the water bills from the ADWR website and NAMWUA tracked bills that are still currently active as of May 22nd, 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1_Water Bill Status
2. Water Legislature Updates_Presentation

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HB 2089	Subsequent AMA; voters; removal	Modifies procedures for designating and removing subsequent active management areas (AMAs) for groundwater basins. After 10 years, registered voters residing in a designated subsequent AMA may file petitions signed by at least ten percent of residents to remove the AMA designation. The county board of supervisors is required to forward petitions to the Director of ADWR, who must examine groundwater conditions within 60 days of receiving the petition and either declare the AMA necessary or allow for an election to decide its removal. Election procedures and responsibilities for costs are outlined, including conditions for multi-county AMAs.	Vetoed by Governor	Opposed
HB 2091	Land division; applicant submissions; review	Requires ADWR to review applications for certificates of assured water supply in the Phoenix Active Management Area submitted between January 26, 2021, and May 31, 2023, that were denied or not yet granted as of the effective date. Requires determinations to be based on specific groundwater flow models or financial data submitted by the applicants. Eligible applicants must request reviews within 90 days.	Passed House, Placed on Senate Caucus calendar	Support
HB 2103	Appropriation; Colorado River Compact, defense	Appropriates \$1 million from the state general fund in FY2025-26 to the Department of Water Resources to defend Arizona's allocation of Colorado River water under the Colorado River Compact of 1922.	Passed House, Passed Senate Appropriations	Neutral
HB 2202	Subsequent AMA; previously nonirrigated land	Allows irrigation in subsequent active management areas for land that was not previously irrigated if the land is adjacent to a previously irrigated parcel, and the irrigation would not cause the person to exceed the groundwater volume allowed by the irrigation grandfathered rights. Retroactive to August 30, 2022.	Vetoed by Governor	Opposed
HB 2203	Historical water use; subsequent AMA	For irrigated land to receive grandfathered irrigation rights when the land become part of a subsequent active management area (AMA), the land must have been legally irrigated at any time during the ten years, increased from five years, preceding the date of the notice of the initiation of designation procedures for the AMA. The calculations for the amount of grandfathered irrigation rights are also changed to refer to the previous ten years instead of five years. Retroactive to August 30, 2022.	Vetoed by Governor	Opposed
HB 2204	Assured water supply; commingling	When determining an assured water supply, the Director of ADWR is allowed to consider only the proposed source(s) of water dedicated to a specific use, even if the supply is distributed through a commingled system. The ADWR Director is prohibited from requiring a subdivider applying for a certificate of assured water supply or commitment of water service to procure or dedicate more water than 100 percent of the amount needed for the subdivider's proposed use.	Passed House, Placed on Senate Caucus calendar	Support
HB 2270	Groundwater model; stormwater recharge; AMAs	Requires ADWR to adopt updated rules for groundwater modeling in Active Management Areas (AMAs). The updated rules must account for stormwater recharge from new or existing infrastructure. ADWR is required to update the groundwater model for AMAs annually to reflect new recharge data.	Vetoed by Governor	Opposed
HB 2271	Supply & Demand Assessment-GW	Establishes a list of information that the director of ADWR must include in the five-year supply and demand assessment for all groundwater basins.	Governor Vetoed	Opposed
HB2274	Water improv district-Wilcox Basin	Authorizes the Cochise County Board of Supervisors to call a special election for residents within the Willcox groundwater basin to decide whether to establish a domestic water improvement district. Limits the district's jurisdiction to the portion of the basin within Cochise County. Grants the district authority to deliver drinking water, construct water infrastructure, and manage groundwater recharge projects. Designates the Cochise County Board of Supervisors as the district's governing body if voters approve its formation.	Transmitted to Governor	Neutral

