

Sunflower HOA
Turf & Water Use Calculations

## Public Information Conservation Office (PICO)

Through education and a comprehensive inspection Zanjeros assist Tucson Water residential and commercial customers in identifying areas of concern with respect to excessive water use.

Although focused on conservation, this highly trained team has expanded their roles through extensive training and certifications, building a unique and expansive skill set.

The Zanjero's greatest strength is their ability to use their technical & customer service skills to solve customer concerns and to be a trusted source of information for the Tucson community. The Zanjero team was established in 1996 and today serve as water ambassadors for the City of Tucson.

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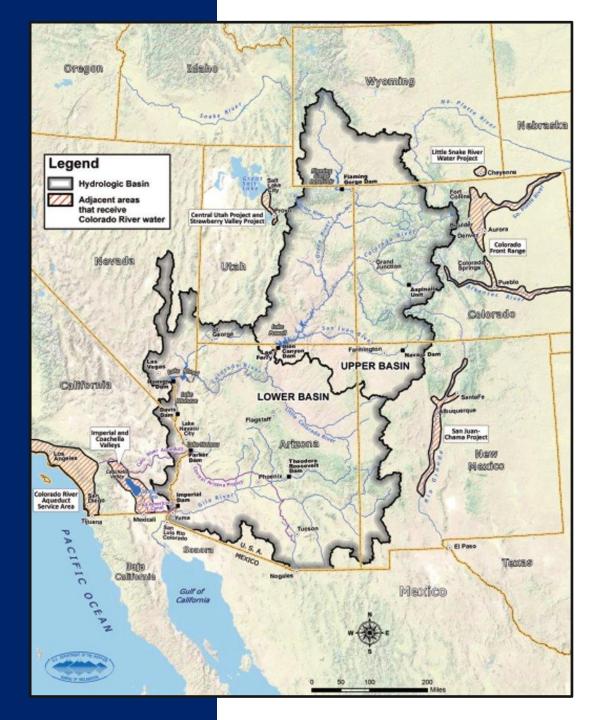
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## Our Watershed: The Colorado River Basin

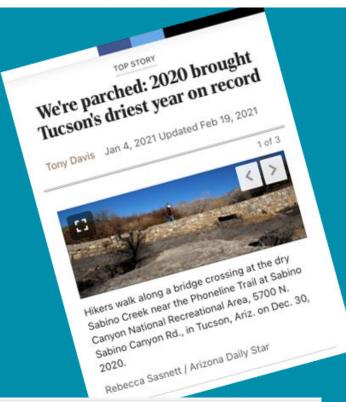
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- Watershed in 7 states & Mexico
- Provides water to over 40 million people
- Irrigates 5.5 million acres of land
- Lifeblood for 22 tribes, 7
   National Wildlife Refuges, 4 National
   Recreation Areas and 11 National Parks



