



# Breaking Down Barriers to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Deployment in Water and Waste

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# Barriers and Solutions to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in the Water Facilities



## Better Plants Challenge

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# Water System Overview

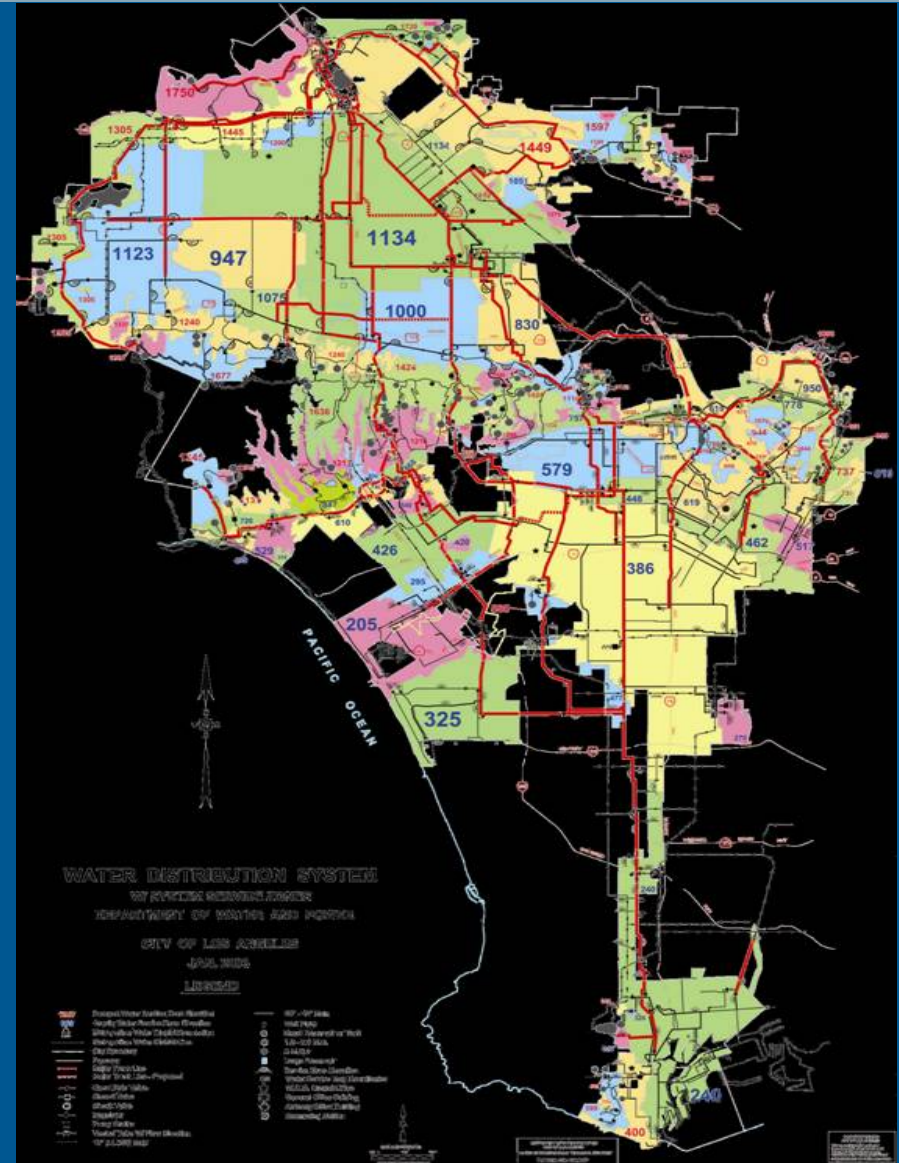
## Our Water System infrastructure:

- Service Area (473 sq. miles)
- About 697,100 water service accounts
- About 7,260 miles of distribution mains
- 114 local tanks / reservoirs
- 9 LAA reservoirs
- 88 pump stations
- 421 regulator stations
- 23 chlorination stations
- 7 fluoridation stations
- 60,400 fire hydrants
- Advanced water treatment facility uses ozone as disinfectant



# Distribution

- Much of the hydraulic head required for water distribution is provided by gravity
- The average energy intensity for LADWP water distribution is approximately **196 kWh/AF**



## To Date:

- Use of energy efficient pumps and motors
- Planned start –up and testing to reduce grid and bill impacts

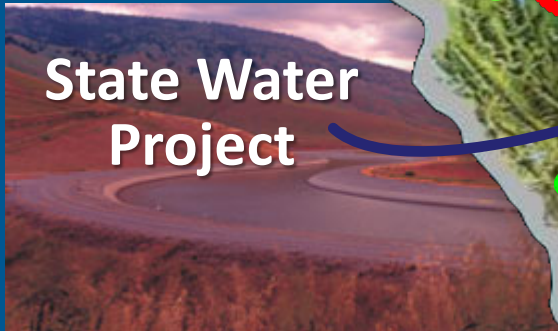


## The Future:

- Optimizing equipment selection
- Time of day pumping
- Set realistic pricing structures
- Reduce overall water usage



# Sources of Water for Los Angeles



Bay Delta

Sierra Mountains

LA Aqueduct

State Water Project

Colorado River Aqueduct

Local Groundwater, Stormwater, Conservation & Recycling



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# Los Angeles Aqueduct (LAA) System

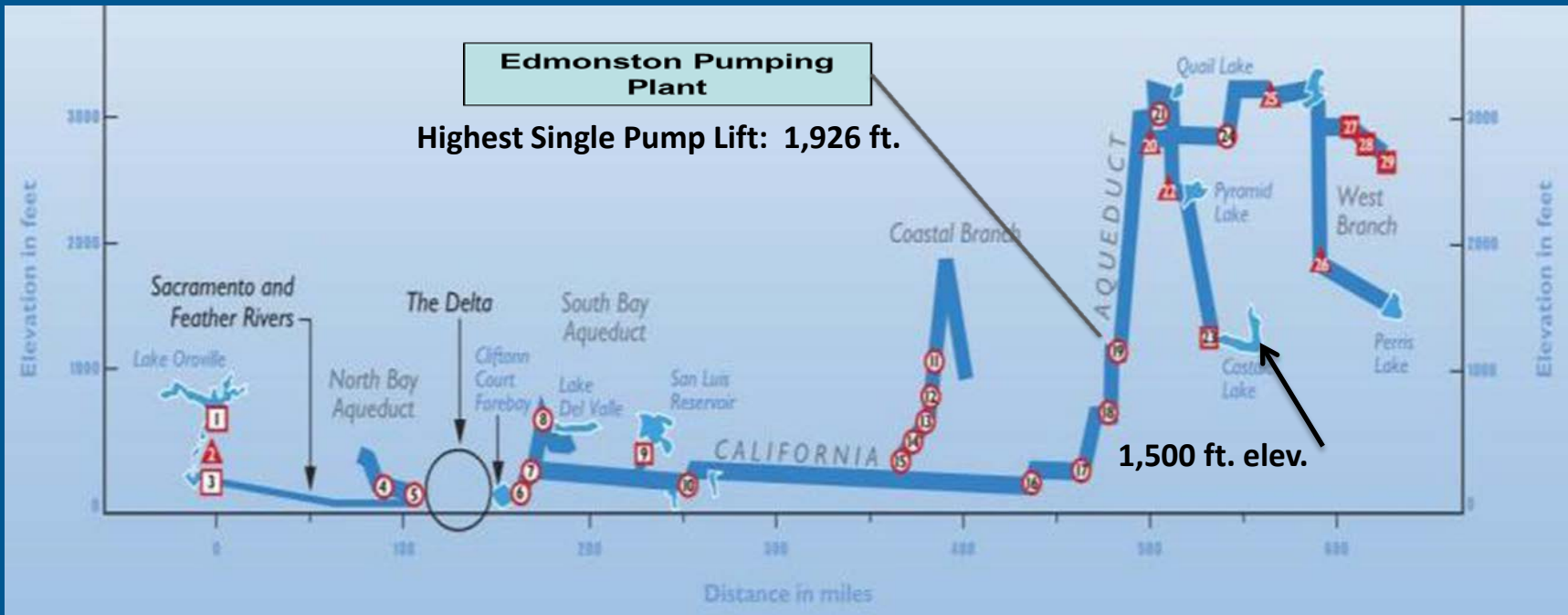
- The 233-mile long LAA provides water from the Eastern Sierra watershed and is entirely gravity fed.
- 14 Hydro-generation plants along the aqueduct system. On average, the LAA system generates approximately **2,456 kWh/AF**





# State Water Project (SWP)

- Water supplies are conveyed along the 444-mile California Aqueduct
- Energy intensity of the West Branch is **2,614 kWh/AF**
- Energy intensity of the East Branch is **3,263 kWh/AF**

