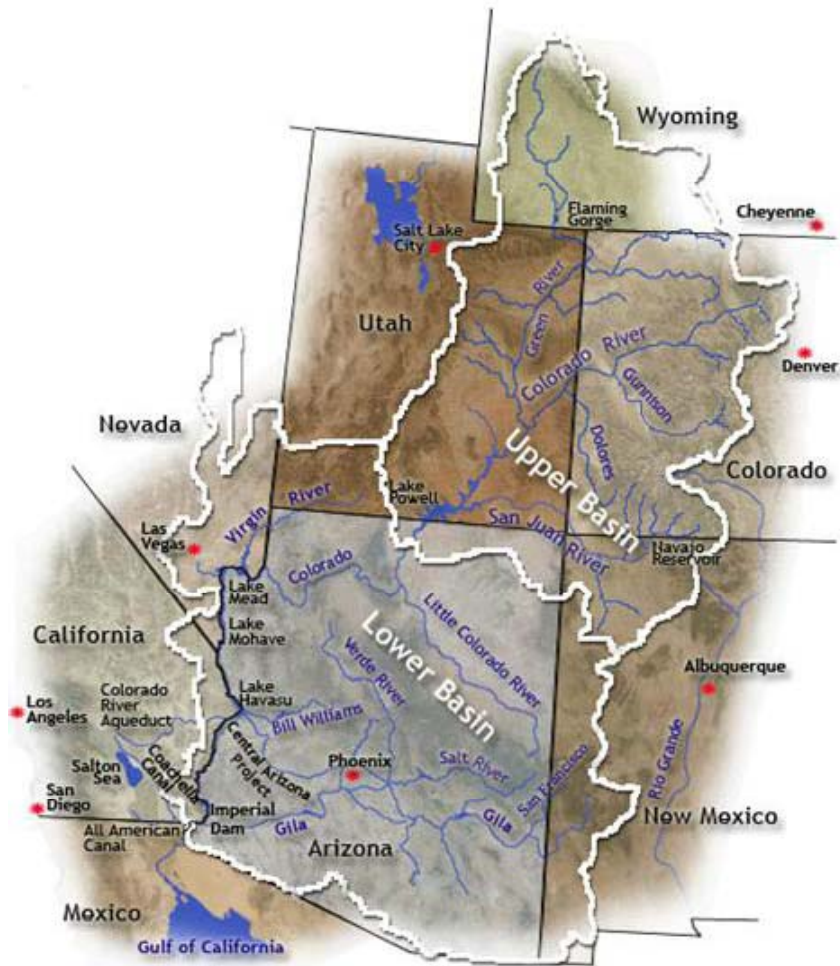
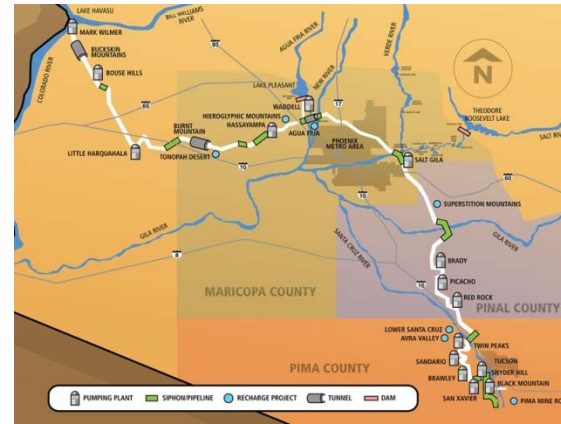


## Colorado River Supplies



The Colorado Watershed is comprised of several states that has been divided into the upper and lower basin. Today in the Lower Basin, Arizona has rights to 2.8 million acre feet of Colorado River water per year.



The Central Arizona Project (CAP) is designed to bring about 1.5 million acre-feet of Colorado River water per year to Pima, Pinal and Maricopa counties.

Several of Mesa’s Colorado River supplies are delivered through the CAP canal, including CAP subcontract water, water leased from Indian communities and water acquired from the Wellton-Mohawk irrigation district.

Because CAP water is the first water to be cut during times of shortage in the Colorado River, Mesa has proactively stored, or recharged, large volumes of Colorado River water underground in aquifers under Mesa. During times of drought, this water can be pumped from local wells, thus mitigating the impact of drought and climate change on Mesa’s economy.