### The twenty-first century Colorado River hot drought and implications for the future

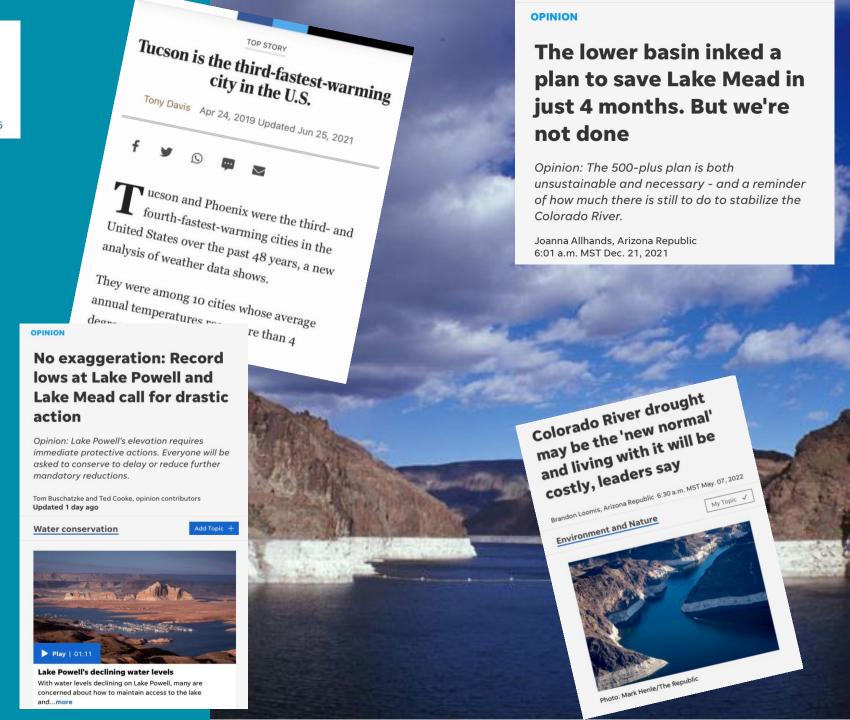
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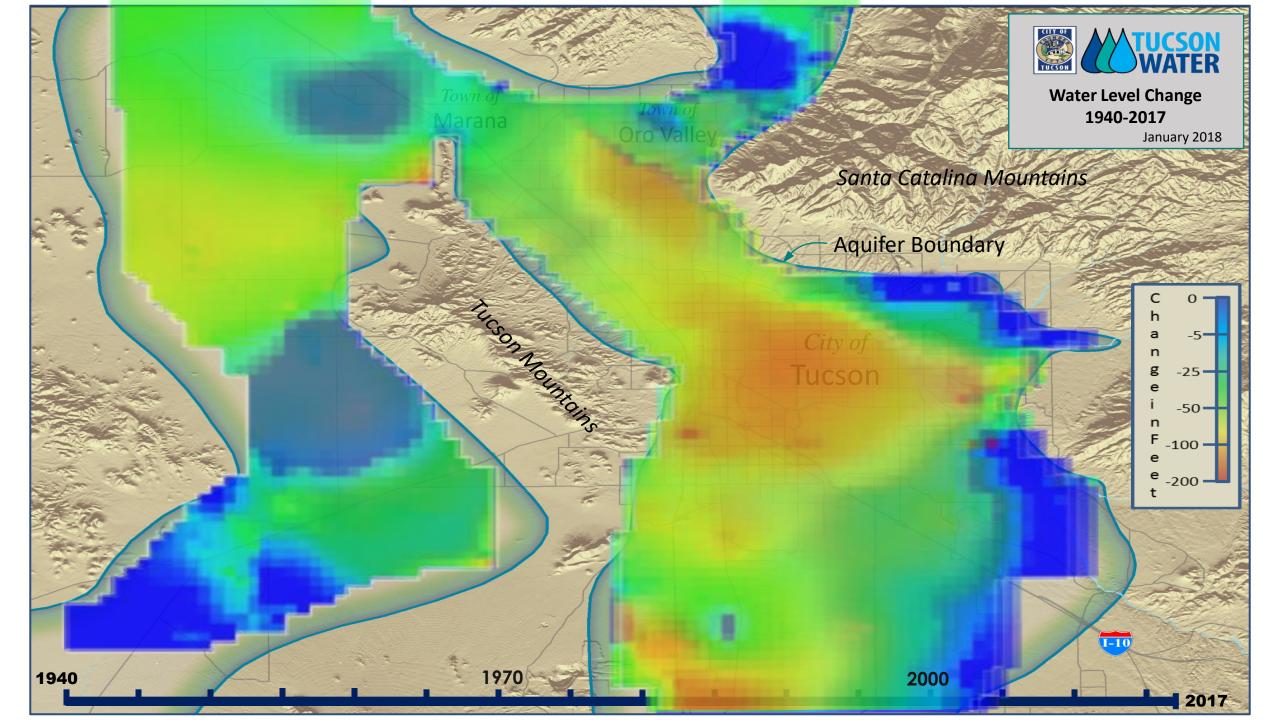
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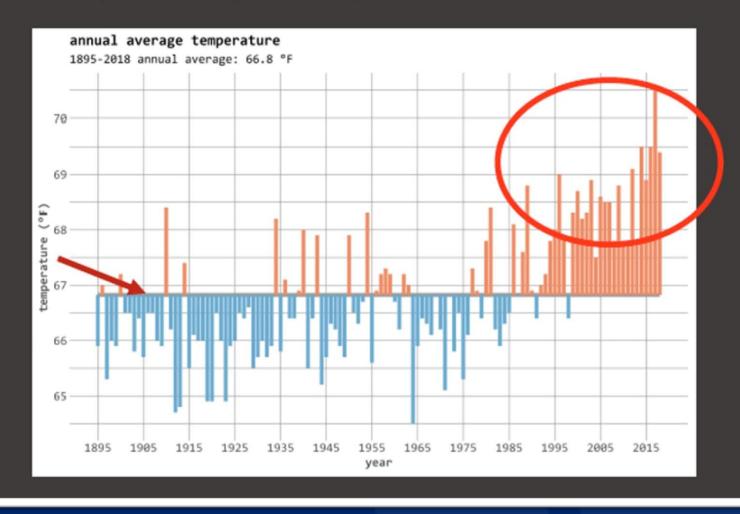
#### Arizona joins Nevada, California and tribes in a pledge to slash Colorado River water use

