

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Phoenix, Arizona, showing a mix of urban development, including high-rise buildings, residential areas, and green spaces. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a sky with scattered clouds. The image has a blue color cast.

Beale Infrastructure

# Project Blue

Mayor Romero Community Meeting  
August 4, 2025

Beale  
Infrastructure





# Beale Infrastructure

Beale develops data centers and infrastructure that support economic growth.

## Our Priorities

1. Commitment to Sustainability
2. Commitment to Community Investment
3. Commitment to Health & Safety

# Data Centers



Data centers are critical infrastructure for our modern economy and daily lives.



## Key Benefits

1. Significant tax revenue
2. Well-paying local jobs
3. Minimal traffic impacts
4. Improved local infrastructure
5. Increased local connectivity





## Why Tucson?



**Strategic  
Location**



**Strong  
Workforce**



**Water  
Stewardship**



**Power  
Availability**



# Project Context

## Primary Project Location Highlights

- Designated industrial growth area
- Major 1-10 / Houghton interchange
- Proximity to existing electric lines
- No impacts to sensitive habitats
- No findings of cultural resources

— New ~18 Mile Purple Pipe Extension

▲ Los Reales Sustainability Campus

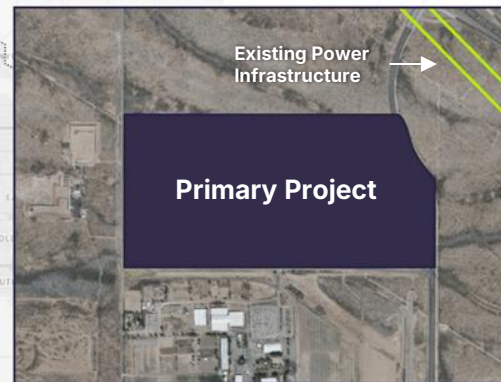
▲ Tucson Airport

● Aquifer Recharge Facility

 I-10

▲ Pima County Fairgrounds

★ Tucson Convention Center



# Water Stewardship



**Project Blue will be Net Water Positive.**

- **Water Positivity**

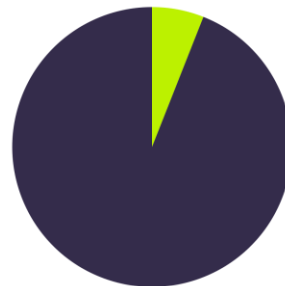
Replenishing at least 100% of consumed water by investing in new water projects

- **Investment in Renewable Water Infrastructure**

Committing over \$100M to bring reclaimed water access to southeast Tucson

- **Operational Efficiency**

Designed with cooling technology that has industry-leading energy and water efficiency



**6%**

Tucson Water's reclaimed water portfolio allocated to the Primary and Secondary Project combined at full build out - **less than 1% of Tucson Water's overall water portfolio.**

## Average Annual Reclaimed Water Allocation

Primary Project	Initial	440 AFY
	Full	870 AFY
Secondary Project	Full	1040 AFY
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Full</b>	<b>1910 AFY</b>

# Power & Clean Energy



Project Blue is committed to prioritizing clean energy generation sources.

- **Net Zero by 2050**  
Per TEP, no impact to TEP's Net Zero Emissions by 2050 goal.
- **Coal Retirements**  
Per TEP, no impact to TEP's planned coal retirements by 2032.
- **Clean Energy Sources**  
Initial Phase made possible by new renewable projects.
- **Future Phases**  
Generation for future phases will be sourced through new RFPs.
- **Protecting Customers**  
The ESA with TEP is designed to ensure no risks or financial burdens are passed on to other customers.
- **Backup Generators**  
For emergencies only.



