2024 Preliminary AWBA Plan of Operation

Rebecca Bernat, Ph.D., Manager



AWBA Quarterly Meeting Sept 13, 2023

2024 Preliminary Plan of Operation

Credit Development

- No Excess CAP water available to AWBA
- Goals achieved through other means
 - Long-term Storage Credit (LTSC) purchases
 - Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) Firming Credits



Funding for 2024 Plan of Operation

Funding Source	Estimated Funds Available		Estimated Funds Utilized		Estimated Credits (AF)	
	AWBA	CAWCD	AWBA	CAWCD	Water Storage	Developed Credits
Withdrawal Fees						
Phoenix AMA ¹	\$ 1,728,924		\$ 1,728,924		0	5,638
Tucson AMA ²	\$ 764,006		\$ 764,006		0	2,120
Water Storage Tax ³						
Phoenix AMA ⁴		\$ 3,321,000		\$ 3,321,000	0	9,260
Pinal AMA					0	0
Tucson AMA ²		\$ 7,818,000		\$ 7,818,000	0	21,740
Total	\$	13,631,930	\$	13,631,930	0	38,758

¹Funds used to develop ICS Firming Credits at \$276/AF pursuant to AWBA's 2019 IGA with the Community. Developed credits include a 10% loss factor.

²The purchase rate of \$360 per LTSC is based on Tier 3 CAP water rate for 2024.

³ Carryover from funds reserved by the CAWCD Board of Directors for AWBA LTSC purchases in 2021 and 2022.

⁴The purchase rate of \$359 per LTSC is based on Tier 3 CAP water rate for 2024.

Distribution of Credits

Firming for 2024

- Tier 1 Shortage condition
- Tribal firming obligation for the Gila River Indian Community (Community): 6,153 AF
 - Firming Proposal for the Community Tier 1 Shortage in 2024:

Firming Credits Developed (AF)		Firming	Remaining Balance (AF)		
Year	Firming Credits Developed	CY 2022	CY 2023	CY 2024	Through CY 2024
2015	16,000	6,429	9,571		0
2016	12,000		5,004	6,153	843
2017	7,000				7,000
2018	9,000				9,000
TOTAL	44,000	6,429	14,575	6,153	16,843

No firming for CAP M&I or on-River (sub)contractors

No request for Intentionally Created Unused Apportionment

Estimated Firming Volumes thru 2024

Objective and Location	Estimated Credits Available as of Dec 31, 2023 ¹	Estimated Credits Used in 2024	Estimated Credits Remaining as of Dec 31, 2024			
	Acre-feet					
CAP M&I Firming (4-cent tax)	2,329,457	0	2,329,457			
Phoenix AMA	1,582,453	0	1,582,453			
Pinal AMA	234,791	0	234,791			
Tucson AMA	512,213	0	512,213			
On-River M&I Firming (gen. fund)	403,830	0	403,830			
Tribal Settlement Obligations: 2	162,176	6,153	156,023			
Community - 15,000 AFY	162,176	6,153	156,023			
LTSCs	105,390	0	105,390			
Firming Credits	22,996	6,153	16,843			
ICS Firming Credits	33,790	0	33,790			
WMAT - 3,750 AFY	0	0	0			
Hualapai - 557.5 AFY	0	0	0			
Future Settlements- 4416.5 AFY	0	0	0			
Federal Assistance (SAWRSA)	34,102	0	34,102			
Groundwater Mgmt. 3 (W/Fees)	777,591	0	777,591			
Phoenix AMA	251,411	38,475	212,936			
Pinal AMA ⁴	417,706	-43,225	460,931			
Tucson AMA	108,474	4,750	103,724			
Shortage Reparations ⁵	109,489	0	109,489			
Phoenix AMA	20,642	0	20,642			
Pinal AMA	60,507	0	60,507			
Tucson AMA	28,340	0	28,340			
Pinal Redirect Credits ⁶	14,125	0	14,125			
Interstate - SNWA	613,846	0	613,846			

Includes all credits accrued and utilized through 2023

²The White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act enforceability date is December 30, 2027. The Hualapai Tribe settlement enforceability date is April 15, 2029.

³ Withdrawal Fee LTSCs may be used for CAP M &I firming and/or Tribal settlement obligations if needed.

⁴Up to 43,225 LTSCs could be credited to the AWBA's account in the Pinal AMA, pursuant to the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan ("LBDCP") Implementation Plan: Agreement to Exchange Long-Term Storage Credits between AWBA and the City of Avondale; City of Chandler; City of Goodyear; City of Phoenix; City of Phoenix; City of Scottsdale; City of Tucson; Freeport Minerals Corporation; and EPCOR Water Arizona Inc.

⁵ LTSCs accrued pursuant to Arizona-Nevada Shortage-Sharing Agreement executed in 2007.

⁶ Credits accrued from water provided to Pinal AMA GSFs at full cost to the GSF operators.

Questions?

Email: rbernat@azwater.gov

Website: https://waterbank.az.gov/



09/13/2023 6