Brandon Loomis, Arizona Republic Updated 40 days ago



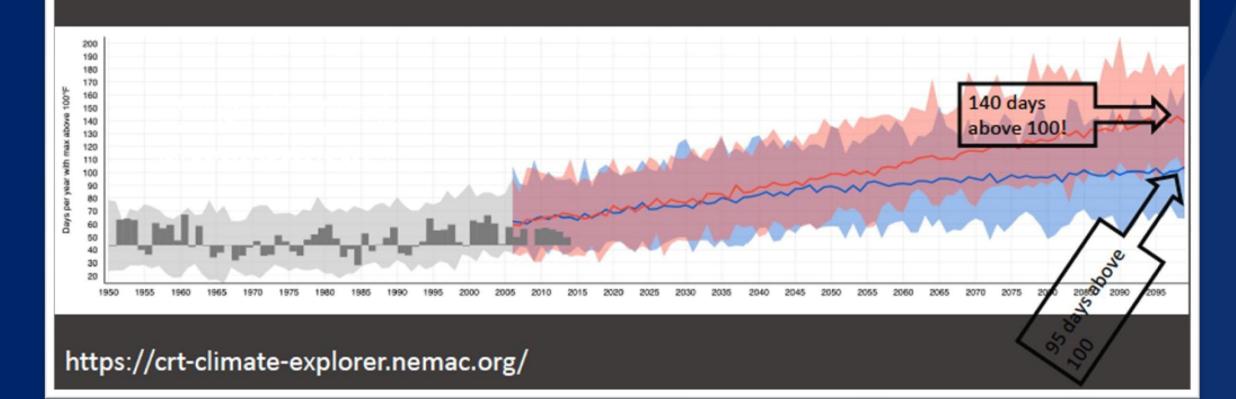


### Pima County Average Temperatures: 1895 - 2018



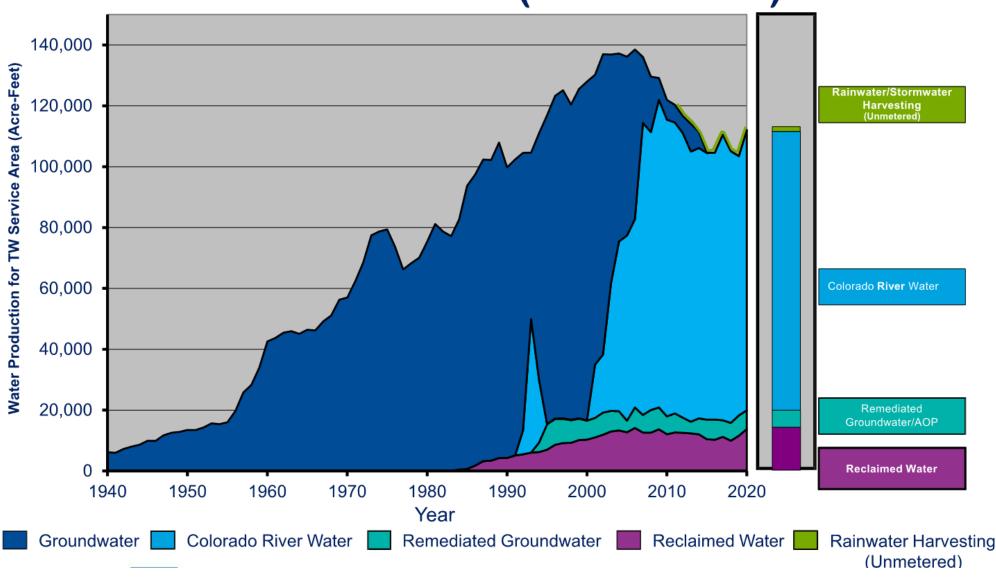


## Days per year with maximum above 100° F

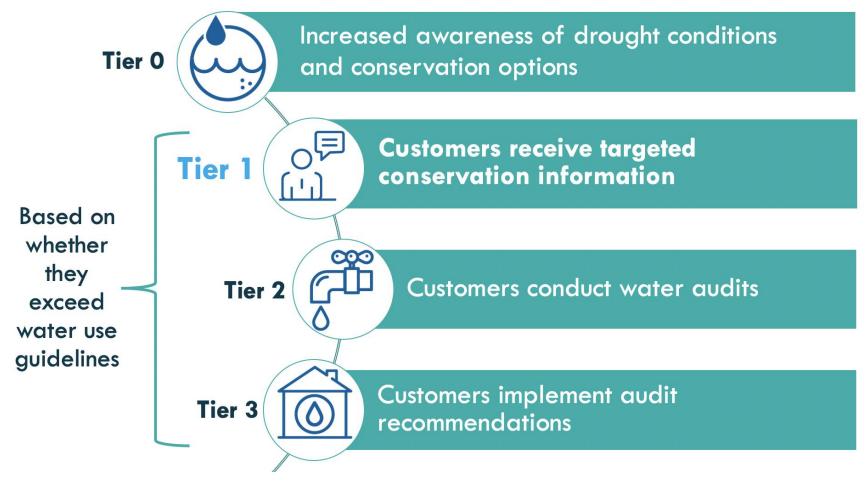




# Water Production for Tucson Water Service Area (1940-2020)



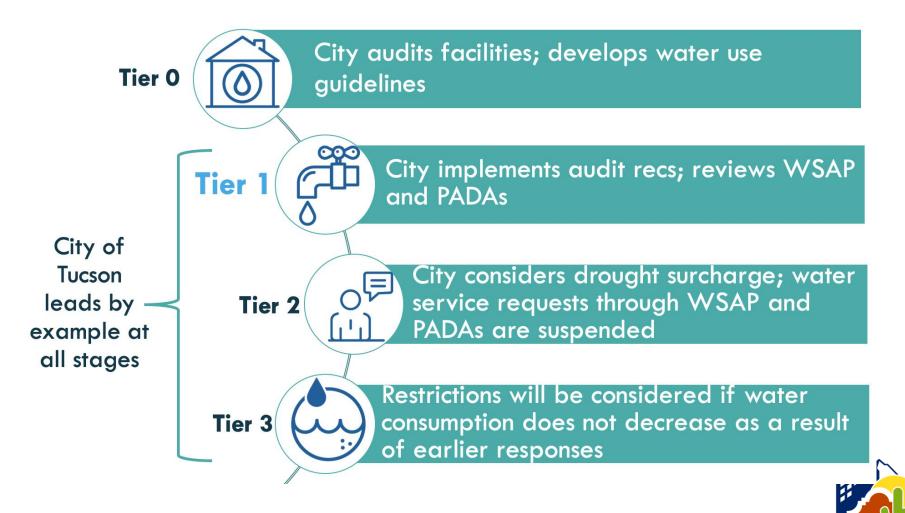
