

### Climate Challenges and Case Studies

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# **Phoenix Case Study**

Water Services Department
Human Services - Heat Relief Network
Phoenix Climate Action Plan

# Water / Wastewater Overview

- Service area: 540 square miles
- Population served: 1,502,287
- Accounts: 404,647 (Water), 403,000 (Sewer)
- Miles of pipe: 6,962 (Water), 4,965 (Sewer)
- Water Treatment plants: 5
- Active wells: 24
- Wastewater Treatment Plants: 2
- Reclamation Facility: 1
- Remote Facilities: 200+

### **Phoenix Water Portfolio**



### **Total Water Use / Wastewater Generation Remain Stable**



## Gallons per Capita per Day (GPCD)





#### ■50 year Water Resource Plan



- Assured Water Supply Compliance
- Growth
- Drought Projections / Climate Variability
- Demand Management
  - Water conservation / water use efficiency
  - Demand curtailment<sup>7</sup> planning

### **Resource Management**



# **Shortage Preparation**

PHASE	LEAD TIME	DEMAND RELATED ACTIONS
MONITOR	Continuous	<ul> <li>Monitor growth and usage trends</li> <li>Anticipate trend changes</li> <li>Research large water uses to better understand potential for demand reduction</li> <li>Maintain public awareness</li> </ul>
EXPLORE AND PLAN	Near term - decades	<ul> <li>Advocate for plumbing code changes to generate long-term savings</li> <li>Support customer actions to improve landscape water efficiency</li> <li>Prepare customers for future drought conditions (landscape retrofits, etc.)</li> </ul>
PREPARE AND DEPLOY LONG RANGE	5-10 Years	<ul> <li>Evaluate large commercial and industrial customers and sectors for opportunities to develop cooperative agreements</li> </ul>
DEPLOY SHORT RANGE	2-5 Years	<ul> <li>Execute demand reduction agreements with specified large customers or sensitive customers in anticipation of shortage</li> <li>Establish general customer outreach strategy</li> </ul>
OPERATE	1 Year	<ul> <li>Prepare customers for mandatory demand curtailment measures</li> <li>Implement drought surcharge</li> <li>Implement curtailment measures</li> </ul>
MANAGE	During Shortage	<ul> <li>Assist customers in meeting voluntary or mandatory reduction measures</li> <li>Enforce mandatory measures</li> </ul>

### **Human Services Heat Relief Network**

- Provides community resources to homeless, elderly and disabled whenever:
  - Temp consistently above 100F
  - High nighttime temperatures
  - Extreme heat advisories issued by National Weather Service



## **Human Services Heat Relief Network**

- Augments community and faith-based organizations
- Services provided:
  - Hydration stations
  - Heat refuge
  - Water Donor/collector efforts
  - Wellness checks



# **Climate Action Plan**

#### **Greenhouse Gas Emissions** City of Phoenix Operations 2005





#### **City of Phoenix Operations** GHG Impact of Measures 2015



### **Selected Measures** GHG Reductions by 2015



# **Renewable Energy**



# Clean technologies which avoid greenhouse gas generation

- Solar
- Wind
- Hydroelectric
- Géothermal

22 solar installations produce over 7 mega-watt electricity

12 mega-watts solar by end of 2012 (2400 homes !)

City Renewable Energy Goal: – 15% by 2025 – Solar, landfill-to-gas, algae, and biomass projects.





Skunk Creek Landfill

# **Solar Energy at Sky Harbor**



Rental Car Center Solar Installation: 4.2 Mega-watts

•Enough to power about 1000 Valley homes; or equivalent to removing 1230 cars from the road for ONE year

# **Green Buildings**

#### **Municipal Construction**

- June 2005: The city adopts LEED-NC, a "whole system" approach to green building as the standard for its new construction
- 15 buildings certified or registered to LEED so far.
- Burton Barr Library certified as first LEED-Existing Building in 2010.



Burton Barr Central Library – LEED-EB<sub>18</sub>



Phoenix Convention Center – West: LEED-NC Silver

### **Green Fleet**

# Vehicles create 28% of all air pollution nationwide.

#### ■City:

- Over 4,090 alternative or clean fuel vehicles
- 53% of the total fuel. Includes:
  - Compressed Natural Gas
  - Liquefied Natural Gas
  - Biodiesel
  - **E85**







# **Community Initiatives**

Energize Phoenix Transit – Light Rail Phoenix Green **Construction Code** (Green Building Code) Adaptive Reuse Policy Solar Phoenix 2 ■NSD Home Retrofits









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