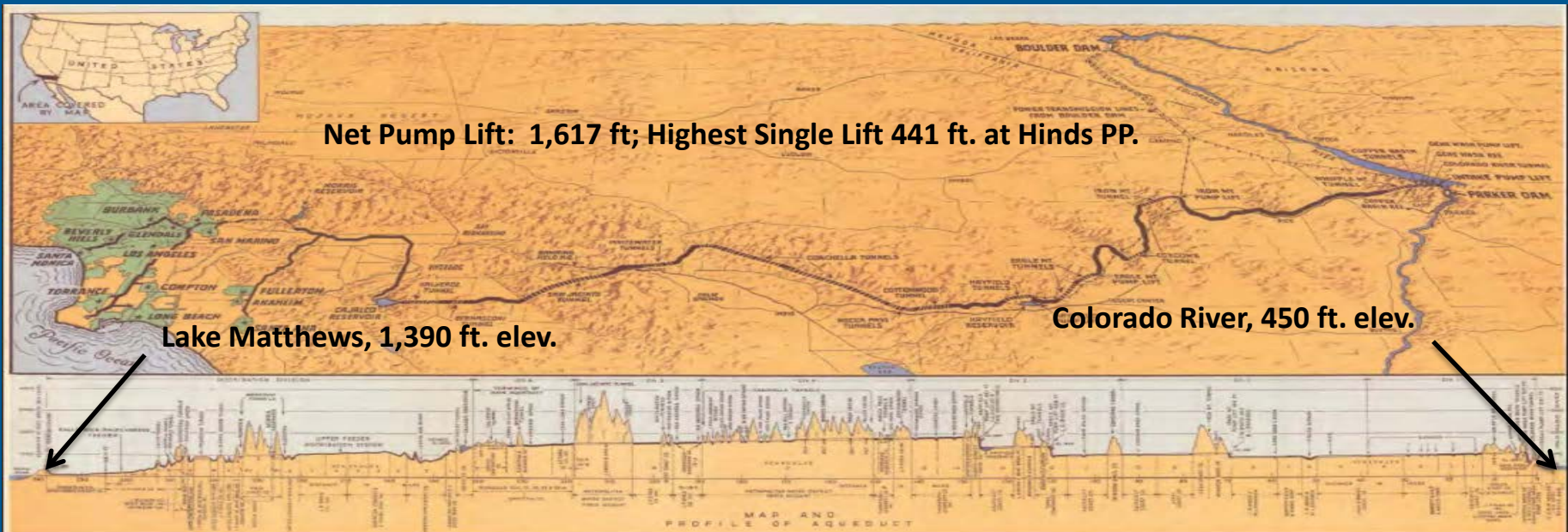






# Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA)

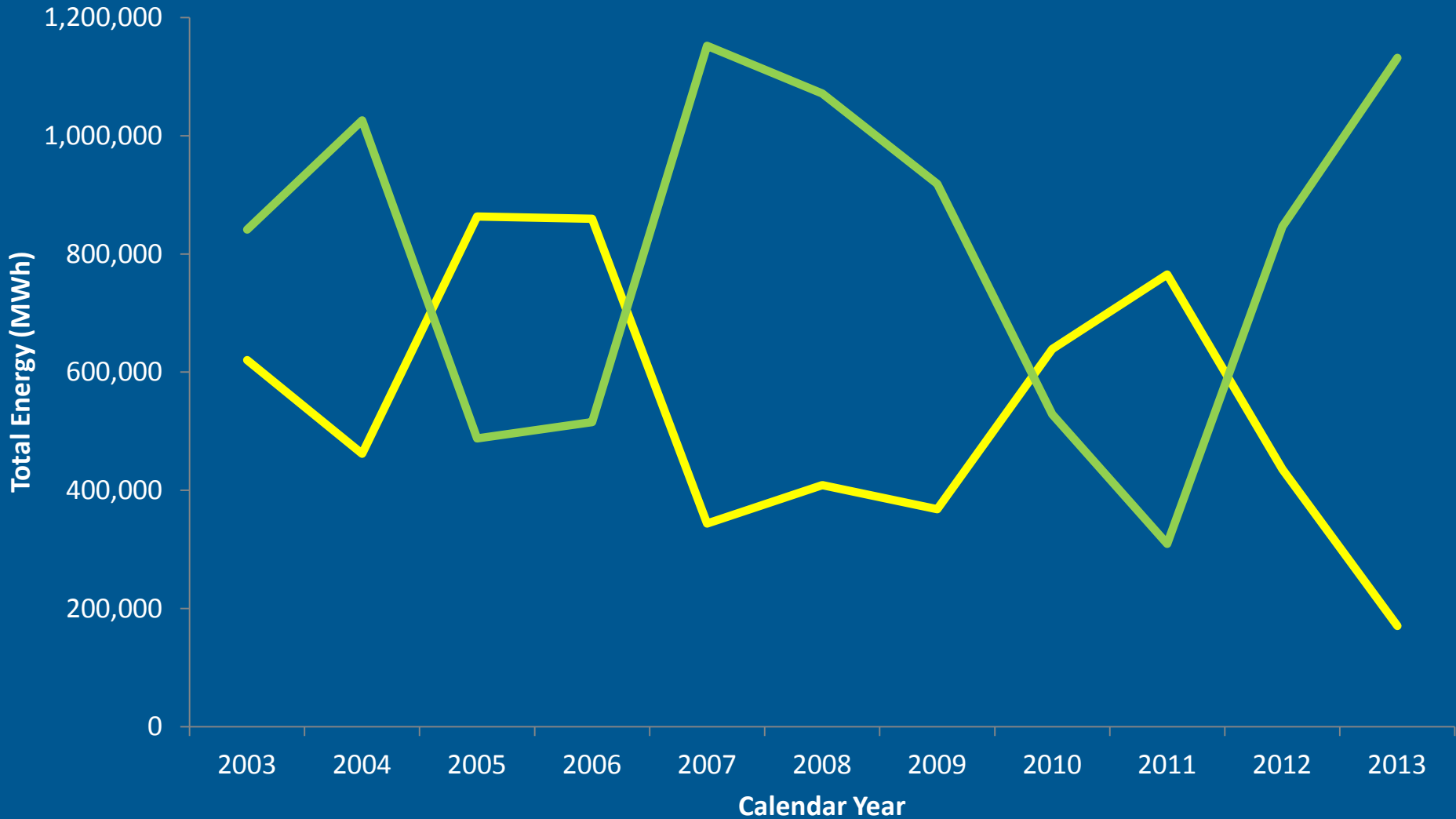
- Water supplies are conveyed along the 242-mile CRA Aqueduct
- CRA Energy Intensity is **2,027 kWh/AF**





# LADWP Imported Supplies Water Conveyance Energy Profile

LAA (Hydro Generation)      MWD Supplies (Consumption)



# Local Groundwater

- City has 115 groundwater production wells
- More than 50% of the wells are inactive due to GW contamination
- The average energy intensity is approx. **580 kWh/AF**



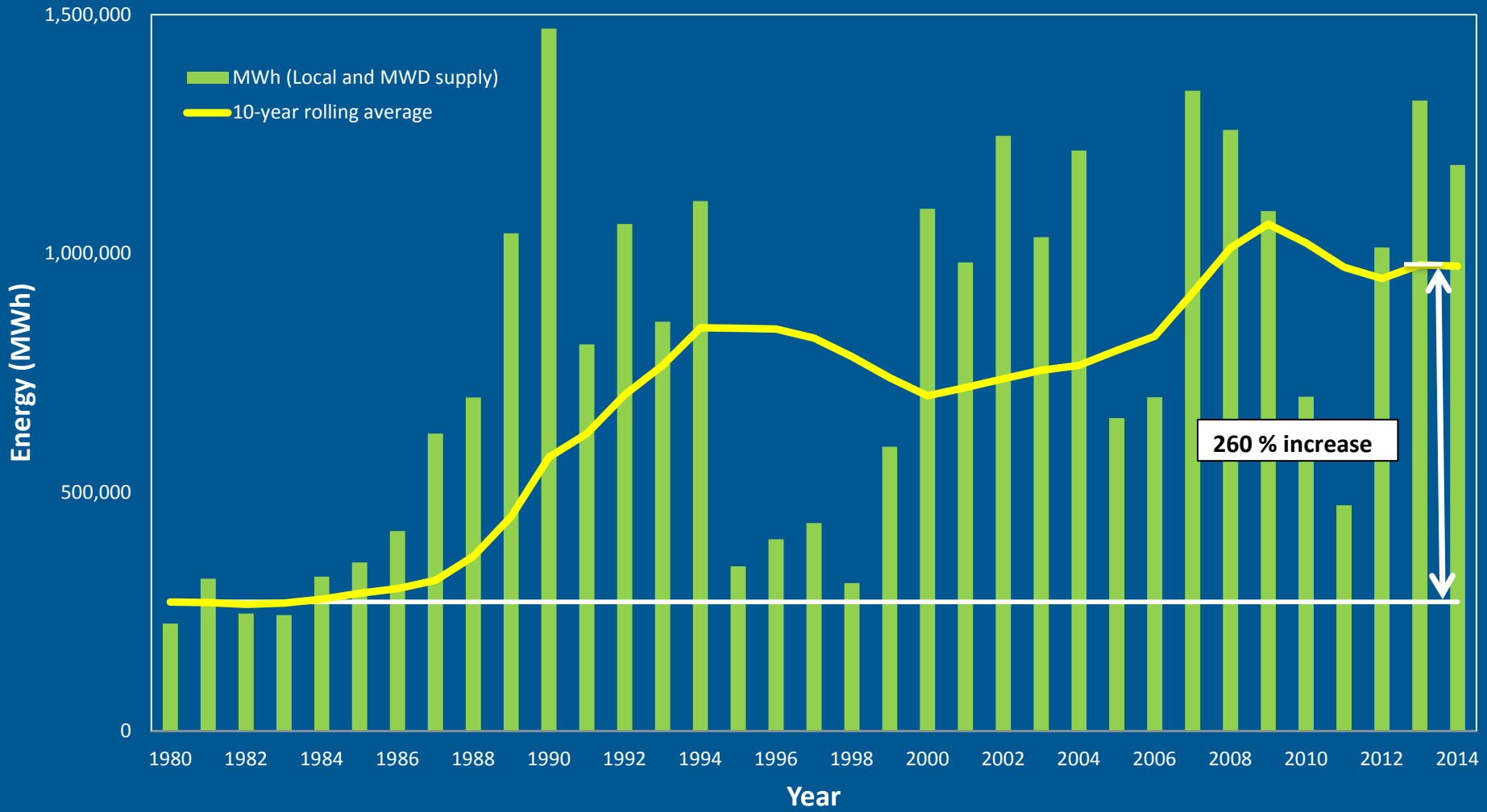
# Why Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Warrants Attention in Water and Wastewater Systems