#### **Customer Responses**







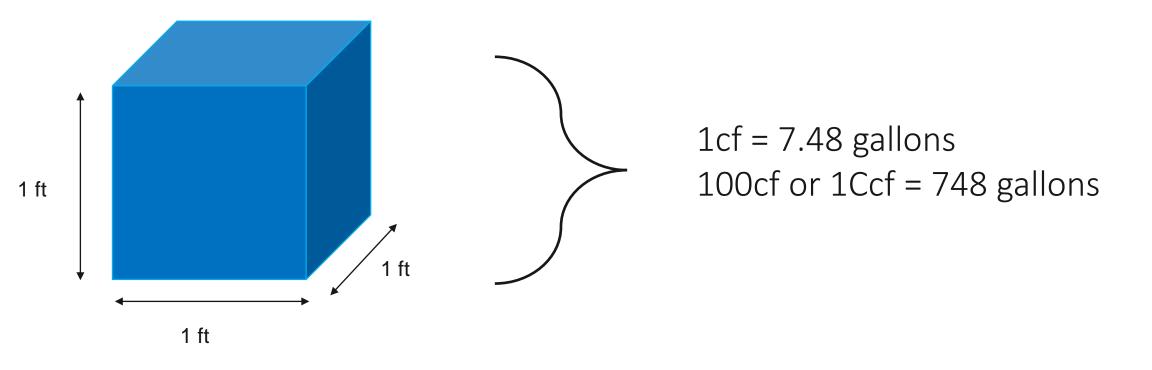
#### City Responses



- Water Service Area Policy
- Planned Area
   Developments
   and
   Annexations



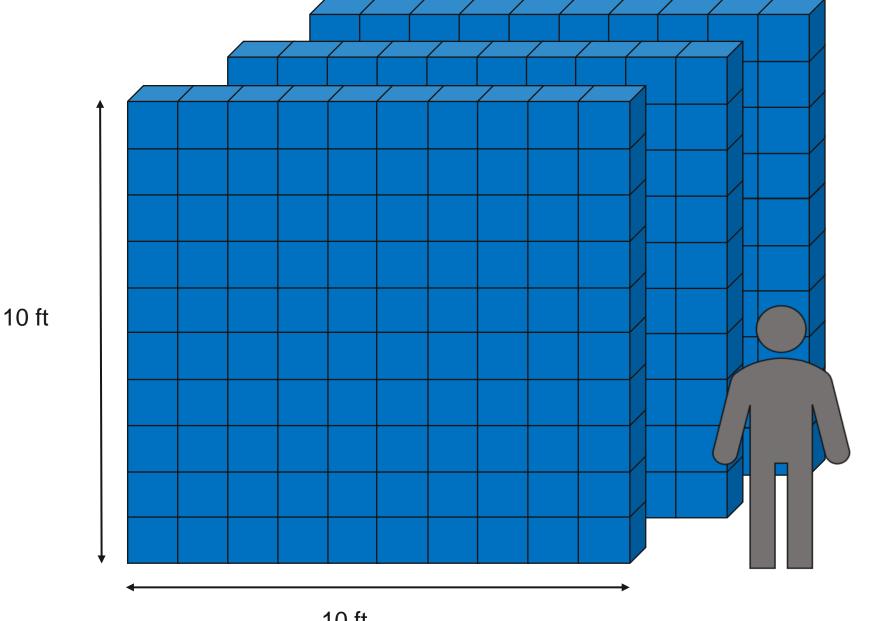
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## A Cubic Foot of Water







