



Approve Forbearance Agreement Allowing CAWCD to Add Intentionally Created Surplus to Lake Mead

Water Planning & Stewardship Committee

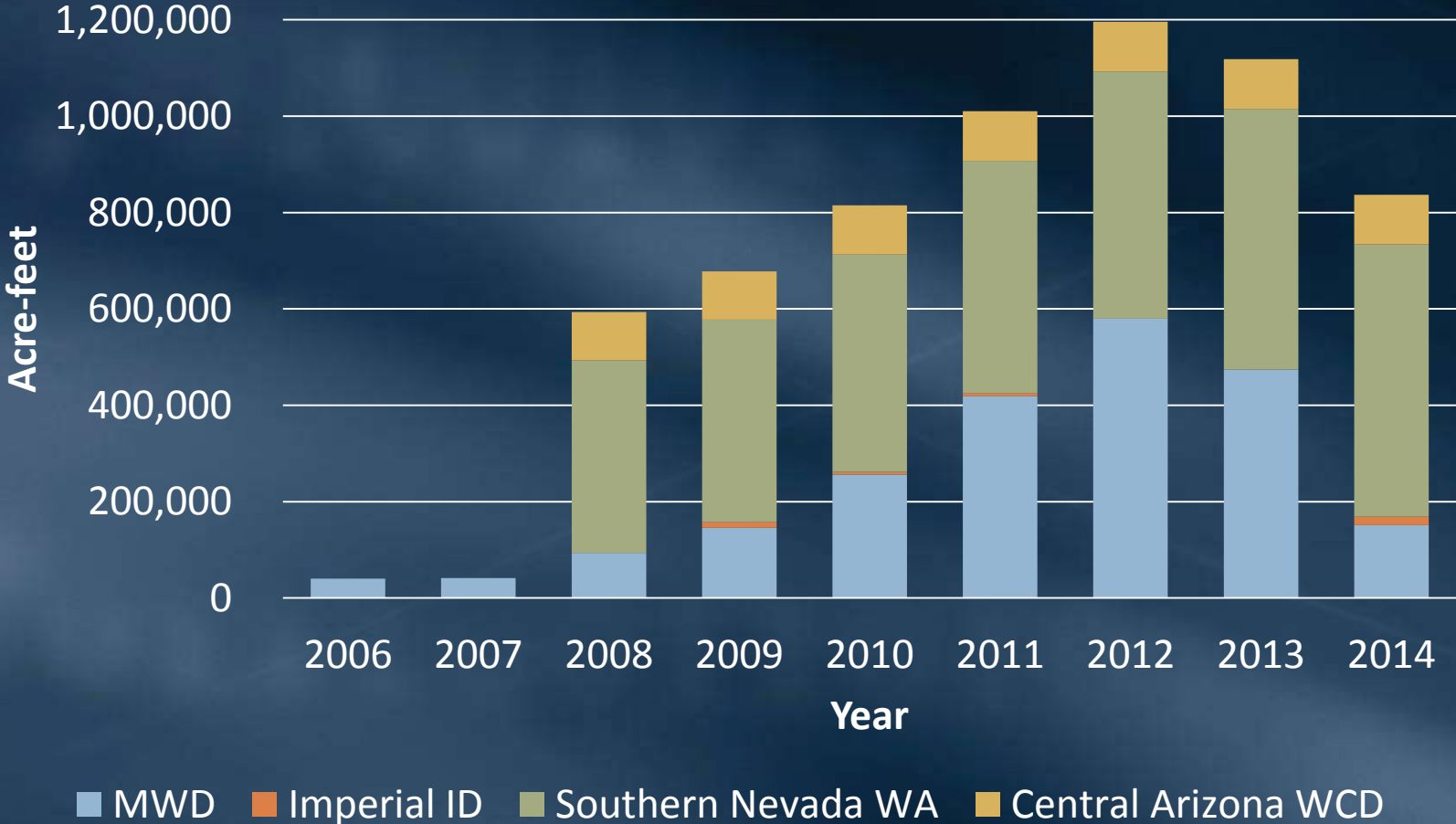
Item 7-1

September 21, 2015

Background

- Colorado River in extended drought
 - Risk of shortages beginning in 2017
 - Could interrupt ability of certain users to draw water
- 2007 Forbearance Agreement
 - Allows addition of exhibits to conserve or augment water supplies
 - Assures that no contractor in another state will claim Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS)

