

Central Yavapai Highlands Water Resource Management Study (CYHWRMS) Phase 3 Alternatives Overview

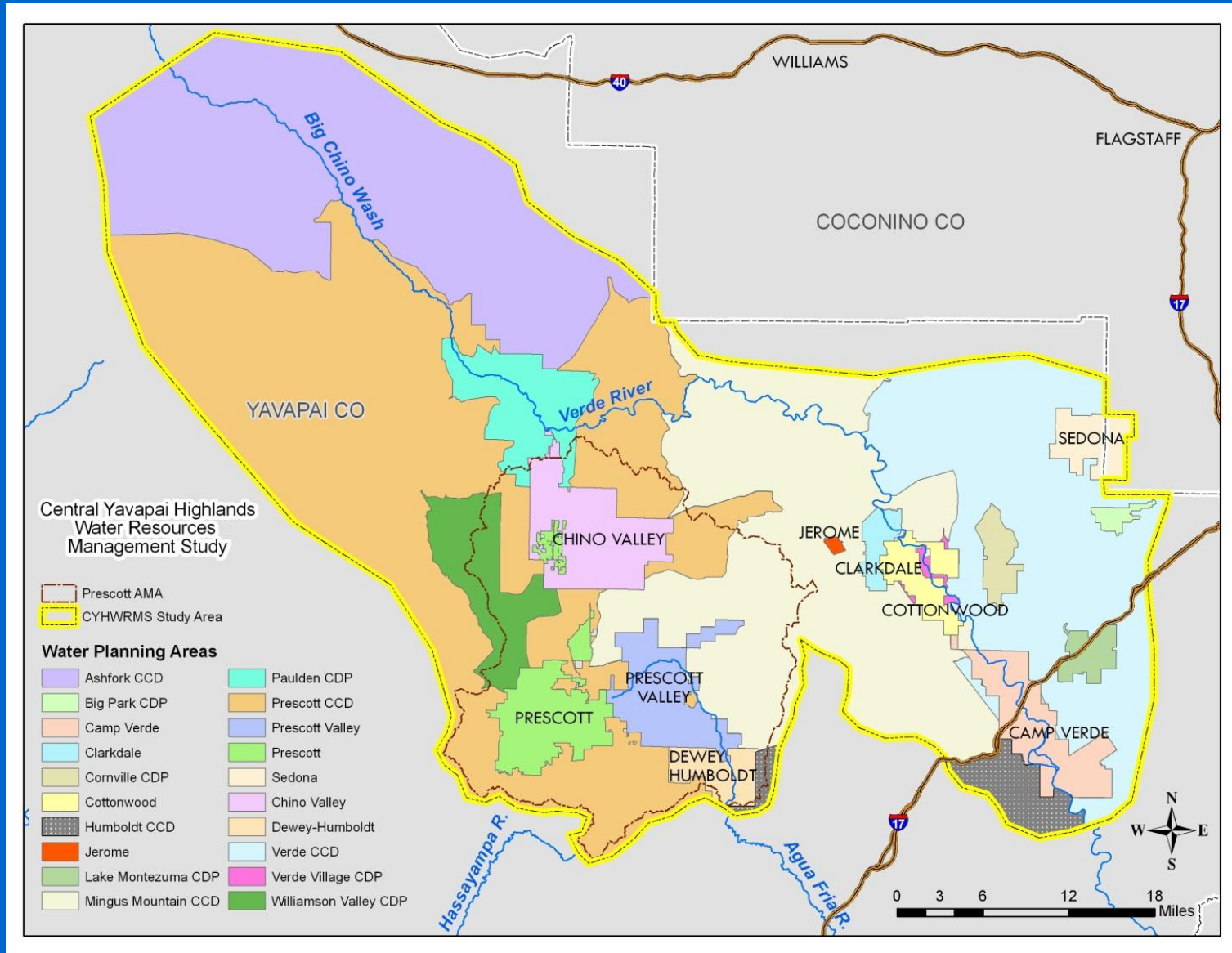
Yavapai County Water Advisory Committee
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Outline for 2-19-14 WAC meeting