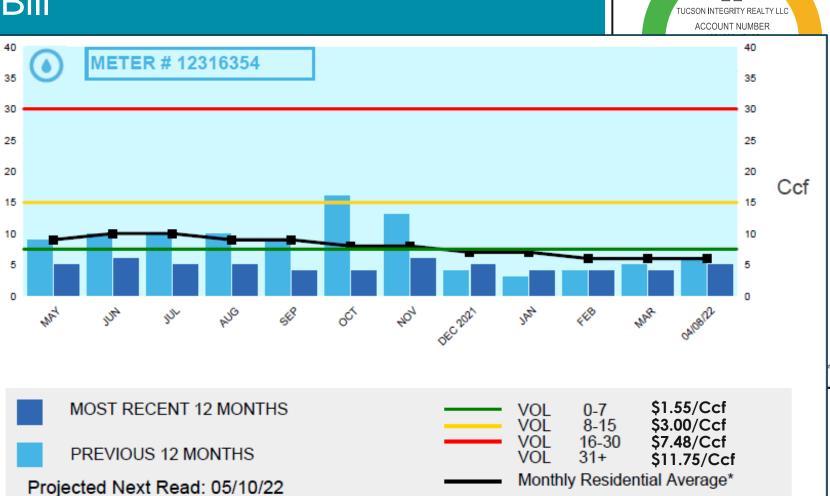
### How Much is a Ccf of Water?

- 1Ccf =748 gallons.
- The average adult uses between 2-4 Ccf per month (domestic use only).
- In Tucson the average daily use is 80 gallons per day.





# Updated Usage Graph on Bill





Payments/Credits

-\$107.84

Service Period

04/11/22 03/09/22 to 04/08/22

\$107.84





#### **One Water**

- Establishes that all water has value
- Uses the right water for the right purpose
- Is an integrated approach to water resource management
- Learn More & Get Involved:

https://www.tucsononewater.com/





# Our Water Ethic is Connected to Our Urban Landscapes

Our *Urban Landscapes* are connected to

- individual health and well-being
- a healthy environment
- a healthy community

And *water* is an essential resource in the arid, southwest desert!









Designing and caring for our *urban landscapes* is essential for our community to adapt to a changing climate, that is hotter and drier; these include:

- **Select** native/near-native desert-adapted species that are accustomed to these conditions
  - Bonus: they will also provide habitat for wildlife
- *Maintain* the trees and plants in your landscape, they are an investment in your health and well-being
- Water efficiently
  - Design for rainwater harvesting



