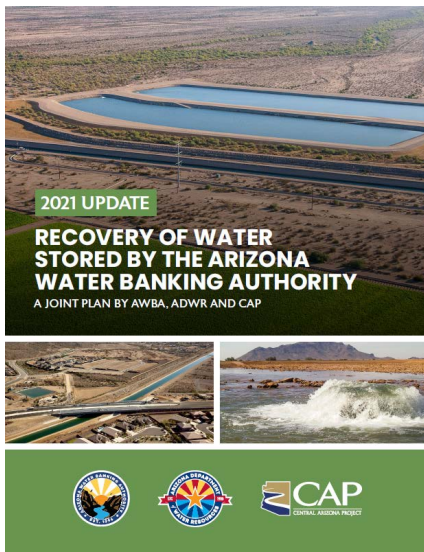


JOINT STATEMENT

Collaboration leads to clarity regarding the recovery of “banked” water



PHOENIX – For 25 years, the Arizona Water Banking Authority (AWBA) has stored Colorado River water underground, in central and southern Arizona aquifers, to help address future Colorado River shortages. With the increasing probability of shortages, recent planning for the recovery (“pumping”) of that water is especially timely.

The release of the *2021 Update to the Joint Recovery Plan* provides important clarity on the timing and procedures for recovering water stored by the AWBA. The updated plan represents a collaboration among the AWBA, the Central Arizona Project (CAP), and the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR), along with the Recovery Planning Advisory Group (RPAG), which was convened by the three agencies in 2018.

The 2021 Joint Update:

- An analysis of projected AWBA firming volumes and estimated recovery capacity needs
- Builds on previous planning efforts outlined in the 2014 plan
- Discusses recovery concepts intended to increase flexibility and fully use existing infrastructure
- Provides an updated operational timeline to further refine the procedural steps for recovery
- Identifies future activities and commitments by AWBA, ADWR and CAP

You can find the 2021 Joint Update document on the [AWBA](#), [CAP](#) and [ADWR](#) websites.