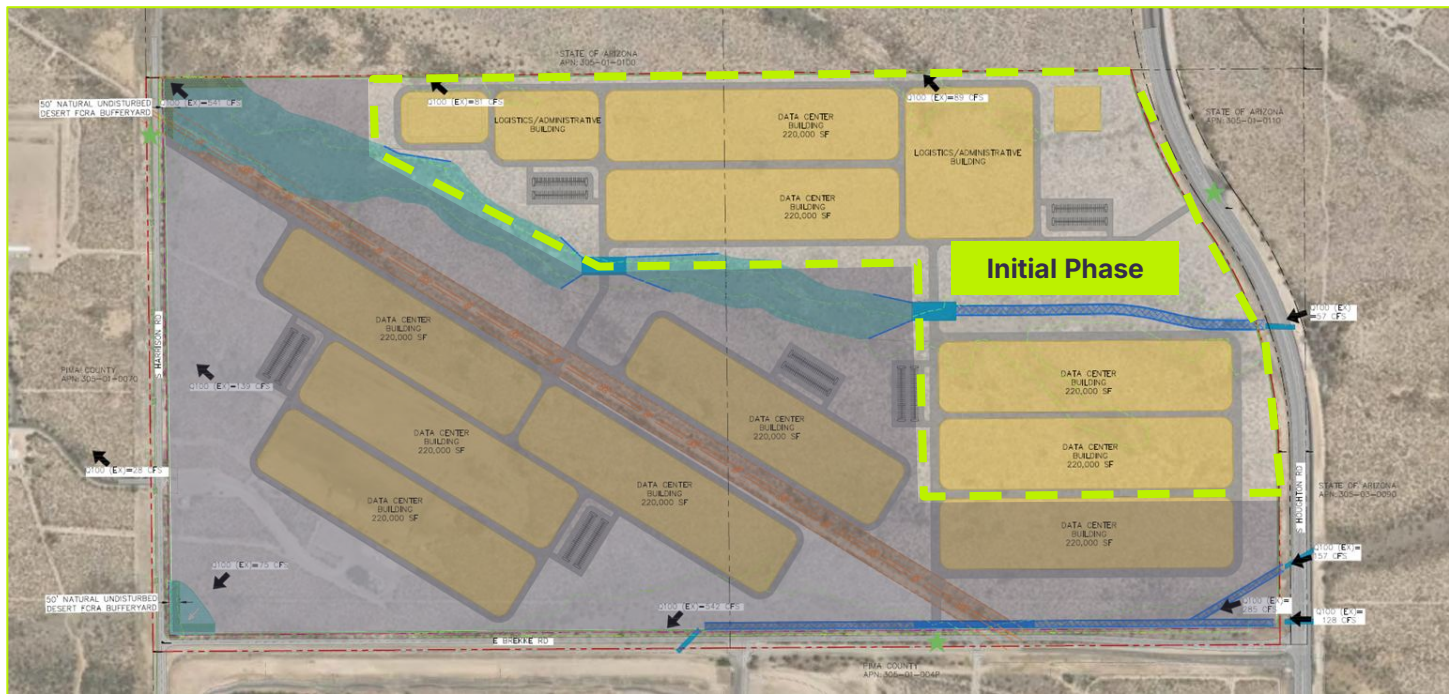
## Potential Power Capacity

Primary Project	Initial	250 - 350 MW
	Full	400 - 600 MW
Secondary Project	Full	500 - 700 MW
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Full</b>	<b>900 - 1300 MW</b>

# Primary Project Initial Phase Details



Initial energy supply agreements and economic impacts based on the project's Initial Phase.





# Economic Impact



Project Blue would be largest economic development project in Tucson's history.

	Capital Investment	City Tax Revenue *	Construction Jobs	Permanent Jobs Supported
Primary Project Initial Phase	\$3.6B	\$97M	3,000	180
Primary + Secondary Project Full Build	>3x	>3x	>3x	>4x

\*Direct tax revenue for the City of Tucson over 10 years. Combined State, County, City tax revenue is \$250M.

# Community Investment & Sustainability



Project Blue will invest in programs and sustainable design features specific to Tucson.