- (very) Brief review of Phases 1 & 2
- Phase 3 process and process plans for WAC (potential action items)
- Overview of Alternatives (Introduction to all alternatives)
- Next Meeting Objectives



CYHWRMS - Study Area



- **STUDY AREA:** Big Chino, PrAMA, and Verde Valley; High Potential Growth Areas; With increased water demands

Bottom Line Need by WPA

2050 Water Supply
+/-

- This table represents the amount of additional supplies each planning area needs to find to satisfy 2050 demands.
- Understand assumptions built in to Phase 1 table (such as Population estimates, GPPD, conservation and agricultural transfers, etc)
- Phase 2 assessed where there may be water to use in alternatives to meet those needs

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CYHWRMS: Demand Analysis – Estimated Supplies and Demands, using components from existing water budgets

SUB-BASIN “Water Balance 1” APPROACH -

Verde Valley Sub-basin:

Inflow (167,000) – Outflow (baseflow out 144,100) = 22,900 AF available
22,900 – 48,558 (2050 Demand) = **-25,658** (unmet 2050 demand)

Little Chino/Upper Agua Fria (PrAMA):

Inflow Natural Recharge (8,070) – Outflow (4,850) = 3,220 AF available
3,220 – 57,402 (2050 Demand) = **-54,182** (unmet 2050 demand)

Big Chino Sub-basin:

Inflow (30,300) – Outflow (17,900 baseflow out) = 12,400 AF available
12,400 – 12,601 (2050 Demand) = **-201** (unmet 2050 demand)

= Total for Study area about 80,000 acft



Phase 3 Process

- List and Describe Alternatives
- Describe Environmental issues associated with Alternatives (document/maps)
- Describe Legal and Institutional issues associated with the Alternatives (document)
- Calculate potential water volume associated with each alternative
- Prepare appraisal level costs (tables/documentation) (to serve as relative comparison of alternatives – not absolute costs)
- Consider Viability (Four tests of Viability)



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Phase 3 - Alternatives

- Phase 3 (Alternative Development and Evaluation) Identifies, describe and analyze various potential alternatives to meet the future unmet demands identified in Phase 1 (using the Phase 2 water sources). Ways to tie the available resources to the identified needs
- **Question: Is there at least one alternative that can meet the unmet demands? (Yes, but alternatives only meet a portion of the deficit – potential combinations)**
- **Question: Is there a Federal Interest in the identified alternatives? (yes)**
- **Question: Do communities (WAC) want to pursue any alternative(s)?**

Are there alternatives to meet the 2050 unmet demands?

YES

CYHWRMS Alternatives Considered (13)