- Power costs can be a key component of water costs, depending on source
- Most local and sustainable sources come with energy costs
- Sustainability in Water and Power resources can oppose each other when it comes to energy usage





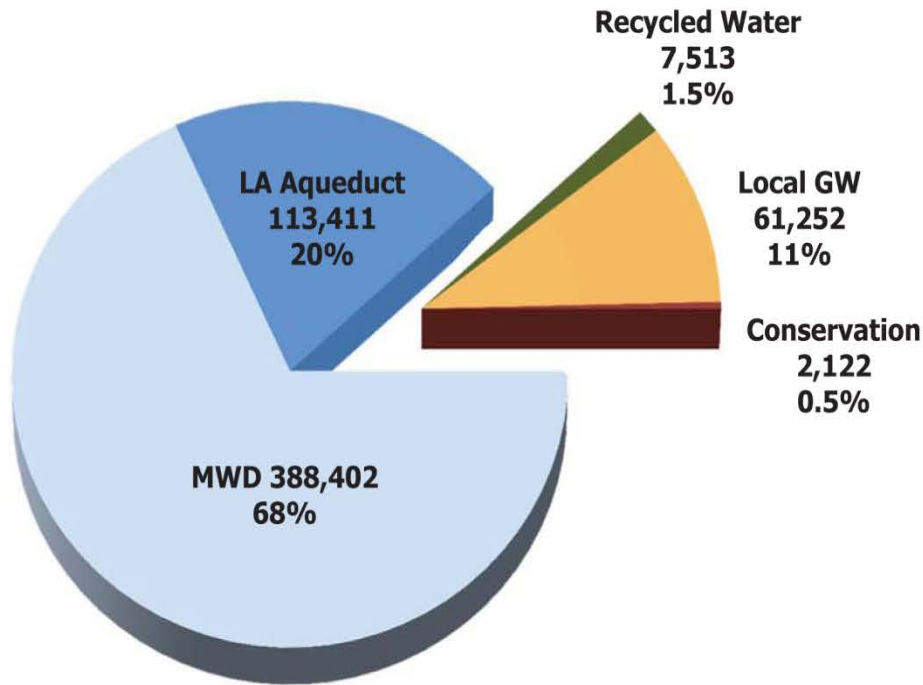
# LADWP Water Supply Energy Consumption



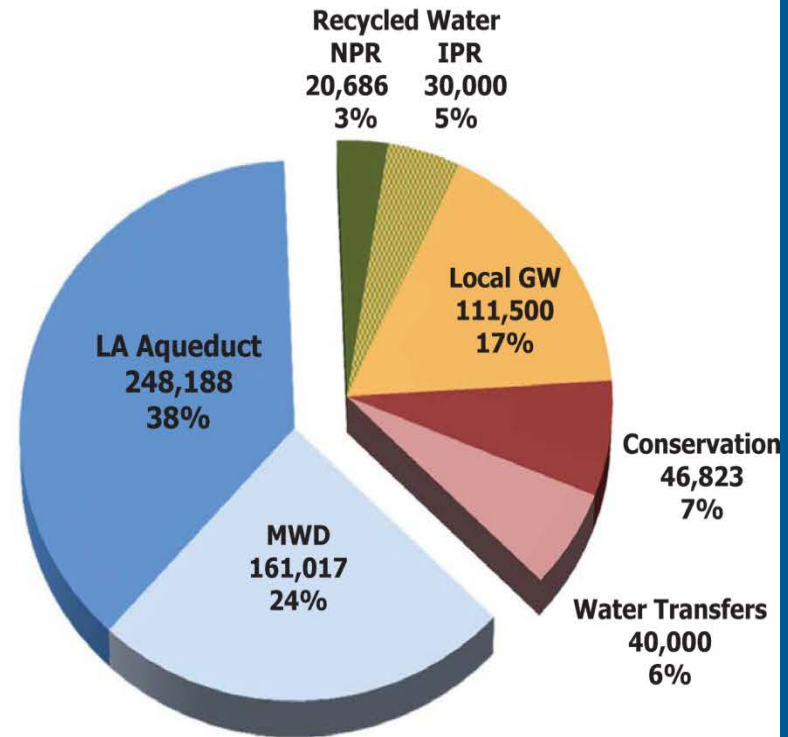


# Local Water Supply Goals

FYE 2012 - 2013 Average  
Total: 568,694 AFY



Fiscal Year 2023 - 24  
Total: 658,214 AFY





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# Benefits of Water Conservation

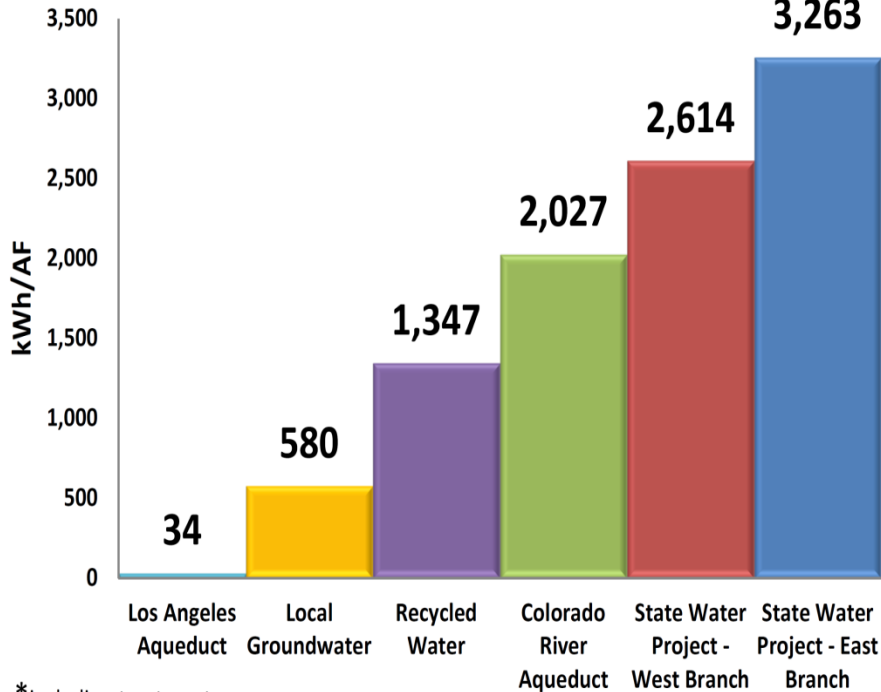
- Cumulative water conserved from FY 2007/08 to FY 2013/14 by LADWP customers is 578,141 acre-feet.
- Equivalent to:
  - Powering over 308,000 homes in L.A. for 1 year
  - Eliminating 1.48 billion pounds of CO2 emissions
  - Eliminating 134,772 passenger vehicle emissions for 1 year
  - Avoiding GHG emissions by recycling over 244,000 tons of waste instead of sending it to the landfill





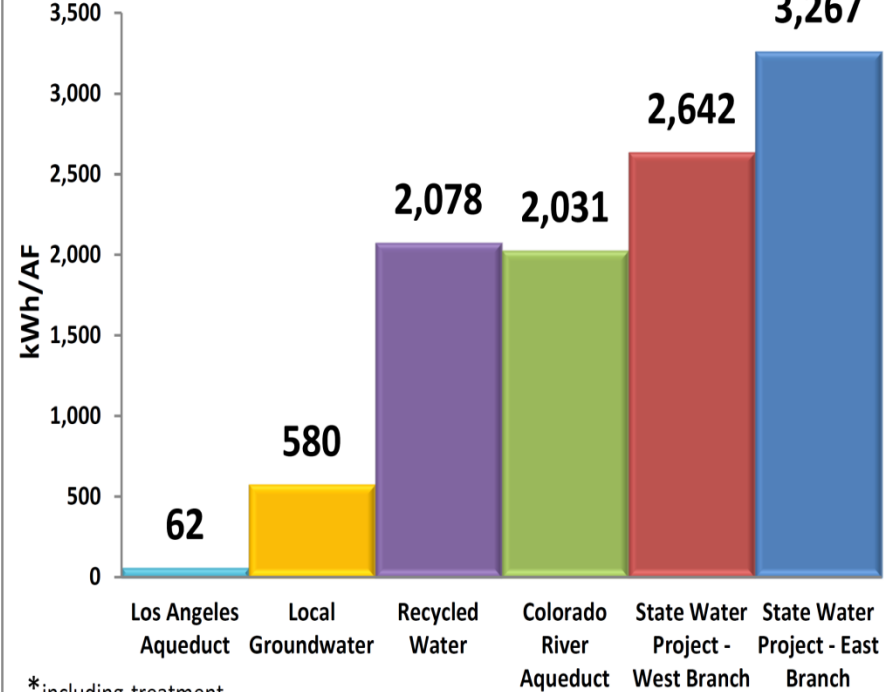
# Summary Comparison of Energy Intensity