## Workforce Development

### Example Partnerships:

- STEM Education Classes
- Apprenticeships & Internships
- Skills Certifications
- Educator Workshops

### Example Partners:

- Public School Districts
- Community Colleges
- Universities

## Sustainable Design Features



Tree  
Planting



Public Green  
Space



Native  
Vegetation



Parking Lot  
Solar



Rainwater  
Harvesting



EV Charging  
Onsite



Open Space  
Preservation

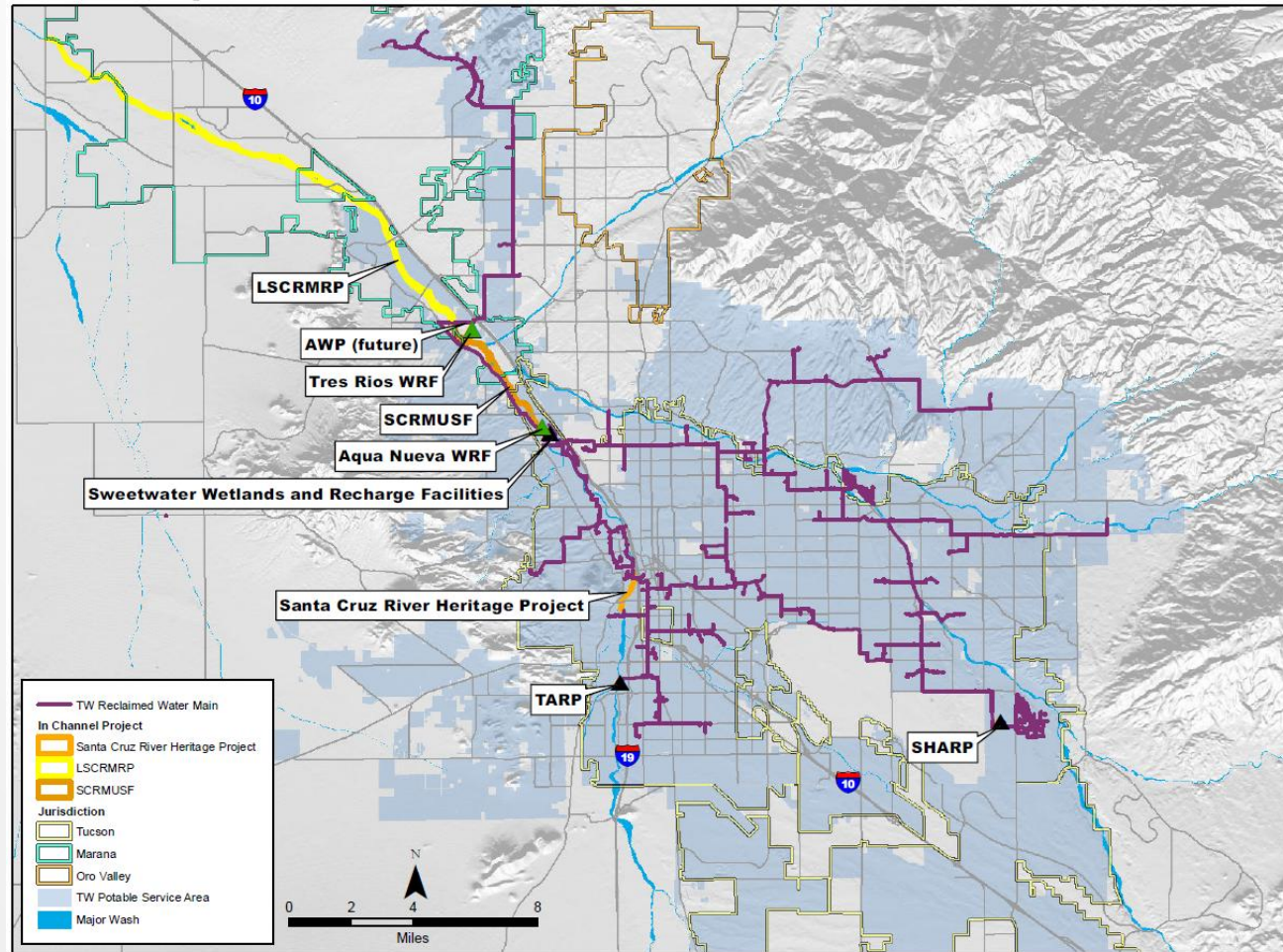
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# Reclaimed Water System