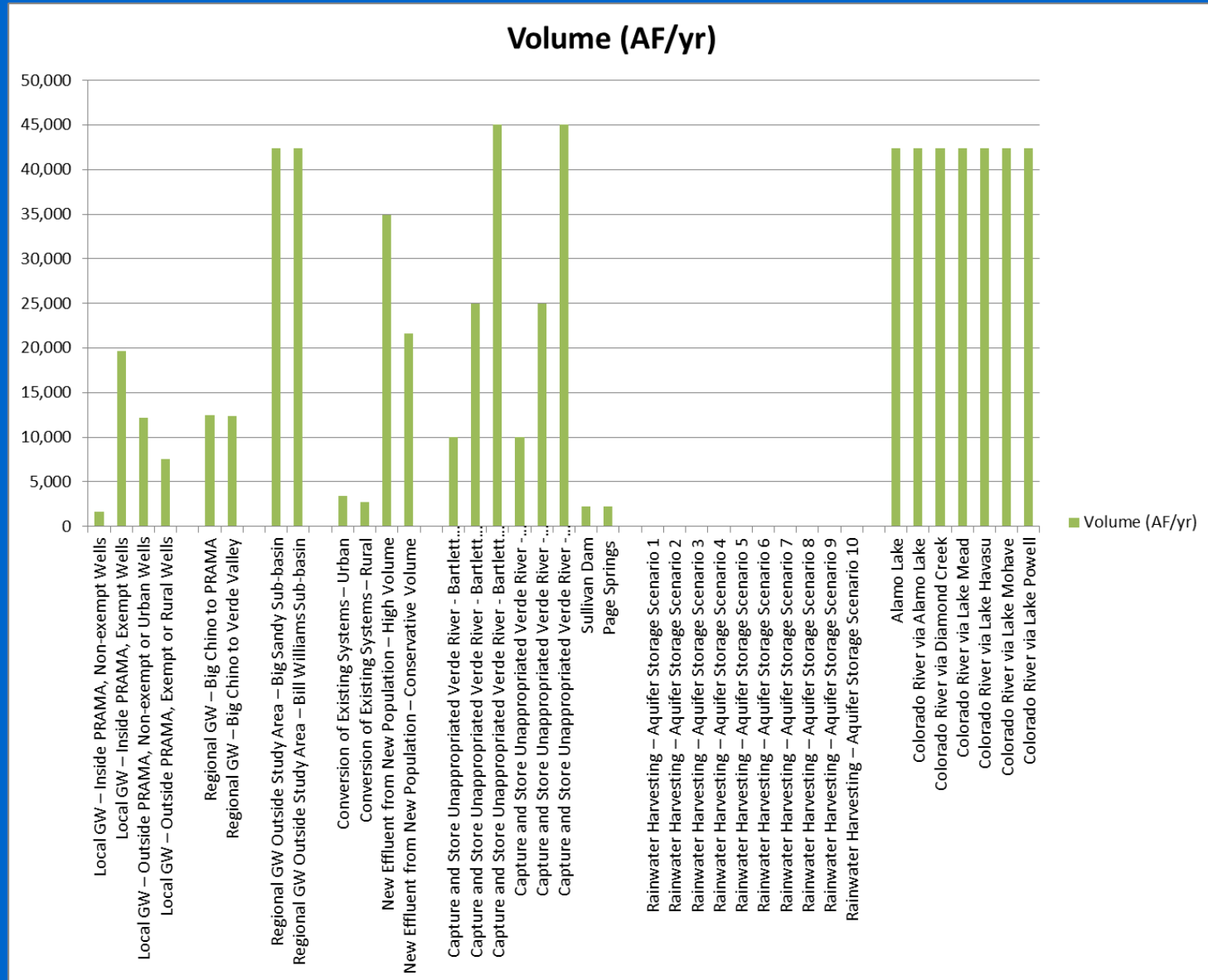
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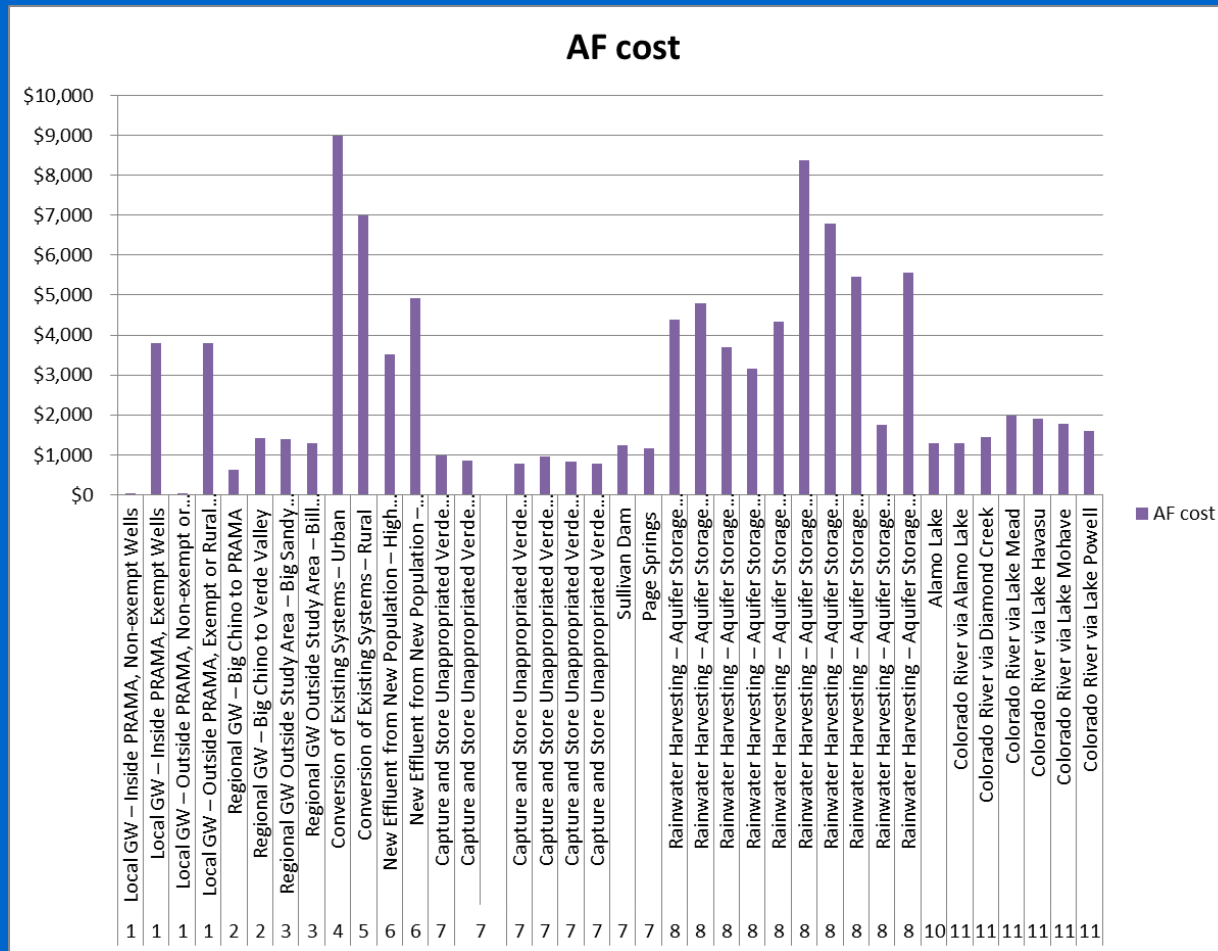