### FY 2014 Energy Intensity\*



\*including treatment

### FY 2035 Projected Energy Intensity\*



\*including treatment



# The Challenges Faced

**In contrast to other forms of energy efficiency typically addressed by local or state governments, meaningful savings in the water sector brings into question:**

- Large scale energy efficiency
- Reliability of energy supply
- Substantial cost impacts to an historically cheap commodity
- Absorbing energy needs of new water sources



# Recycled Water System

- LADWP directly receives recycled water from three WW treatment plants operated by the City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN).
- The weighted average of recycled water energy intensity is approximately **1,347 kWh/AF**



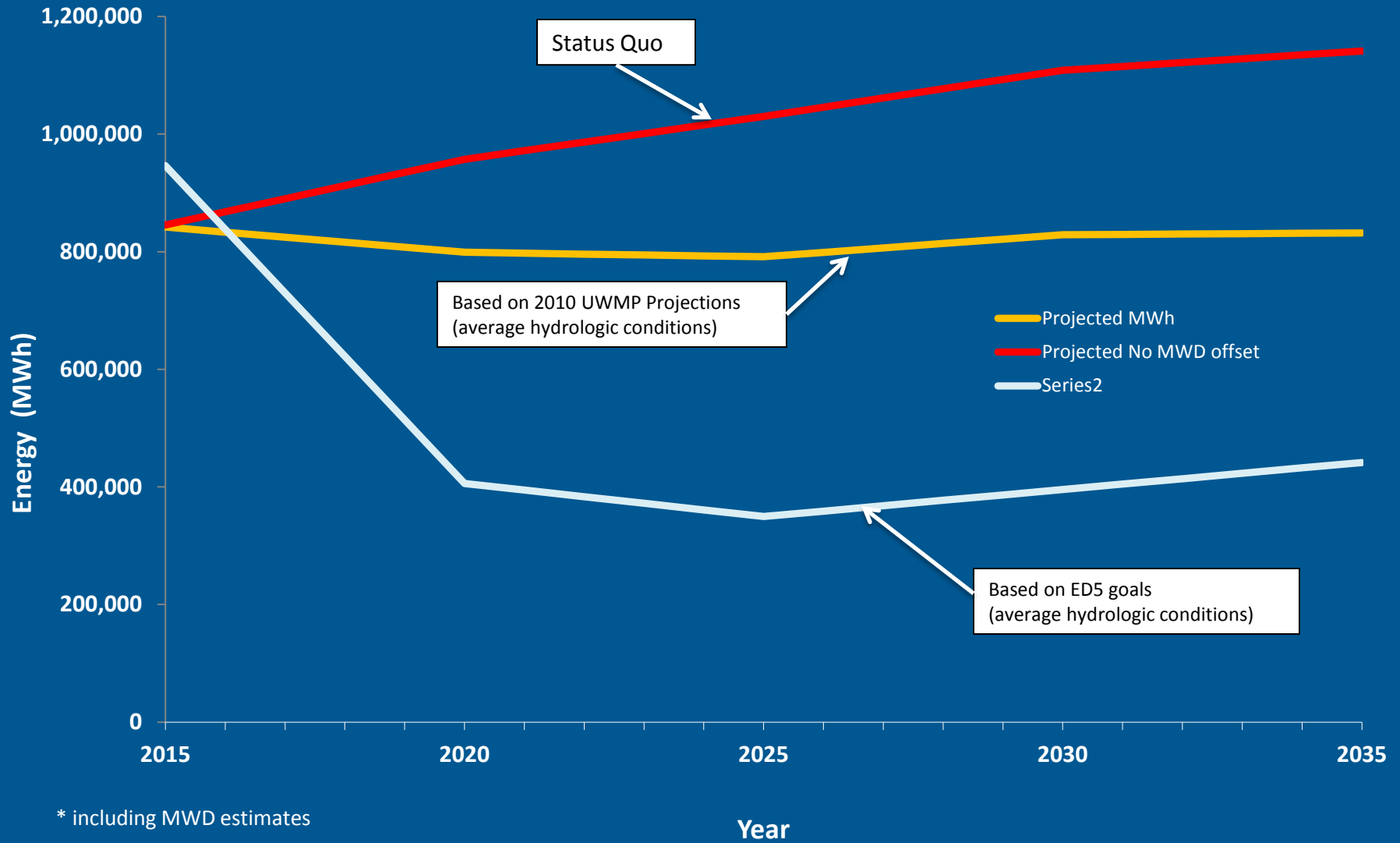
# Water Treatment

- LAA and SWP (west branch) water is treated at the Los Angeles Aqueduct Filtration Plant (LAAFP)
- The average LAAFP treatment energy intensity is **37 kWh/AF**





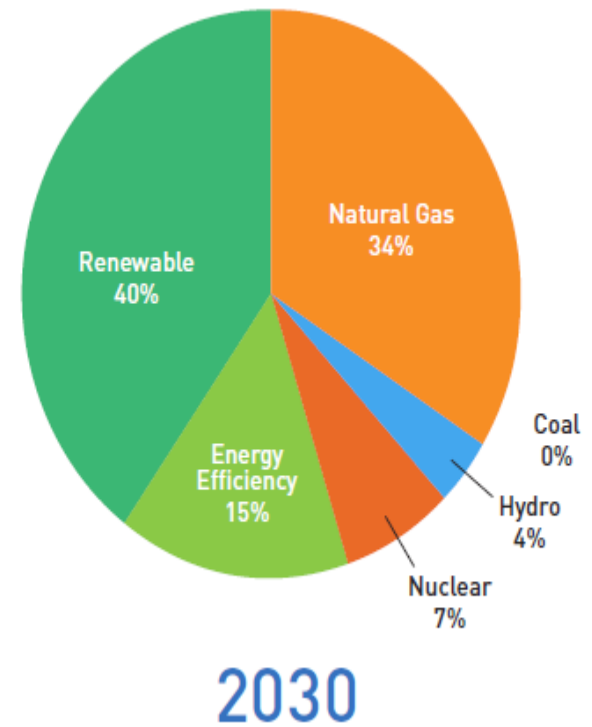
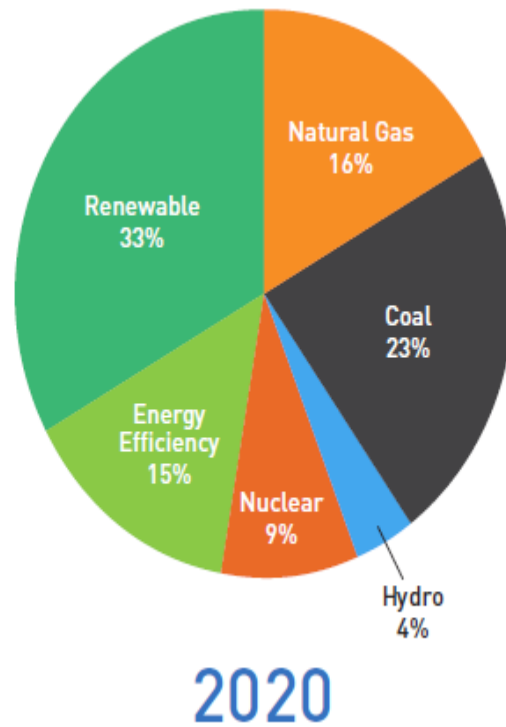
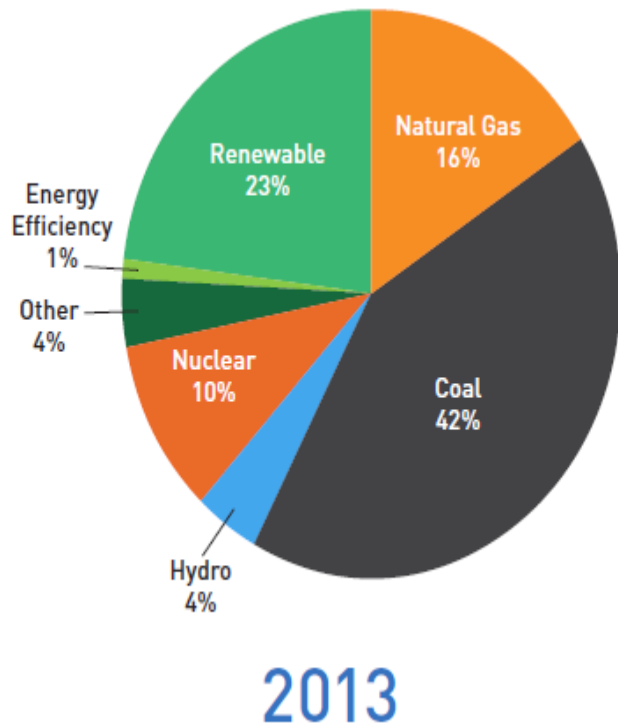
# Projected Water Supply Energy Demands