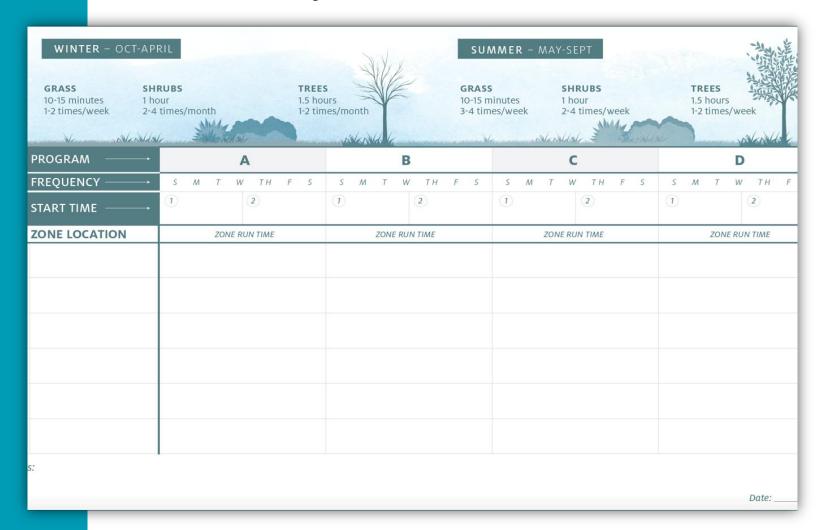








## Water by the Weather

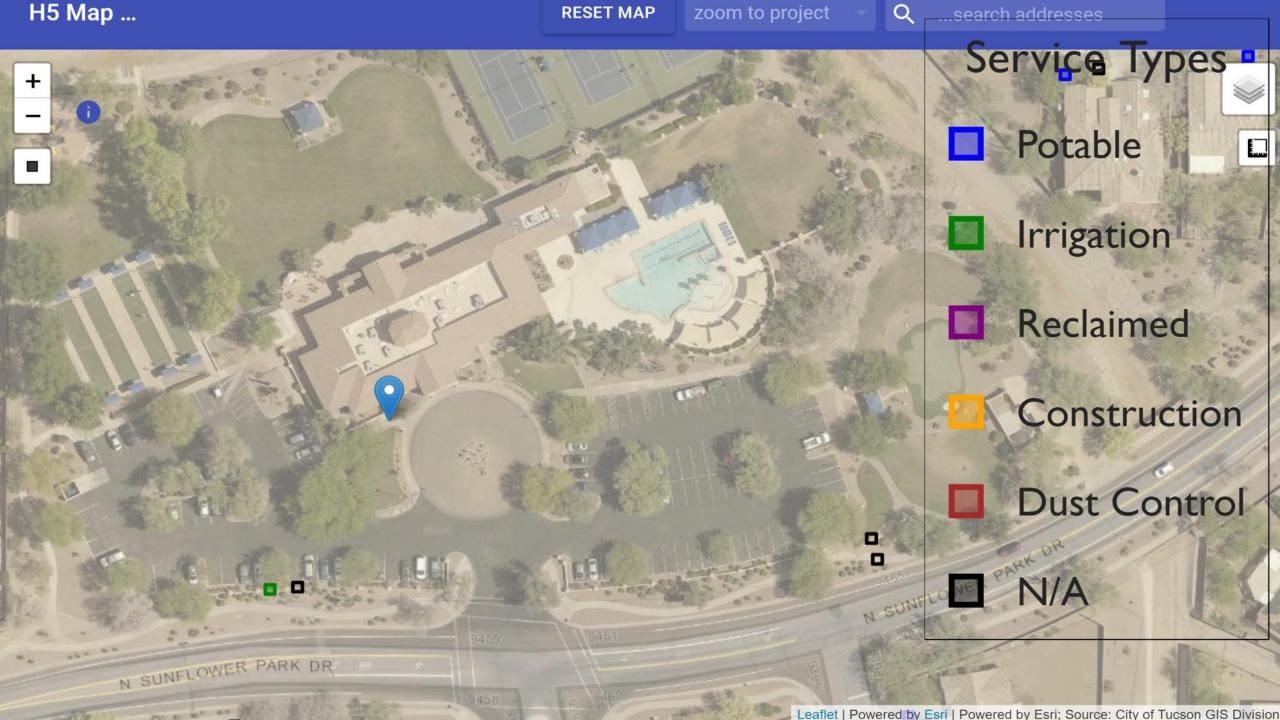


## Irrigation Scheduling is as easy as:

- 1. Find zones (similar plant needs)
- 2. Establish run times (water to roots)
- 3. Determine frequency (number of days)
- 4. Adjust frequency seasonally

Want monthly landscape watering reminders?









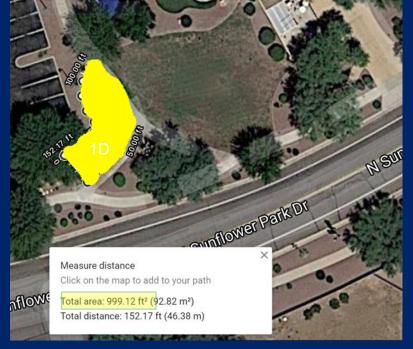




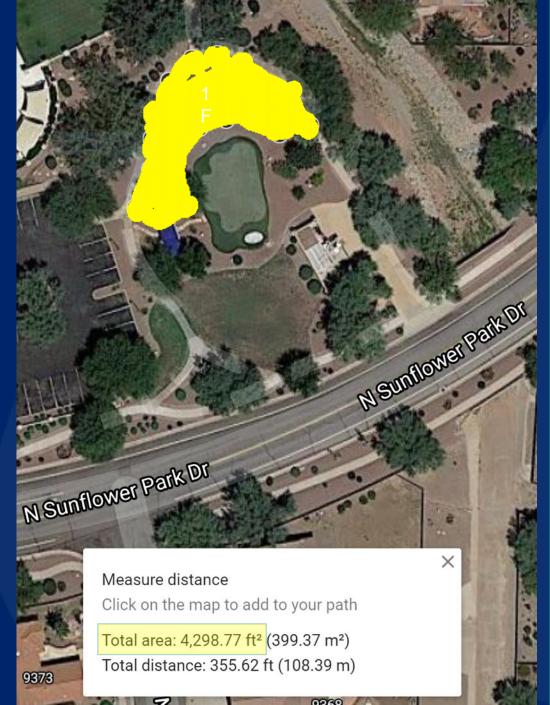


- \*Please note the turf area calculations represented in these slides have been acquired using an aerial mapping system in order to provide estimates of total turf on property.
   For precise calculations and costs of turf removal please contact a licensed contractor.
- Area 1A, 1B & 1C Club House front entrance, turf area total: 4,135.71 sf

Area 1D, 1E & 1F East putting area turf total: 9,487.73 sf









Area 2 turf area next to pool total: 9,465.40 sf





Area 3 turf area behind club house (half) total: 8,046.74 sf





Area 4 second half of turf behind club house, HOA plans to keep this section total: 10,842.16 sf