- System overview
- Sources of Supply
- Benefits
- Avoided costs
- Planning efforts





# Tucson's Water Resources

COLORADO RIVER WATER



In  
Storage:  
5.9 Years

RECLAIMED WATER



In  
Storage:  
2.5 Years

GROUNDWATER



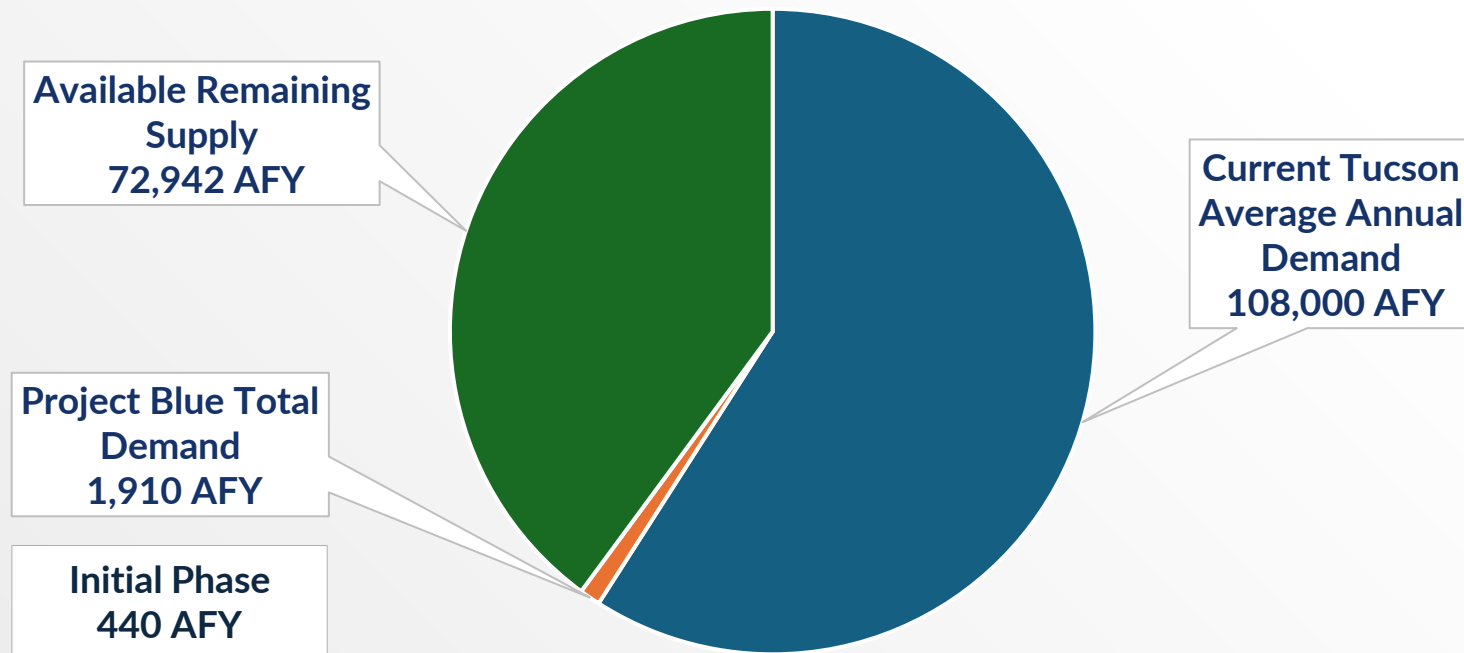
In Storage:  
59 Years

RAIN / STORMWATER



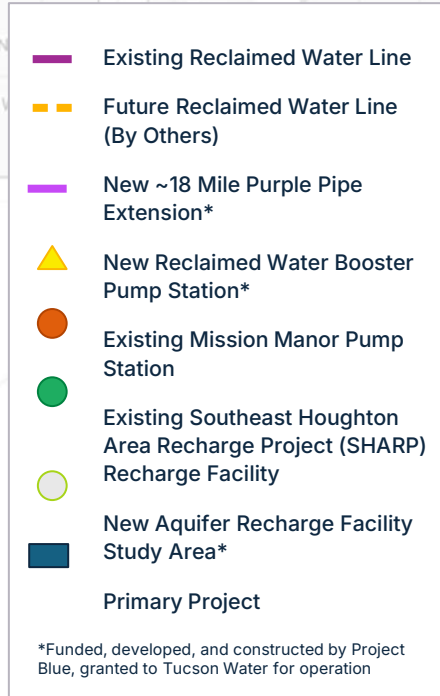
In Storage:  
\*supports  
groundwater  
health

# Tucson Water Supply Availability



\*2014 Designation of Assured Water Supply (DAWS): 182,852 AF/yr physically, continuously, and legally available

# New Reclaimed Water Infrastructure



Purple Pipe Extension

18 miles

Aquifer Recharge Facility

30 acres



# Net Water Positive

- *Replenish at least 100% of annual consumptive water use*
- *Increase in water quantity, water quality, or access to water*
- *Consumptive water use: The amount of potable and reclaimed water that is supplied to the sites*
- *Project Blue is required by contract to be 100% net water positive*

\*Mayor and Council have not yet formalized a water positivity policy, so the following categories and examples are subject to further discussion



# Net Water Positive – Possible Investments

Category	Definition	Examples
Water Conservation	Investments that increase water efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Fixture replacements</li><li>● Low-income plumbing repair programs</li><li>● Turf reduction</li></ul>
System Efficiency	Investments to replace water system losses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Leak detection technology</li><li>● Smart metering/Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)</li><li>● Replacement of aging infrastructure</li></ul>
Supply Augmentation	Acquisition of new water sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Long Term Storage Credits (LTSCs)</li><li>● CAP leases</li></ul>
Supply Restoration	Investments to treat unusable water or unlock for potable or reclaimed use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Install treatment for PFAS or other contaminants to restore lost production capacity</li><li>● Advanced Water Purification</li></ul>
Nature Based Solutions	Investments in watershed protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Green Stormwater Infrastructure</li><li>● Rainwater Harvesting</li></ul>