\* including MWD estimates



# LADWP – Power System Increasing Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency





# Less Obvious Energy Savings In Operations

- Filtration Media
- Data Mining and Operational Intelligence





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# Water Loss Control





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# Remote Testing & Monitoring

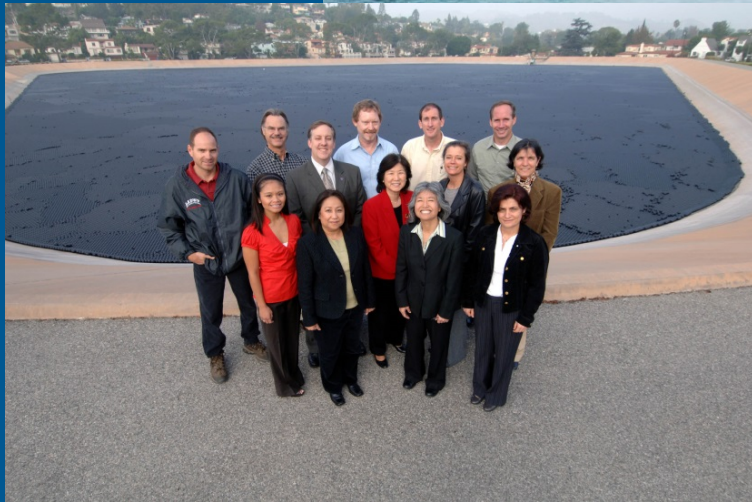




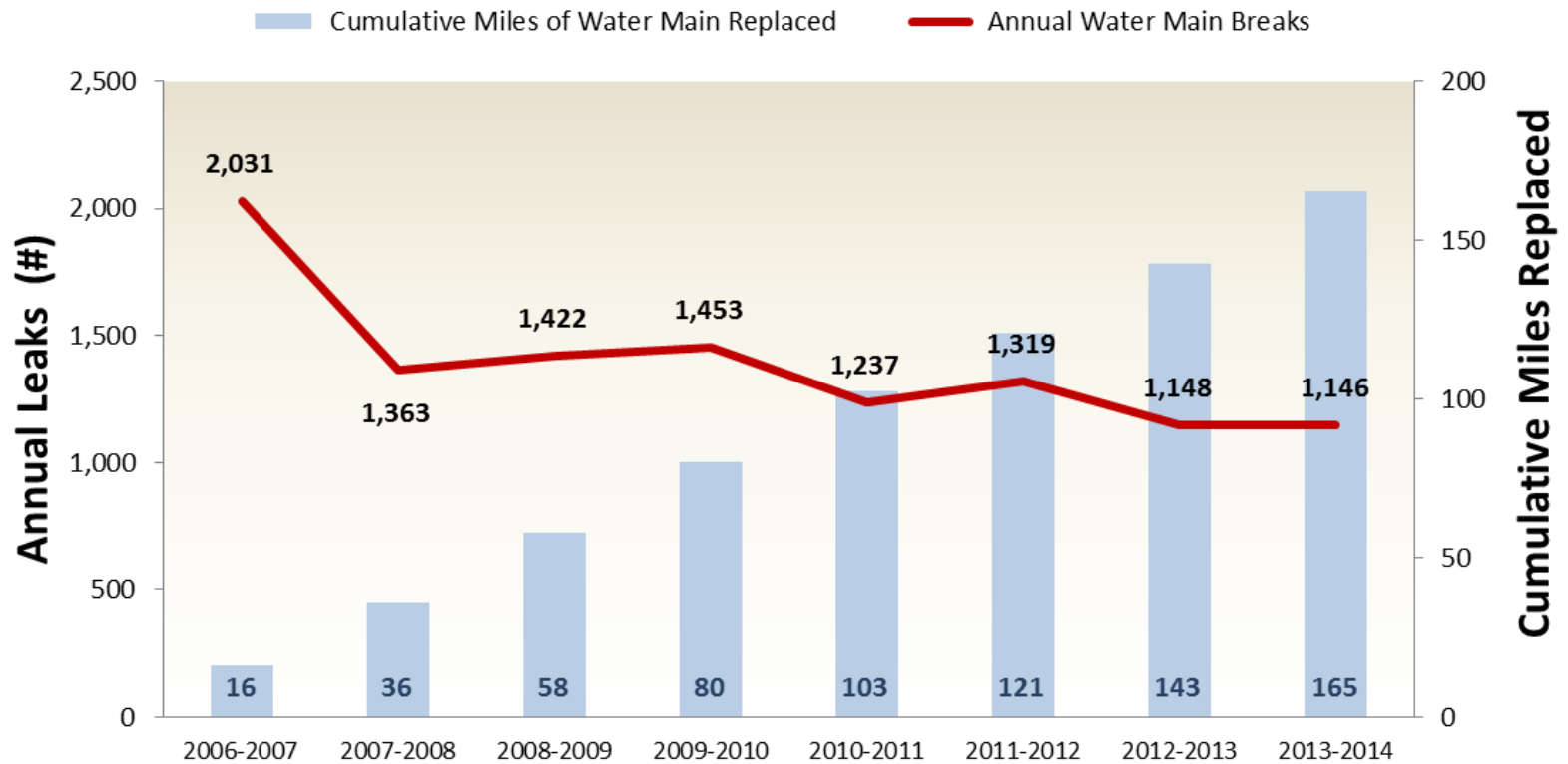


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# Shade Balls



## Mainline Replacement Levels and Leaks (Fiscal Year)





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# Conclusions



# Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in the Wastewater Treatment Sector

## Better Buildings Summit

May 27, 2015





# Agenda

- **Project Description**
  - Why this project
  - How could it work
- **Partnerships**
  - Introductions
  - Organizational strengths to leveraged
- **Timeline/Milestones**



# Why This Project?





# Project Goal

Decrease energy use in  
Minnesota municipal wastewater  
facilities and scope opportunities  
for energy generation



# Project Objectives



Motivate energy efficiency in MN WWTP

Assess opportunity for energy generation

Provide plan for energy generation at select sites





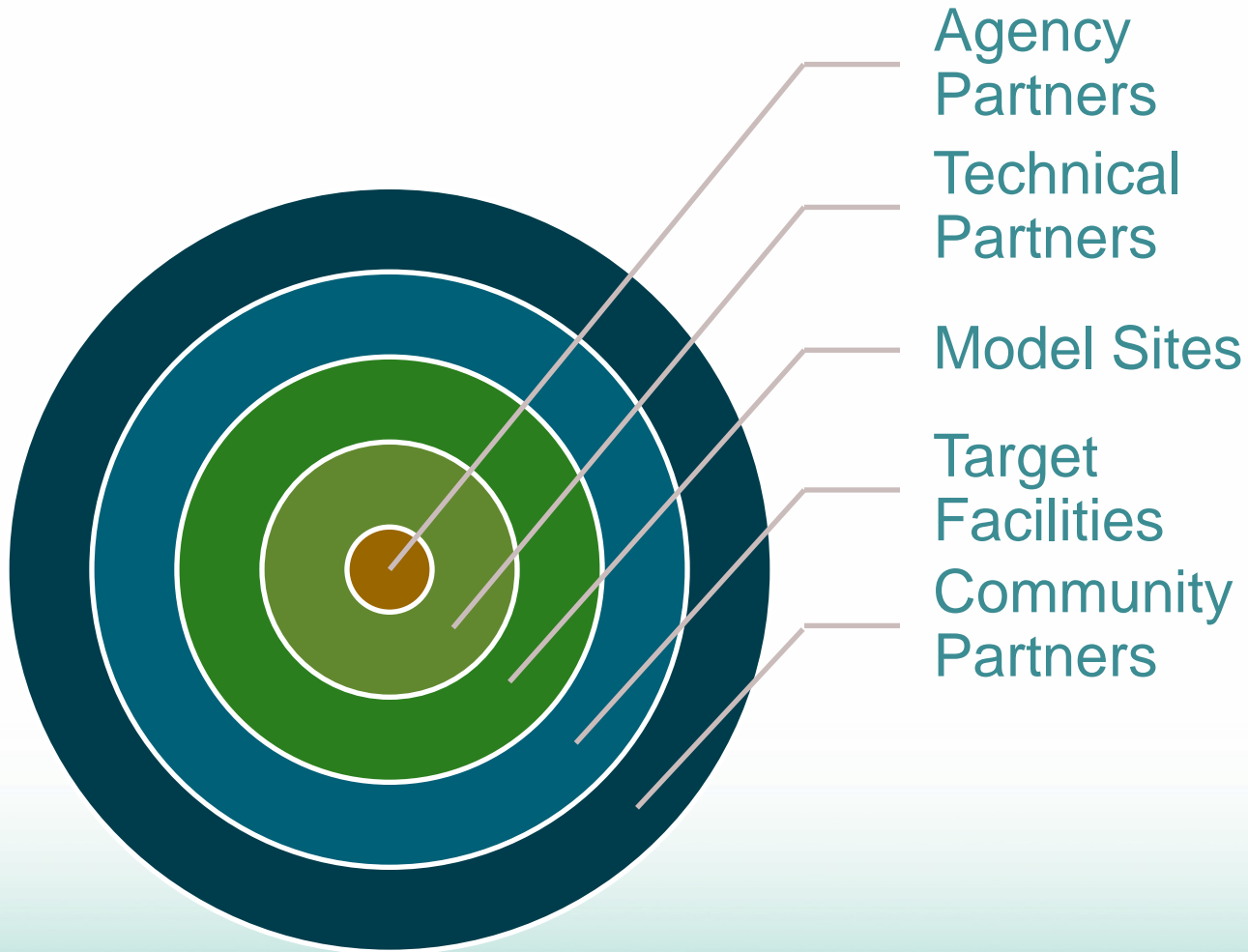
# Approach

## Capitalize on the strengths of state and local resources

- Commerce DER
- PCA Water
- DEED
- GESP
- Loan Programs
- Grant Programs
- Energy Resources Center
- Vendors
- Utilities
- Regional Partnerships
- Technical Assistance
- University Engagement
- Rural Water Association
- Municipalities