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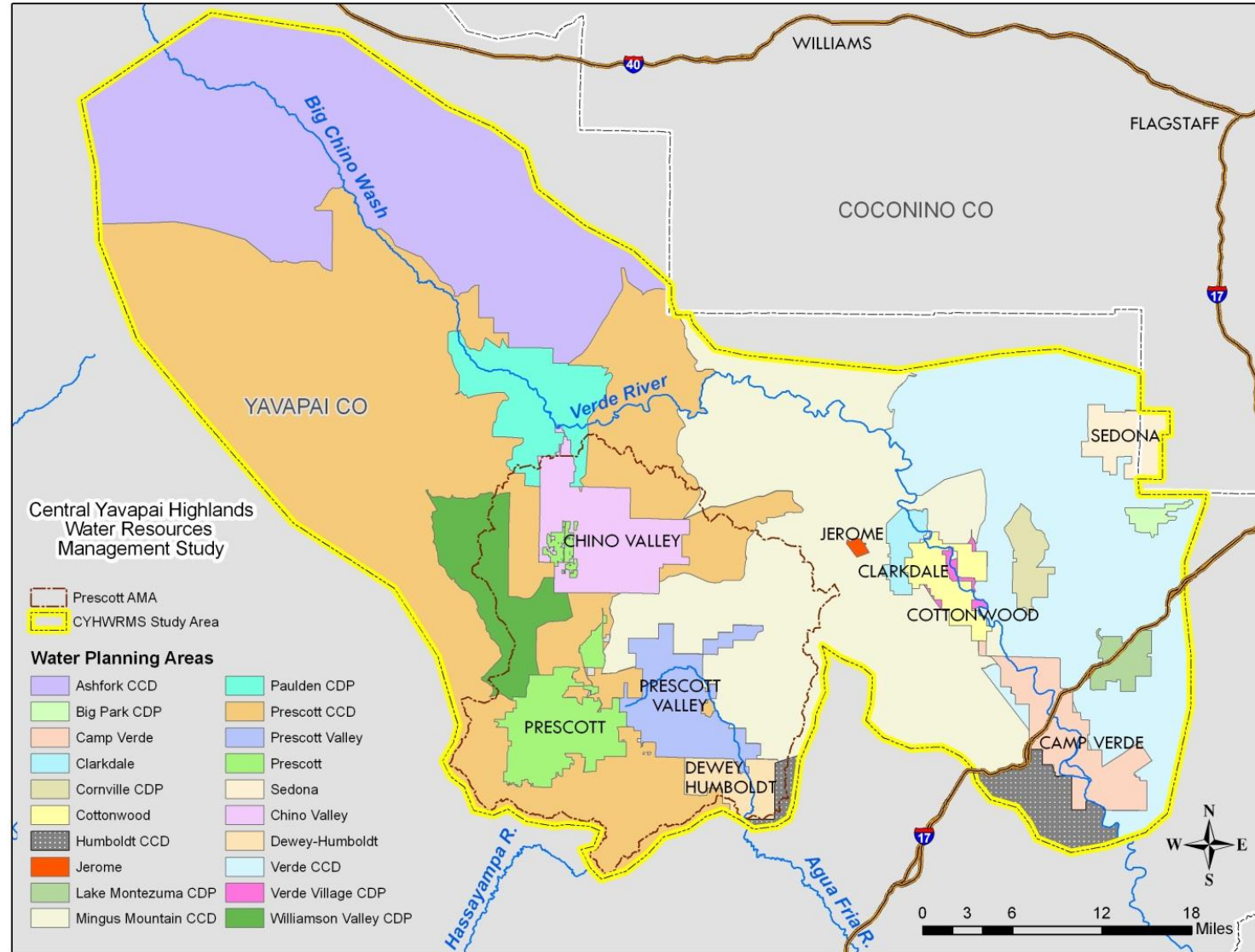