Area 5 North West corner of property turf total: 12,647.15 sf

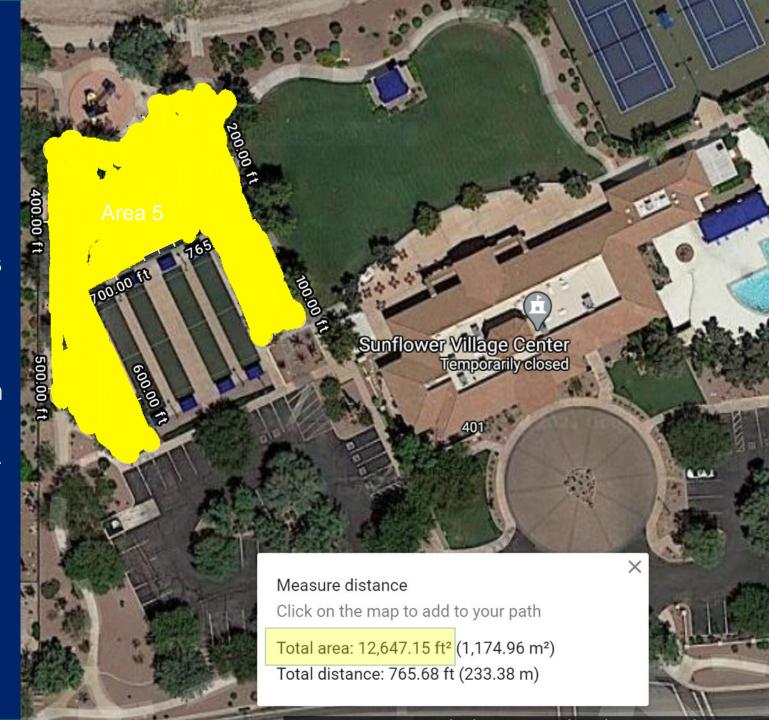
All areas combined total: 54,635 sf

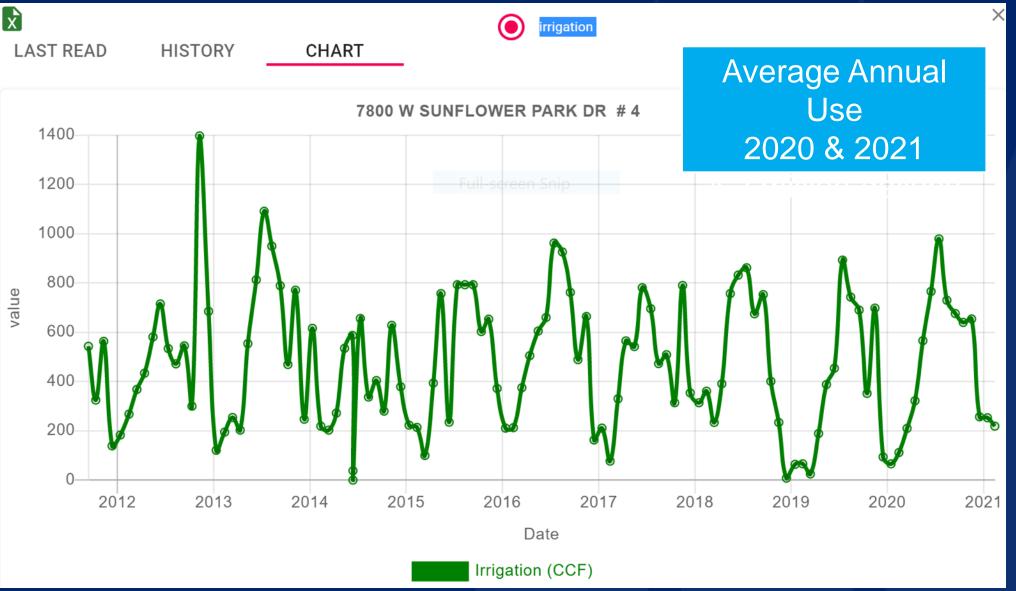
Average cost in Arizona for turf removal is .68 cents per square foot plus disposal fee

Highly recommended to conduct research on different vendors/contractors that best suit the specific needs for Sunflower HOA

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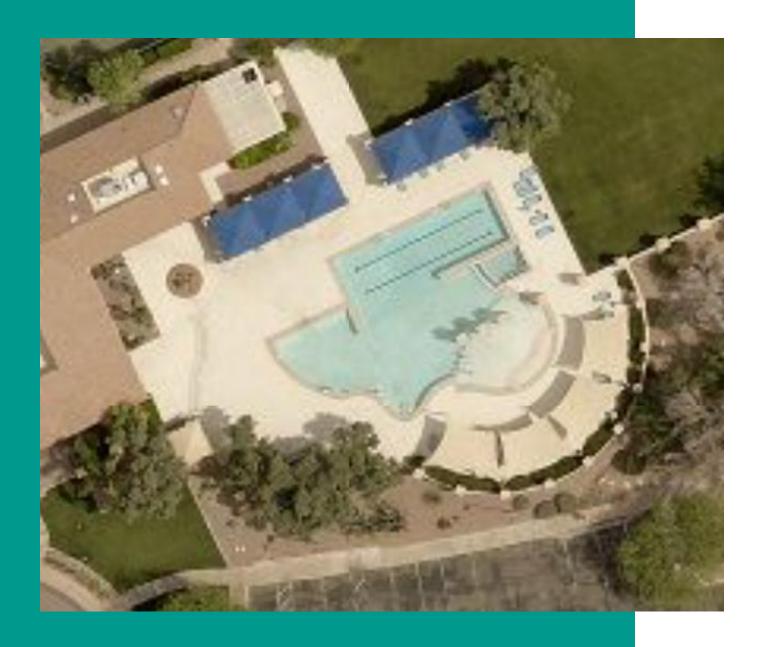