# One Water 2100 Plan

- “One Water” integrated approach that treats all water sources as valuable and interconnected
- The right water for the right purpose
- Community developed plan with robust stakeholder input to prioritize equity, resilience, and sustainability
- Scenario planning
- Community developed strategies and actions



<https://tucsononewater.com/>



Tucson Electric Power

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# Energy Sustainability

- **TEP remains committed to achieving net zero direct greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and retiring all coal generation by 2032.**
- Satisfying U.S. data center needs in areas with higher solar power potential creates more clean energy opportunities.
- TEP can serve initial phase of Project Blue from existing resources plus new clean energy resources coming online by 2027.
  - Energy for potential future phases would be developed through competitive “all-source” requests for proposals
  - Informed by energy needs and environmental targets.





# Rates

- Customers with high, steady energy use levels support greater affordability for other customers.
  - More efficient use of grid through higher load factor
  - Make use of underutilized grid resources off peak
    - “Flattening the curve”
  - Rates more than cover additional cost of on-peak capacity
- Project Blue’s service would be provided through energy supply agreements subject to Arizona Corporation Commission approval.
  - Commissioner comments have expressed support for protecting current customers from adverse impacts

# Reliability

- Involves total grid: generation, transmission, distribution.
- Requires ongoing, around-the-clock work in all timeframes: long-term planning, seasonal upgrades, real-time operations, and rapid response.
- Subject to federal and state regulation:
  - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
  - North American Electric Reliability Corporation
  - Arizona Corporation Commission
- TEP will not commit to serve new, large load customers without ensuring they won't compromise our top-tier, 99.9% reliability.
- Project Blue would fund grid upgrades that contribute to overall reliability.