Alt. #1 Local Groundwater Development within the WPA (Outside the PRAMA)

- This alternative relies solely on the continued development of groundwater to meet the water supply deficit in 2050 with either urban non-exempt wells, rural exempt wells or a combination thereof for WPAs outside the Prescott AMA (PRAMA).
- It was assumed that groundwater in rural areas is generally accessed by private domestic wells that are referred to as exempt wells. Conversely, it was assumed that urban areas are generally served by water providers of varying sizes by non-exempt wells.
- For this option, WPAs considered in this alternative are those that show a 2050 water supply deficit and are outside the PRAMA. There are thirteen WPA's considered; Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Jerome, Paulden, Sedona, Big Park, Lake Montezuma, Cottonwood-Verde Village, Williamson, Verde CCD, Prescott CCD, Mingus Mtn. CCD and Ashfork CCD.



CYHWRMS - Study Area



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- Potential impacts to surface water supplies where there is a groundwater-surface water connection.
- Eventual declines and loss of stream and spring flows, changes in stream flow magnitude, duration and flood events, and the impact to groundwater availability.
- Biologic dynamics of the riparian and spring systems.
- land subsidence, and increasing issues in water quality including concentration of contaminants.
- Legal and Institutional Issues
- right of way; adjudication; NOI requirements, and well spacing requirements. Potable water deliveries would be subject to potable water facilities, SDWA and Water Treatment regulations; Federal Reserved Rights for Indian Tribes.

