

### ADWR's Vision: Reliable Water Supplies to meet the Needs of Current and Future Arizonans

**Mission:** To safeguard the health, safety and economic welfare of the public by protecting, conserving and enhancing Arizona's water supplies in a bold, thoughtful and innovative manner.

**Agency Description:** ADWR administers the State's water laws through the compilation and analysis of water supply data, coordination of research to augment water supplies for future demand, and development of policies that promote conservation and water availability.

ADWR defends the integrity of the state water supply by overseeing surface water, groundwater, and Colorado River water supplies. As the technical experts for the state, ADWR represents and supports the adjudications proceedings and negotiates with national and international partners.

ADWR protects Arizona against the loss of life and property through the implementation of the dam safety, flood warning, and floodplain management programs.

#### Executive Summary:

ADWR has identified seven priorities to accomplish our mission:

**Protect the Colorado River System** by implementing the 500+ Plan and by continuing the Arizona Reconsultation Process .

**Support General Streams Adjudication** by performing a data quality check in the Verde River Watershed and starting modernization of SOC database.

**Protect the Life and Property of Arizonans** by assessing the statewide Arizona Flood Warning System for redundancies and resilience.

**Improve the Accessibility and Accuracy of Arizona's Water Data by** launching an Application Modernization initiative and by implementing best practices in records management that make data available online.

**Advance Water Planning Priorities** by adopting 5<sup>th</sup> Management Plans in all Active Management Areas (AMAs) and by utilizing new resources to obtain additional storage credits and reduce AAWS backlogs.

**Recruit, Retain, and Develop Highly Skilled Personnel** by improving manager and supervisor training.

**Support Ongoing Drought Mitigation Measures** by launching an initiative to complete annual water supply and demand assessments as specified by SB1740 (Laws 2022, Chapter 366).

### Summary of Multi-Year Strategic Priorities

#	Five Year Strategy	Start Year	Progress / Successes (FY 2022)
1	Protect the Colorado River System	2017	Entered into agreement with federal and state governments for the "500+ Plan." Executed System Conservation agreements to implement "500+ Plan" for approximately 265,000 acre-feet.
2	Support General Streams Adjudication	2017	Completed 96% of court assignments before deadline. Collaborated with the Courts to create an expenditure plan for the new General Adjudication Personnel and Support (GAPS) Fund.
3	Protect the Life and Property of Arizonans	2017	Black Canyon and Jacques Dam proceeded with an assessment of their high hazard potential dams. Audited floodplain management programs of 15 communities. Completed Agua Fria study. Streamlined well capping program and capped over 200 unsafe open wells.
4	Improve the Accessibility and Accuracy of Arizona's Water Data	2018	Completed Phase 1 activities of the Data Quality Program with 11 business units and began Phase 2 activities. Established Depth to Water dashboard and Groundwater Level Changes dashboard. Selected a vendor for ADWR's Application Modernization project.
5	Advance Water Planning Priorities	2019	Published initial drafts of 5 <sup>th</sup> Management Plans (MPs) for all AMAs. Adopted Tucson AMA 5 <sup>th</sup> MP and conducted hearings for Prescott and Pinal AMA 5 <sup>th</sup> MPs.
6	Recruit, Retain, and Develop Highly Skilled Personnel	2018	Released an updated telework policy. Implemented an agency-wide salary adjustment in concert with an update of ADWR's job classifications. Obtained agency-owned equipment for employee use while teleworking.
7	Support ongoing Drought Mitigation Measures	2021	Drought Mitigation Board was created during the 2021 Legislative Session. During the 2022 Legislative Session, the Board functions were subsumed into the Water Infrastructure and Finance Authority (WIFA).

# Arizona Department of Water Resources

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Current Annual Focus

#+	FY23 Annual Objectives	Objective Metrics	FY 2023 Annual Initiatives
1	Reduce the risk of Lake Mead falling to critical levels	<b>% probability of arriving at a critically low Lake Mead elevation of 1,020 feet or lower</b>	1) Execute System Conservation agreements to carry out the “500+ Plan.” 2) Negotiate a Basin State alternative for post-2026 Colorado River operations.
2	Improve the accuracy and accessibility of data used to complete assignments for the Adjudications Court	<b>% of assignments from the Adjudications Court completed by the deadline</b>	1) Verify accuracy of database for 22,500 claims in the Verde River Watershed.
3	Transition to a proactive compliance model	<b># of proactive inspections conducted</b>	1) Develop a written plan and standard work for proactive compliance. 2) Develop audit schedule for the Active Management Areas (AMAs).
3	Mitigate flood risk across Arizona	<b>-Response time to requests for flood assistance</b>	1) Assess Flood Warning Network for redundancies and resilience.
4	Increase the department’s menu of online services	<b># of licensing and other customer-facing processes developed and staged for release</b>	1) Cleanse and prepare data to migrate licensing processes online. 2) Launch Application Modernization project.
4	Improve accuracy and accessibility of operational and reporting data	<b>-% of the agency that has implemented an approved records management plan</b>	1) Analyze records management status and implement best practices for digital and hard copy records. (Breakthrough)
5	Adopt 100% of 5 <sup>th</sup> Management Plans (MPs) for all 5 AMAs	<b>% of 5<sup>th</sup> Management Plans Adopted</b>	1) Plan and conduct statutorily required public hearings in each AMA. 2) Issue “Order of Adoption” and conservation notices for each AMA.
5	Purchase credits with \$1.2M in withdrawal fees authorized by FY23 budget	<b># of acre feet of credits purchased by the Water Bank using withdrawal fee monies</b>	1) Research the entities selling water and # of credits available for purchase in May/June 2023.
5	Reduce backlog of AAWS applications while maintaining consumer protections afforded by the program	<b># of AAWS applications currently backlogged</b>	1) Fill positions authorized by FY 2023 Budget, define training plan and document standard work for Hydrogeologist positions.
6	Increase supplemental training of staff in management and supervisory skills	<b>Monthly % of supervisors with current-year training beyond required ADOA management training</b>	1) Create and promote an inventory of supplemental training resources that enhance management and supervisory skills.
7	Initiate a program to complete annual water supply and demand assessments for groundwater basins	<b>% of targets completed to launch a water supply and demand assessment program</b>	1) Develop a plan, hire staff, and initiate a program to perform supply and demand assessments for groundwater basins.