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HB 2298	Physical availability exemption credit; groundwater	Allows landowners in active management areas to permanently relinquish irrigation grandfathered rights in exchange for physical availability exemption credits, which permit groundwater withdrawals under specific replenishment requirements. Establishes groundwater withdrawal and replenishment obligations for the Phoenix, Tucson, and Pinal Active Management Areas. Requires ADWR to identify and track these credits and to determine physical availability for assured water supply applications using specified criteria. Exempts certain groundwater withdrawals from physical availability requirements under assured water supply rules.	Passed House COW amended	Neutral
HB 2551	Grandfathered right; Willcox AMA; extension	Extends the application period for individuals claiming a grandfathered groundwater right in the Willcox Active Management Area to 21 months after the area's designation. Retroactive to January 8, 2025.	Vetoed by Governor	Neutral
HB 2568	Conservation requirements; industrial water use	By January 1, 2026, ADWR is required to include conservation requirements for certain industrial water uses in active management area management plans. Applies to facilities using over 100 acre-feet of water per year that are not currently subject to specific conservation measures beyond efficiency improvement plans. Prohibits management plans from requiring industrial users to obtain assured water supply certificates, develop within certain municipal provider areas, or meet replenishment obligations.	Passed House, Removed from Senate consent calendar	Support
HB 2570	Temporary non-expansion area	Establishes procedures for designating temporary non-expansion areas for groundwater use outside active management or irrigation non-expansion areas. Requires elections to confirm designation of temporary non-expansion areas and restricts irrigation and groundwater withdrawal to historic levels for ten years. Limits irrigation within these areas to land irrigated in the prior ten years. Prohibits drilling new wells in such areas except for specific exemptions, including replacement wells and recovery wells. Requires ADWR to review and report on groundwater levels after ten years.	Transmitted to Governor	Opposed
HB 2572	Subsequent AMAs; groundwater rights; adequacy	Prohibits municipalities and counties from approving subdivisions in subsequent active management areas without a determination of adequate water supply from ADWR or a written commitment of water service for the subdivision from a water company designated as having an adequate water supply. Allows landowners in subsequent active management areas to apply for modifications to their irrigation grandfathered rights, including to add acres within the same groundwater basin or subbasin, to retire irrigated acres and substitute them with new acres within the same basin, to transfer irrigation grandfathered rights from retired acres to other land within the same basin, or to combine multiple irrigation grandfathered rights held within the same basin under a single owner or user.	Vetoed by Governor	Neutral
HB 2573	Groundwater; plants; wine grapes; non-irrigation	Reiterates that hydroponic plants are considered a non-irrigation water use in an Active Management Area (AMA). Adds the growing of wine grapes to the definition of non-irrigation water use in an AMA.	Vetoed by Governor	Neutral
HB 2691	Groundwater replenishment district; annual dues	Modifies the calculation of annual membership dues for groundwater replenishment districts by establishing new methods to prorate costs based on projected groundwater use per lot for member lands. Prohibits multi-county water conservation districts from increasing annual membership dues per lot for the 2026-2027 billing year beyond the rate charged in 2025-2026.	Signed by Governor	Neutral
HB 2727	County water authority; post-2024 authority	Expands the authority of county water authorities formed after December 31, 2024, to include acquiring and managing additional water sources beyond Colorado River water, including groundwater, effluent, and other water resources. Modifies the structure and membership requirements of county water authorities. Establishes new financial and administrative frameworks for post-2024 authorities, including revised budgeting, dues collection, and fund management processes.	Signed by Governor	Neutral
HB 2753	Groundwater replenishment; Pinal AMA	Requires the Central Arizona Water Conservation District to replenish groundwater in the Pinal Active Management Area (AMA) within three years of incurring a replenishment obligation. Allows municipal providers applying for a new assured water supply designation in the Pinal AMA to elect whether member land parcels within their service areas retain a replenishment obligation. Limits the obligation for new subdivided lands to provide a water source for replenishment obligations not related to their property.	Passed House, Passed Senate Amended, Returned to House	Neutral
SB 1114	Assured water supply; analysis; availability	Requires the Director of ADWR to accept certain analyses conducted before May 31, 2023, as valid demonstrations of physical groundwater availability for issuing certificates of assured water supply. Permits applicants holding such analyses to reduce groundwater volumes by 15 percent when applying for new certificates. The Director of ADWR is required to issue certificates based on water demand assumptions used at the time the analysis was originally conducted.	Passed Senate, Retained on House COW calendar	Opposed