# Develop Partnerships





# Implementation Plan

## Develop partnerships for E2

- Engage wastewater community
- Identify TA resources
- Leverage state resources

## Conduct E2 assessments

- Identify prospective sites
- Train for self assessment
- Complete site evaluations

## Facilitate site investment

- Develop impact story
- Identify and apply resources
- Promote and encourage success

## Assess renewable energy opportunity

- Conduct preliminary evaluations
- Partner for detailed assessments



# Anticipated Project Outcomes

## WWTP E2

- Engage Minnesota WWTP on E2 and DG
- 50 operators trained on E2
- 10 energy efficiency assessment conducted

## Implement E2

- 2-5 million kWhr/yr identified conservation opportunity
- 10 regional discussions on WWTP E2 implementation planning

## Distributed Generation

- 5 distributed generation screening evaluations
- 1-2 detailed distributed generation assessments
- 1-2 stakeholder discussions on DG implementation opportunity



# Project Timeline

Task	Months																																						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36			
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Task 2: Develop Partnerships	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█																											
Task 3: Conduct Energy Efficiency Assessments				█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█		
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Task 5: Identify Renewable Energy Opportunities																																							
Task 6: Action Plan Implementation Model																																							
Task 7: Disseminate Results																																							



# Next Steps

- Continue developing partnerships
- Engage model sites for informational interviews
- Promote project opportunities
- Identify/engage candidate assessment sites
- Compile publicly available site data
- Develop WWTP benchmarking capabilities
- Establish training opportunity and curriculum

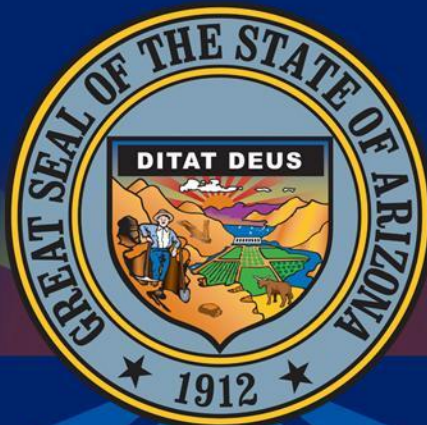


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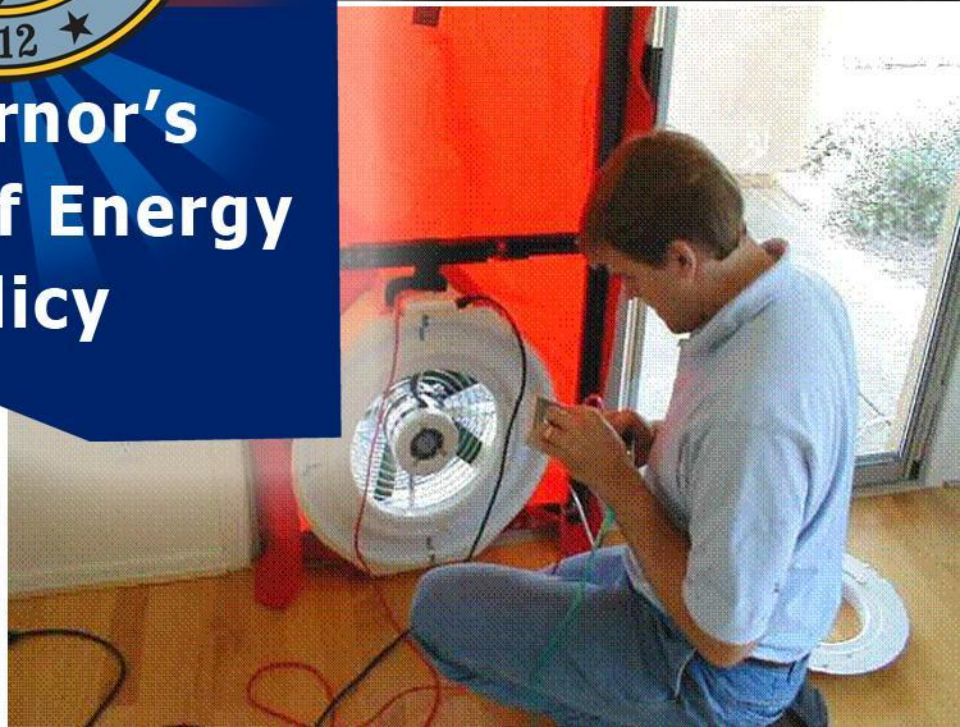
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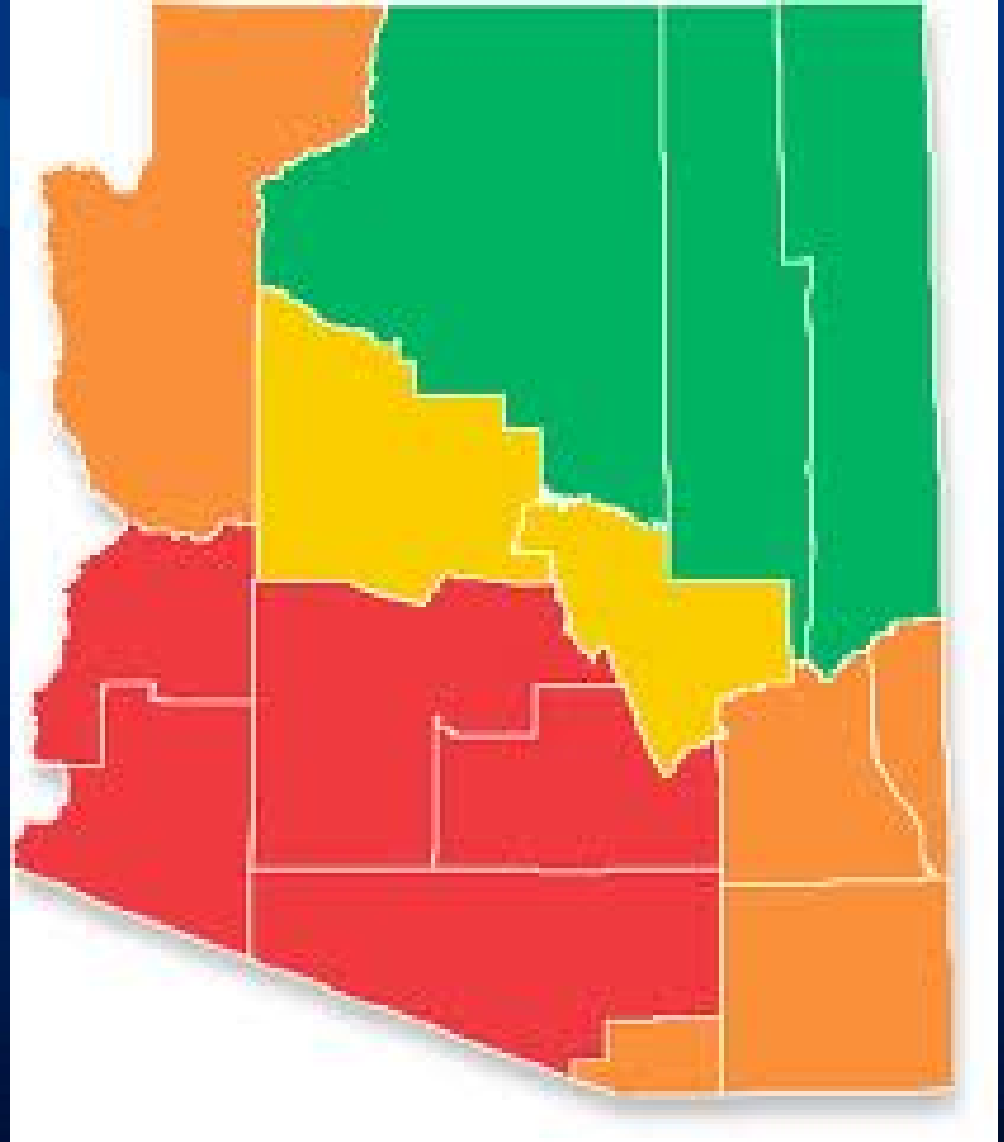
**Governor's  
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Policy**





# Arizona Facts

- 6<sup>th</sup> Largest State
- 15 Counties
- 30 State Parks
- 22 National Parks
- 22 Native American Indian Tribes
- Lack Hwy Infrastructure
- 4 IECC Climate Zones



# Community Energy Program

## Top 5 Problems for the Next 50 Years

1. Energy
2. Water
3. Food
4. Environment
5. Poverty





# What's the Energy Cost in Water

EPA estimates **3-4 percent of national electricity consumption.** Water and wastewater utilities are typically the largest consumers of energy, accounting for **30-40 percent of total energy consumed.**

Energy costs make up the majority of an annual operating budget within a community, typically **second only to labor costs.**

Energy costs have a direct impact on an area's economic health through inefficient energy use and high utility rates.