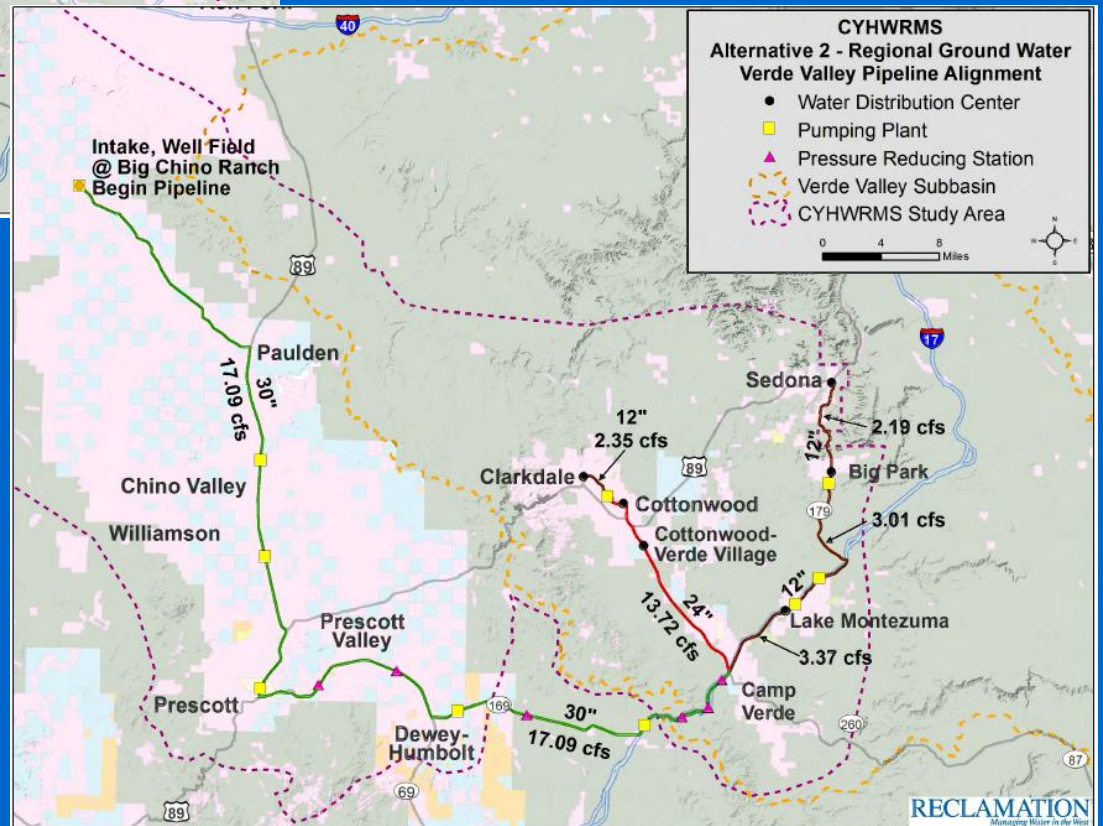
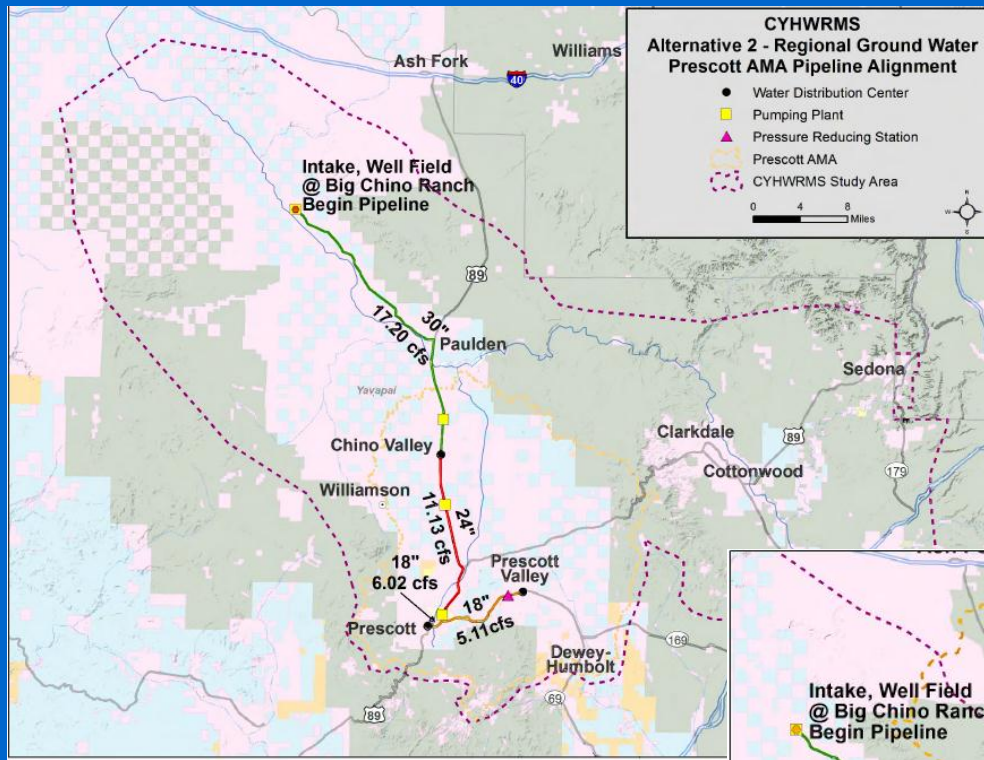
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- This alternative relies solely on the development of groundwater to meet the water supply deficit in 2050 with urban non-exempt wells and rural exempt wells for WPAs inside the Prescott AMA (PRAMA). For this option, WPAs considered are City of Prescott, Chino Valley, Dewey-Humboldt and Prescott Valley.
- It was determined that there is existing well capacity to meet the Prescott WPA 2050 water supply deficit.
- For Chino Valley, Dewey-Humboldt and Prescott Valley WPAs, The maximum groundwater allowance volume associated with currently undeveloped subdivisions lots was assumed to be met by new non-exempt, municipal wells. Any volume of groundwater in excess of the maximum groundwater allowance, or the 2050 water supply deficit must be met by exempt wells or by an alternative water supply.
- ***Considered not viable.***

