AZWaterReuse 2021

APS Sustainable Water Practices

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APS Reliance On Colorado River Water

- Less than 1% of APS fleet water comes from the Colorado River
- Yucca Power Plant
 - 5th/6th Priority water rights lost in Tier 1 shortage
 - Groundwater sufficient to meet plant requirements
- Sundance Power Plant
 - GRIC Indian Priority CAP water
 - Relatively high priority



APS Sustainable Water Practices

- Reduce fleet water consumption and water intensity
- Avoid water use by using more renewable energy (wind, PV solar)
- Increase energy efficiency power not needed that would have consumed water
- Increase use of reclaimed water
- Reclaim and use impaired water supplies, if available brackish/saline groundwater
- Retire older water intensive plants and replace with water efficient technologies (Ocotillo, hybrid cooling towers)
- Reduce reliance on non-renewable groundwater

Water Consumption For Power Delivered To APS Customers Projected To Be Reduced 41% By 2035







Ocotillo Modernization Project

- Replaced aging steam units with modern quick start combustion turbines
- Implementation of Hybrid (Wet/Dry) Cooling Technology
 - Reduced water intensity from approx. 900 gal/MWh to 140 gal/MWh
- Five Units were placed inservice in 2019



Water Intensity (gal/MWh) Of Power Delivered To APS Customers Projected To Be Reduced 60% by 2035

APS Projected Water Intensity (gal/MWh) 2020-2035; Includes APS Plants, PPAs, CSP (Solana), Geothermal, Biomass, Landfill Gas, Energy Efficiency, and Renewable Energy (DE, Wind, PV Solar) gallons/MWh Year



Avoided Water Usage Due To Increased Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

Avoided Water Usage (Acre-Feet) Due To Use of Renewable Energy and APS Energy Efficiency Programs







APS Uses Three Types of Water For Power Plant Cooling: Treated Effluent, Surface Water, and Groundwater

- Treated Effluent
 - In 2020, 69% of all APS fleet water consumed was effluent
 - Renewable supply is municipal wastewater from wastewater treatment plants
 - Drought resistant typical cutback in drought is outdoor irrigation, interior use is relatively constant
- Surface Water
 - In 2020, 16% of all APS fleet water consumed was surface water
 - Renewable replenished by rainfall, snow and runoff
 - At risk of shortage during drought conditions
- Groundwater
 - In 2020, 15% of all APS fleet water consumed was groundwater
 - Non-renewable can be pumped much faster than it can be recharged
 - Groundwater is Arizona's water savings account, should be reserved for drought contingency
 - APS announced a strategy to reduce reliance on groundwater in 2016
 - Current usage is 31% below 2014 consumption
 - By 2035, we project groundwater usage to be 80% below 2014



APS Water Use By Type During Resource Planning Period

2020 Water Use By Type (actual % total plant water use)



Groundwater Surface Water

Treated effluent

2035 Water Use By Type (projected % total plant water use)



Treated effluent Groundwater Surface Water