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SB 1115	Demand calculator; rules; conservation code	Requires the Director of ADWR to adopt rules to update the project demand calculator every five years, incorporating the latest conservation codes. Allows expedited rulemaking procedures for implementing these updates.	passed Senate; Passed 3rd reading of bills in House	Not Reviewed
SB 1116	Groundwater model; receipt; written findings	Requires the Director of ADWR to notify the submitter within 5 days of receiving an alternative groundwater model. Within 60 days of receipt, the Director must issue a written response detailing acceptance or rejection of the model's overall findings and specific findings, including rationale for any rejections.	Transmitted to Governor	Not Reviewed
SB 1236	Storm water	Allows a storer to recharge stormwater in a constructed underground storage facility and receive a replenishment credit. Requires ADWR to determine the annual quantity of recharged stormwater and credit 95 percent of that volume to the storer's replenishment credit account. Authorizes storers to use or transfer replenishment credits to offset their replenishment obligation within the same subbasin under specified conditions. Requires ADWR to treat replenishment credits as groundwater and not stored water. Expands water storage permit eligibility to include stormwater recharged for aquifer replenishment.	Retained on Senate Final Reading Calendar	Not Reviewed
SB 1300	Unclaimed property; department of revenue	Strike everything amendment - San Simon Valley; groundwater; election (Diaz)	Governor Vetoed	Not Reviewed
SB 1393	Groundwater replenishments; Pinal AMA	Allows a municipal provider applying for a new designation of assured water supply in the Pinal Active Management Area that relies on a member service area agreement to elect for all parcels of member land within its service area to retain a replenishment obligation.	passed Senate, passed House amended, transmitted back to Senate	Not Reviewed
SB 1432	Prohibition; geoengineering	Prohibits the intentional injection, release, or dispersion of chemicals, substances, or apparatus within Arizona for the purpose of "solar radiation management" (defined).	passed Senate, passed House Regulatory Oversight	Opposed
SB1448	On-farm irrigation efficiency fund		Passed Senate, Passed House Amended,	Not Reviewed
SB1518	Subsequent AMAs; groundwater portability	Allows the owner of an irrigation grandfathered right in a subsequent active management area (AMA) to use, sell, transfer, or lease the grandfathered right and associated water duty of non-irrigated acres to another irrigator within the same subsequent AMA. Requires owners that do so to notify ADWR and include details of the acres involved and the volume of groundwater conveyed.	Governor Vetoed	Not Reviewed
SB1520	Rural GW	Authorizes the designation of a Basin Management Area (BMA) in the Gila Bend, Hualapai Valley, or Willcox Groundwater Basin through a voter petition or a determination by the Director of ADWR based on specific groundwater conditions. Establishes procedures for initiating and approving a BMA, including public meetings, hydrological studies, and economic impact assessments. Establishes formulas to calculate groundwater rights for water users in a BMA. Requires ADWR to establish rules to maintain a flexibility account for each certificate of groundwater right in a BMA. Establishes regulations for the use of agricultural groundwater rights and conversion of those rights to municipal and industrial use, and allows the owner of a municipal and industrial certificate of groundwater rights to sell or convey them under specified circumstances. Requires a BMA council to be established to manage groundwater use, develop conservation plans, and regulate groundwater rights. Repeals the Willcox Active Management Area and replaces it with the Willcox BMA.	Passed Senate, Place on House Caucus calendar	Opposed
SB 1523	Water use; prohibition; landscaping	Prohibits municipalities within active management areas with a goal of safe-yield from imposing minimum requirements for trees, shrubs, ground cover, turf, open space beyond what is required for retention, or detached sidewalks. Bans municipalities in initial active management areas from mandating minimum turf requirements, except for public recreational or civic spaces, and from requiring the installation of plants that are not low-water-use and drought-tolerant.	passed Senate, passed House amended, transmitted back to Senate	Opposed
SB 1530	Groundwater storage facility; withdrawals; area	Requires ADWR to assume that a groundwater recovery well is within the area of impact of stored water if the well is located within one mile of specified water storage infrastructure, drainage channels, or groundwater savings facilities.	passed Senate, Retained on Senate Final Reading calendar	Not Reviewed
SB1558	Water Technology Study Committee	Establishes the Water Technology Study Committee to research and make recommendations on the application of water conservation technology in Arizona. Requires the Committee to examine existing technologies, initiatives in other states, and the potential use of emerging water management technologies. Requires the Committee to submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Legislature by December 31, 2026. The Committee self-repeals January 1, 2027.	Passed Senate, Failed at House	Opposed

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State Legislative Updates for Water Bills

Council Subcommittee for Water Issues

June 3, 2025

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NAMWUA Review

- NAMWUA tracked 122 water related bills
- NAMWUA supported 29 bills, opposed 39 bills





ADWR Legislative Affairs Weekly Legislative Update

May 2, 2025

Legislative Status

- Regular Session ended *May 23, 2025*
- Pass budget by June 30, 2025
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Governor Signed Bills

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- HB 2727 – County water authority; post-2024 authority

Transmitted to Governor

- HB 2274 – Water improvement district – Wilcox Basin
- HB 2570 – Temporary non-expansion area
- SB 1116 – Groundwater model; receipt; written findings

Parting Thoughts

- Rural Water Regulation
- Stormwater
- Conservation

Questions

Thank you