# Future Energy Demand

- Energy demand increase » 20% - 30% in 15 years
  - *In water and wastewater*
- Population & more stringent regulations
  - *Aging infrastructure*
  - *Increasing threats to watersheds and aquifers*
  - *Changing compliance and public health standards*
  - *“Rising cost” industry*
  - *Higher customer expectations*
  - *Emerging contaminants (pharmaceuticals)*
  - *Increasing competition for raw water sources*





# GOEP Action

In February 2012 the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued a funding opportunity announcement (FOA) to state energy offices. GOEP received 3 years of funding to:

- Benchmark wastewater facilities into EPA Portfolio Manager
- Identify Energy Efficiency Opportunities and match facilities with funding
- Conduct Energy Efficiency Training

# Water Energy Partnership in Arizona



## INVESTIGATION

- Facility Identification
- Benchmarking
- Education/Training



## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Needs Assessment
- Funding Options
- Education/Training



## IMPLEMENTATION

- Project Upgrades
- Education/Training

**Coordination/Collaboration**



# Water Energy Partnership in AZ

## Status:

- 72 WWTP Benchmarked into Portfolio Manager
- Preliminary Analysis
  - ✓ Visits to 6 facilities and 3 EPA Energy Audit
  - ✓ Technical Assistance to 15 facilities
- Developed WWTP Benchmarking curriculum and presented 10 energy education trainings
- Developing resource guide for facilities



# Portfolio Manager WRRF Factors

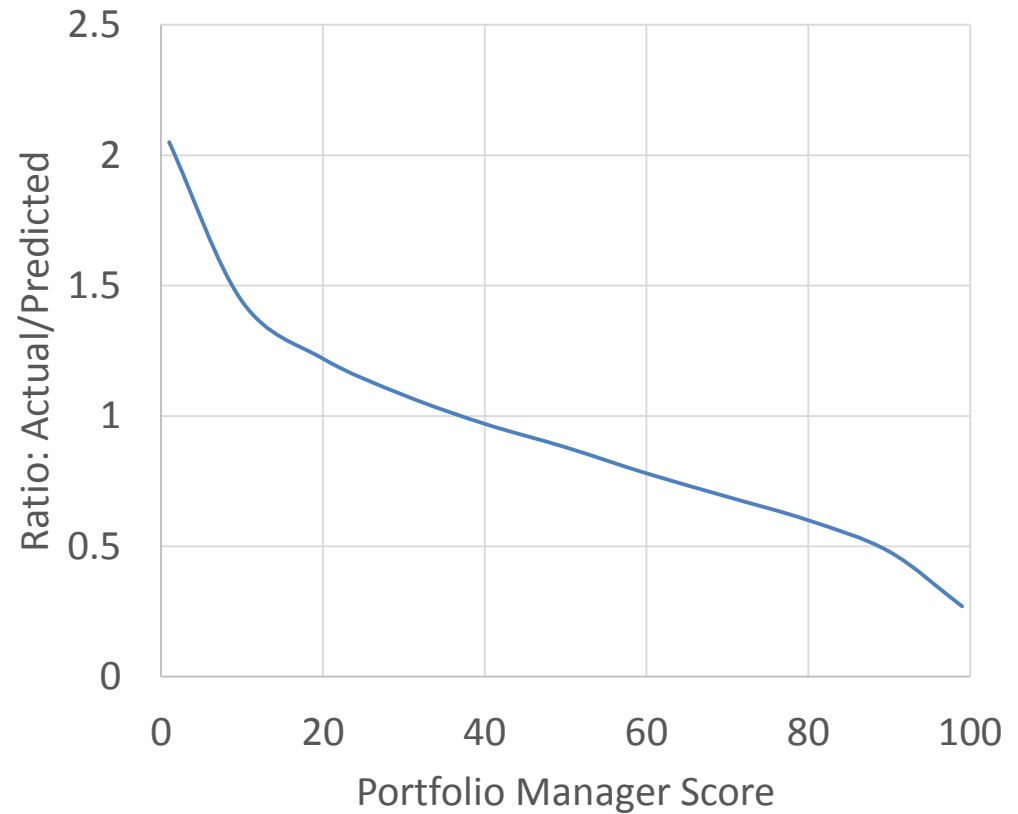
- Average Influent Flow (MGD)
- Average Influent BOD (mg/l)
- Average Effluent BOD (mg/l)
- Plant Design Flow Rate (MGD)
- Fixed Film Trickle Filtration Process
- Nutrient Removal
- Heating Degree Days
- Cooling Degree Days



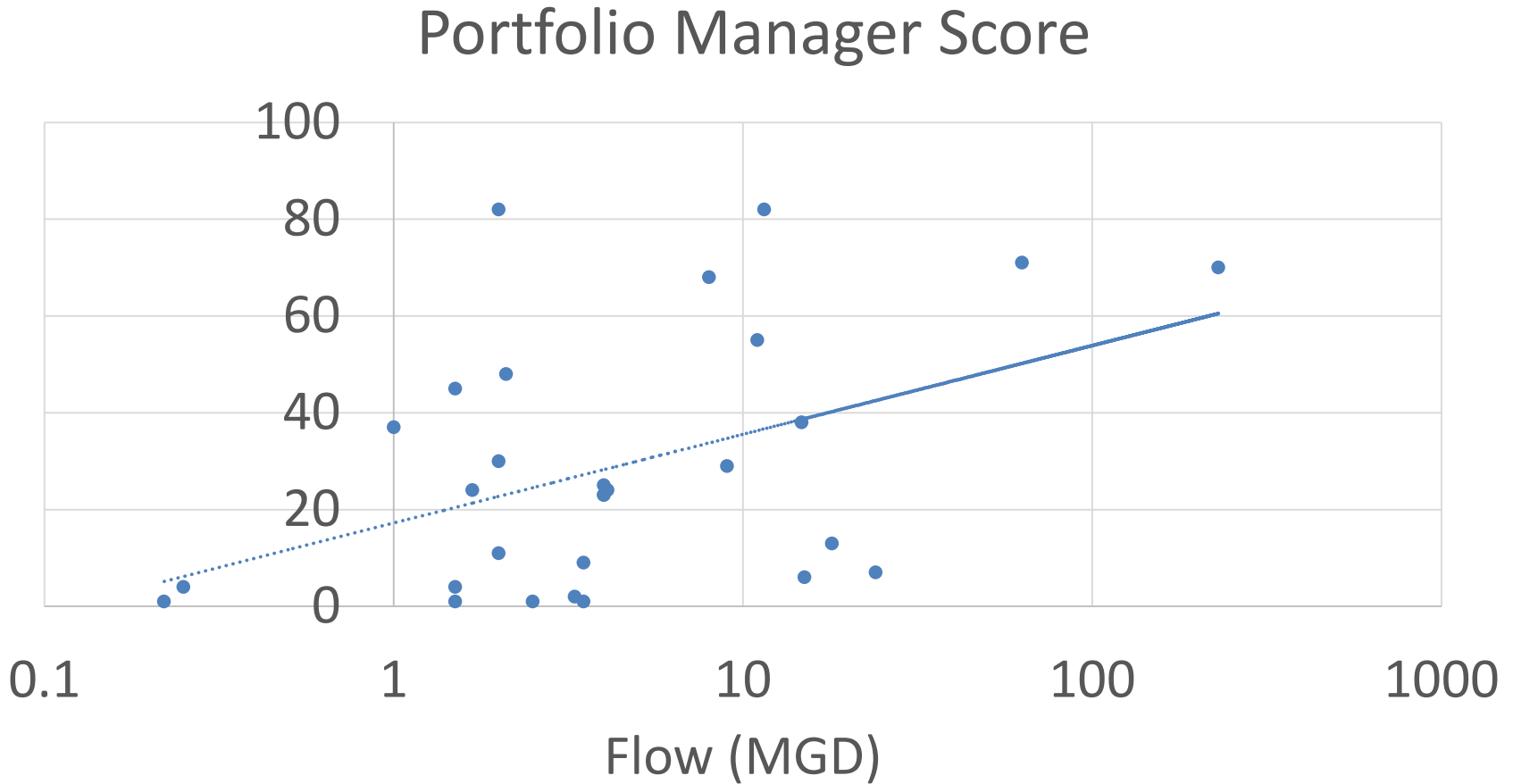
# Portfolio Manager Scores

SCORE	Ratio Act./Pred.
1	2.05
10	1.44
20	1.22
30	1.08
<b>40</b>	<b>0.97</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>0.88</b>
<b>60</b>	<b>0.78</b>
<b>70</b>	<b>0.69</b>
<b>80</b>	<b>0.60</b>
<b>90</b>	<b>0.48</b>
<b>99</b>	<b>0.27</b>