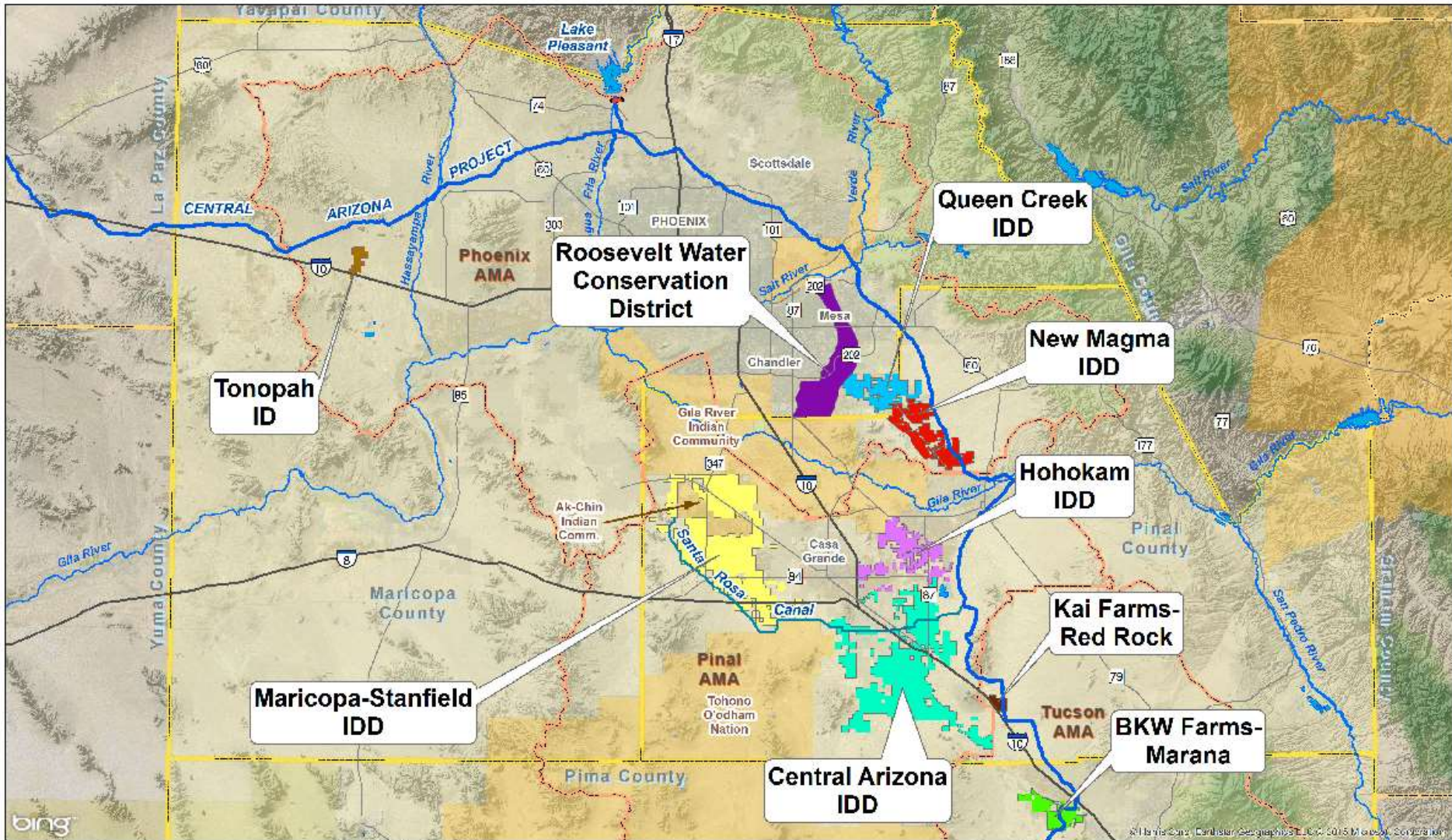
Intentionally Created Surplus Balance



Request of Arizona DWR and CAWCD

- Execute an exhibit to 2007 Agreement
 - Forbear use of Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) funded ICS water supply created in 2015 and 2016
 - Land fallowing
 - Development of non-Colorado River system water
 - New conservation programs and infrastructure
 - New reuse programs
 - New demand reduction programs

CAWCD Customers Participating



CAP Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) Irrigation Districts

LEGEND

- County Boundary
- CAP Service Area
- Active Management Area
- Indian Community

SCALE

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Miles

DATE MARCH 2015

LOCATION Phoenix, AZ

PRODUCTION CAP

SOURCE ARIZONA CANAL, GILA RIVER, SALT RIVER

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Extraordinary Conservation ICS Proposal

- Limited to 2015 and 2016 at 100,000 AF/yr
- CAWCD would not request delivery prior to 2020 unless Lake Mead's elevation exceeds 1,145 feet
- Delivery limited to direct domestic use

Benefits of ICS Creation

- Increase the elevation of Lake Mead, increasing head for power production
- Help reduce the likelihood of a shortage condition applying to future Lake Mead operation



Board Options

Option #1

- Adopt the CEQA determination that the proposed action is not subject to CEQA, and:
 - Authorize the General Manager to execute an exhibit to the December 13, 2007 Forbearance Agreement consistent with the terms outlined and in a form approved by the General Counsel

Board Options

Option #2

- Do not authorize execution of an exhibit to the Forbearance Agreement agreeing to forbear use of Extraordinary Conservation ICS created by CAWCD

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