Alt. #2 Regional Groundwater Development Big Chino Pipelines (PRAMA & Verde Valley)

- This alternative proposes two versions that rely on development of groundwater supplies from the Big Chino Sub-basin for transportation via pipeline to either specific WPAs within the PRAMA or to specific WPAs within the Verde Valley. This alternative is considered to be regional groundwater development because it requires development of groundwater supply from the Big Chino Water Ranch, within the study area.
- The WPAs considered in the PRAMA version of this alternative are: City of Prescott, Prescott Valley and Town of Chino Valley.
- Rural WPAs that are primarily served from private, domestic wells were not included within this alternative.
- The WPAs considered in the Verde Valley version of this alternative are: Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Sedona, Big Park CDP, Lake Montezuma CDP and Ctn-Verde Village CDP.



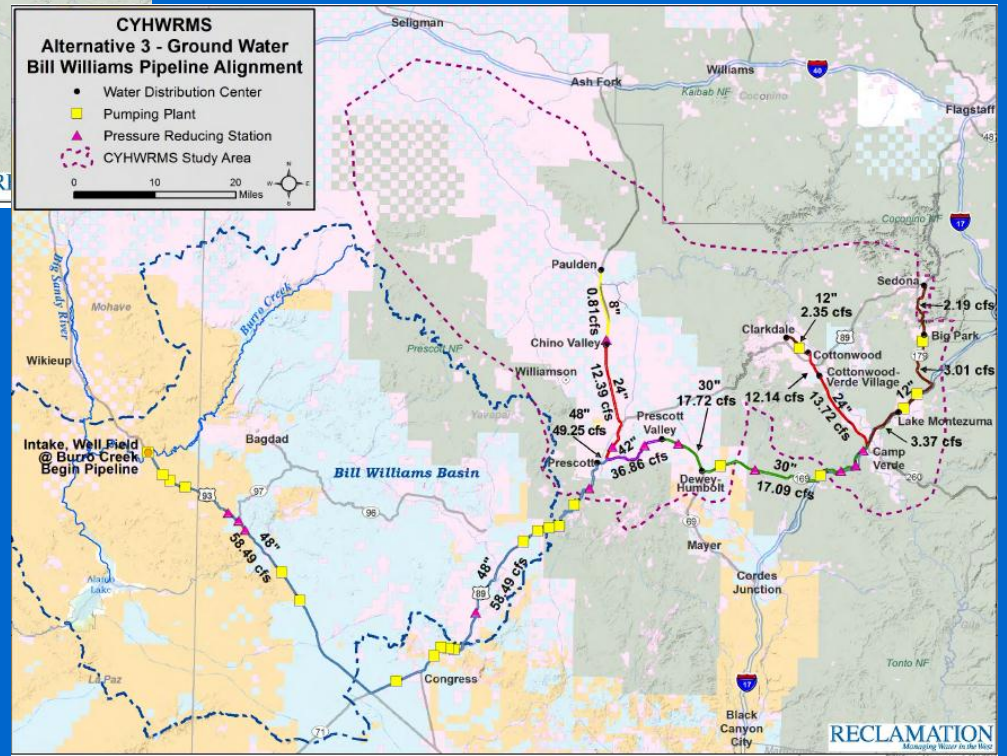
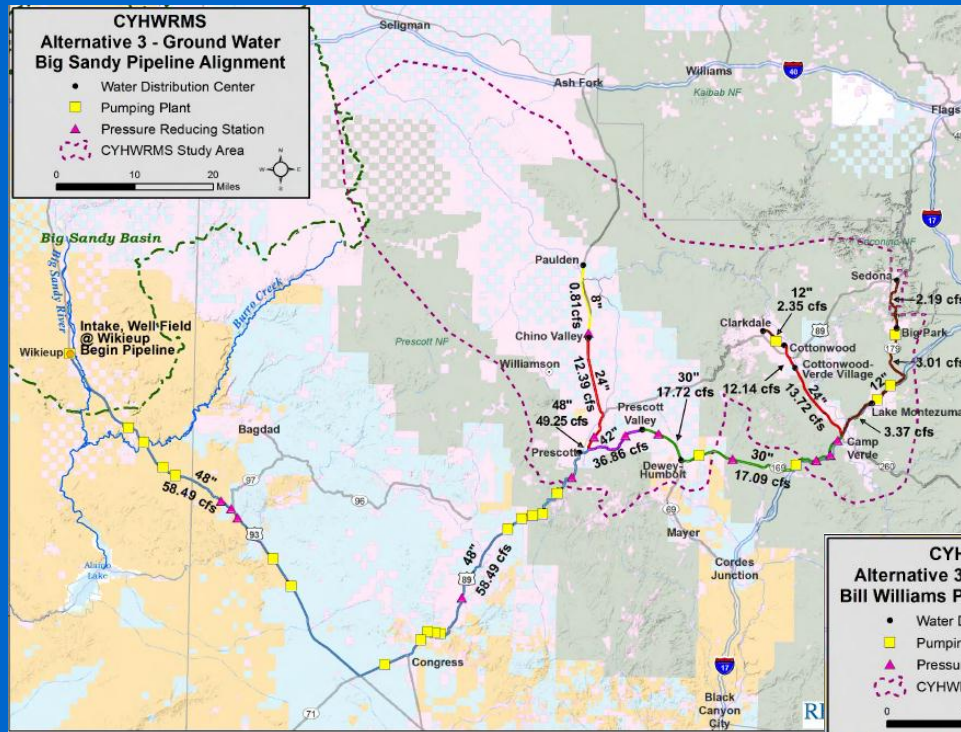


Alt. #2 Regional Groundwater Development Big Chino Pipelines (PRAMA & Verde Valley)

- Environmental Issues
- Potential impacts to surface water supplies (has mitigation framework)
- Eventual declines and loss of stream and spring flows, changes in stream flow magnitude, duration and flood events, and the impact to groundwater availability.
- Biologic dynamics of the riparian and spring systems.
