

AWBA Fact Sheet (updated last 10.12.16)

- General Information
 - AWBA was created in 1996 originally to use Arizona's full Colorado River entitlement
 - AWBA stores this water underground for future water use to support these purposes:
 - Meeting Arizona's obligations pursuant to federal Indian water rights settlements
 - Storing water for use by CAP M&I subcontractors during Colorado River shortages and CAP system outages
 - Reserving credits for the benefit of main stem Colorado River M&I users
 - Storing water to fulfill other Arizona water management objectives
 - Assisting Nevada and California through interstate water banking
 - Distributing water credits developed by AWBA
 - Facilitating storage of water through lending arrangements
 - AWBA is made up of a five member gubernatorial commission and two ex-officio members.
- Three firming programs support these special purposes (59% of collective firming goal met through 2015 (2.2 out of 3.64 MAF))
 - Indian Firming goals met through 2015
 - GRIC = 35% of goal met (121,390 out of 350,000 AF)
 - Future Settlements = 0% of goal (0 out of 200,000 AF)
 - CAP M&I firming goals met through 2015
 - Phoenix AMA = 89% of goal (1.39 out of 1.56 MAF)
 - Pinal AMA = 85% of goal (207,612 out of 243,000 AF)
 - Tucson AMA = 52% of goal (447,190 out of 864,000 AF)
 - On-River M&I firming goal = 96% of goal met through 2015 (403,840 out 420,000 AF)
- Other settlement requirements in addition to the Indian firming program 100% met:
 - Federal Assistance under SAWRSA = 100% of 34,102 AF stored
 - Establishment of Southside Replenishment Bank = 100% of 15,000 AF delivery met
- Other credits stored by AWBA:
 - Water management credits¹ stored by AWBA through 2015 = 736,872 AF:
 - Phoenix AMA = 241,227 AF
 - Pinal AMA = 396,252 AF
 - Tucson AMA = 99,393 AF
 - Shortage reparation credits² stored by AWBA through 2015 = 109,489 AF:
 - Phoenix AMA = 20,642 AF
 - Pinal AMA = 60,507 AF
 - Tucson AMA = 28,340 AF
- Interstate Water Banking = 601,041 AF and 100% complete
 - Phoenix AMA = 51,009 AF
 - Pinal AMA = 440,241 AF
 - Tucson AMA = 109,791 AF
- Major issues facing AWBA today
 - Diminishing pool and increasing costs of Excess CAP water
 - Higher risk of shortage than in past
 - Distribution of water credits stored by AWBA

¹ Water management credits can be used for water management objectives including M&I and Indian firming.

² Shortage reparation credits can be used to assist Arizona in offsetting impacts from shortages that may occur in the interim period.