Irrigation meter yearly usage in CcF (1ccf =748 gallons)



#### **IN COMPARISON**

- Club House pool capacity is 75,000 gallons
- An audit inspection completed in March 2021 confirmed:
  - Winter use is 70,000 gallons per week
  - Summer use is 123,000 gallons per week



#### Water Use by Area

- Average annual bill for this meter is \$25,000
- Water Use per Area calculated by calculating % square footage for each Area compared to total
- Assumed drip areas ~5% total use
- Annual Water Use Comparisons:
  - Turf: 4-5 ft/sq ft (~35 gal/sf)
  - Smartscapes: 1-1.5 ft/sq ft (~10 gal/sf)

| Turf Area | Square Feet | % total area | Cost per Area per Year |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 1A        | 1,825       | 3%           | \$792                  |
| 1B        | 1,615       | 3%           | \$701                  |
| 1C        | 700         | 1%           | \$304                  |
| 1D        | 1,000       | 2%           | \$434                  |
| 1E        | 4,190       | 7%           | \$1,817                |
| 1F        | 4,300       | 7%           | \$1,865                |
| 2         | 9,465       | 16%          | \$4,106                |
| 3         | 8,050       | 14%          | \$3,492                |
| 4         | 10,840      | 19%          | \$4,702                |
| 5         | 12,650      | 22%          | \$5,487                |
| Drip      | 3,000       | 5%           | \$1,301                |
| Total     | 57,635      |              | \$25,000               |

Section 1

Total area: 23%
Total square feet:

13,630

Total cost: \$5,913



#### **Irrigation Water Efficiency Recommendations**

- Conduct frequent irrigation efficiency inspections in order to help identify leaks, stuck irrigation valves and other potential irrigation issues.
- Make seasonal adjustments to irrigation schedule.
- Plant native vegetation, including trees to provide additional shade.
- Implement Rainwater Harvesting techniques and install RWH features on property.
- Recommend installing flow sensor device (example: "Flume") at meter to help track water use.
- Install smart irrigation controllers with rain sensors.

#### Resources:

- epa.gov/watersense/weather-based-irrigationcontrollers
- <u>lookforwatersense.epa.gov/Product-Search-Results-IrrigationController.html</u>
- <u>tucsonaz.gov/water/flow-devices</u>





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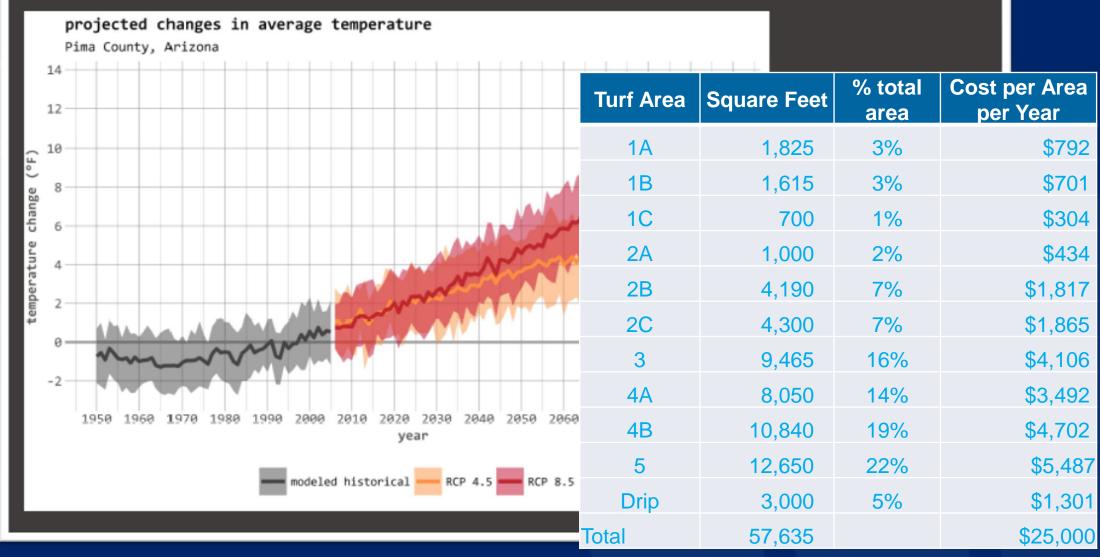


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# Thank you!





RCP: Representative Concentration Pathway

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