SCORE vs. Ratio



# AZ WRRF PM Score Distribution





# Grant Application Partners

## **State:**

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality  
Water Infrastructure Finance Authority

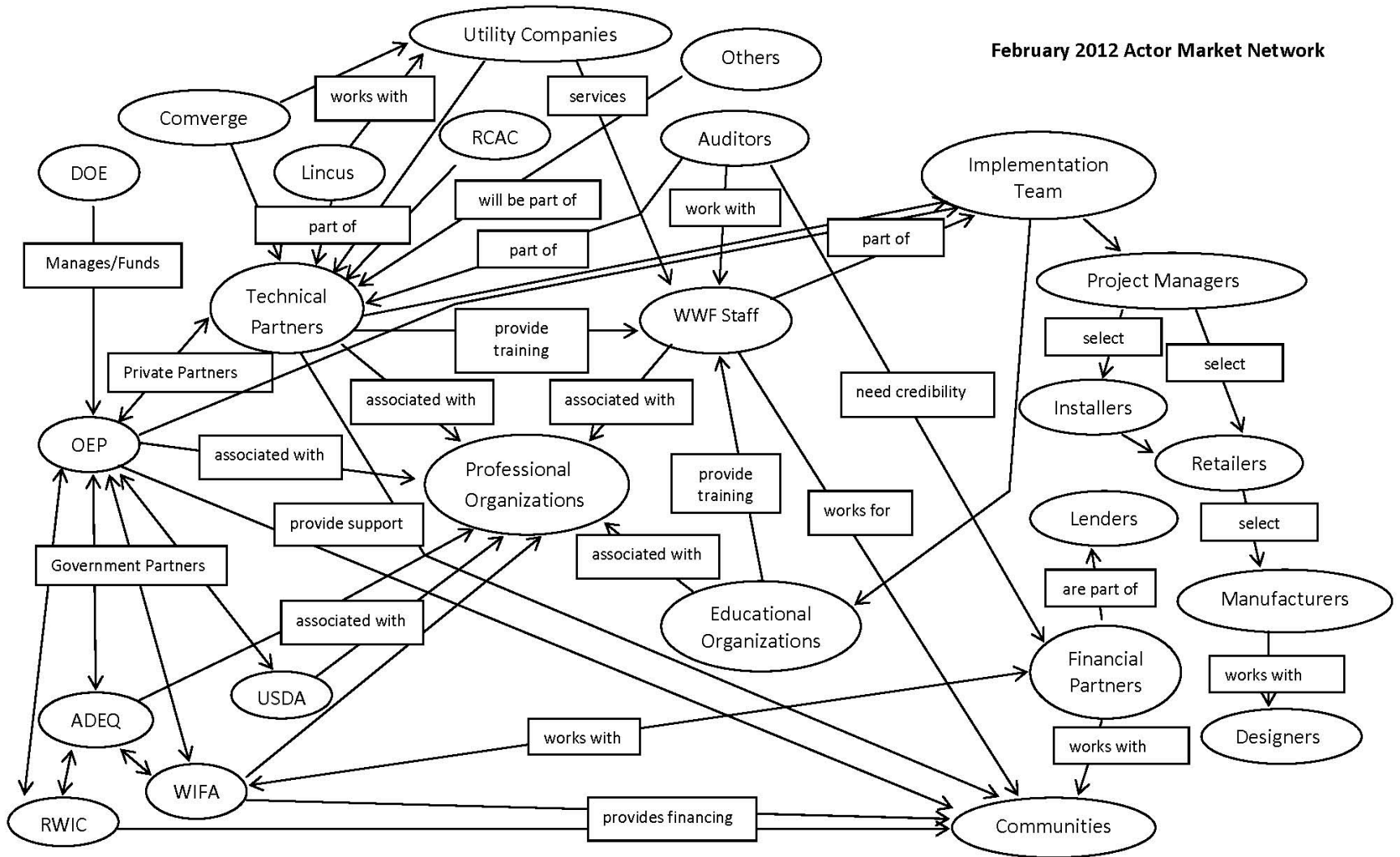
## **Federal:**

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development

## **Private:**

Arizona Public Service  
Honeywell  
Lincus Energy  
Rural Community Assistance Corporation

# Partners Market Network (2012)



# Current Partners (2015)

**State:** AZ Department of Environmental Quality, Water Infrastructure Finance Authority, AZ Department of Water Resources, AZ State Parks, AZ Department of Transportation, Arizona Corporation Commission

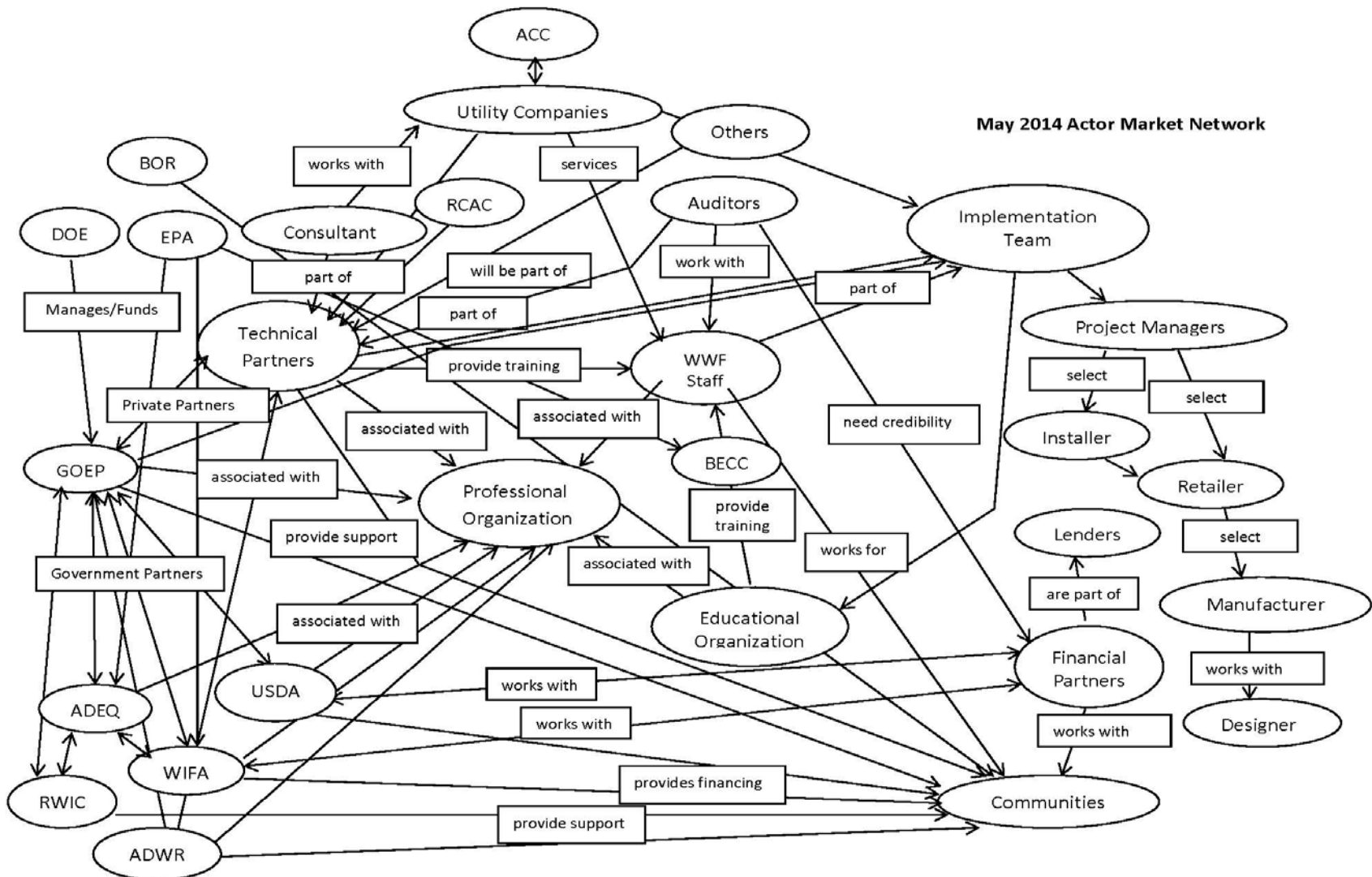
**Federal:** USDA Rural Development, EPA, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

**Utility:** Arizona Public Service, Unisource, Salt River Project, Sulphur Springs, AZ Electric Power Cooperative, Mohave Electric Co-op

**Private:** Honeywell, Lincus Energy, AMERSCO, TRANE, Chelsea Group, Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC)

**Professional Organizations:** AZ Water Association, Rural Water Association, AZ Electric Co-op Association

# Partners Market Network (2014)



# Challenge



PICK UP THE



AND MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN





# Thank You

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