- *Benefits* to basin where transported (safe yield, alternative to groundwater, maintain streams and springs)
- Legal and Institutional Issues
- Flood plain ordinances, SHPA, NEPA, right of way; adjudication; NOI requirements, statutory limits on groundwater transportation, and well spacing requirements. Potable water deliveries would be subject to potable water facilities, SDWA (EPA) and Water Treatment regulations; Federal Reserved Rights for Indian Tribes.

Alt. #3 Regional Groundwater Development Outside Study Area (Bill Williams & Big Sandy)

- This alternative proposes two options that rely on the development of groundwater supplies from either the Bill Williams Sub-basin or the Big Sandy Sub-basin for transportation via pipeline to the WPAs. In the Big Sandy version of the alternative, the groundwater is developed near Wikieup, Arizona and in the Bill Williams version the groundwater is developed at Burro Creek.
- The WPAs considered in this alternative are those that show a 2050 water supply deficit with the exception of Jerome and rural WPAs that are primarily served from private, domestic wells. The following WPAs were not included within this alternative: Jerome, Verde CCD, Prescott CCD, Mingus Mountain CCD, Humboldt CCD and Ashfork CCD.



Alt. #4 Conversion of Existing Septic Systems - Urban

- This alternative considers conversion of urban residential septic systems to sewer connections. For the purposes of this study, “Urban” refers to a WPA that is serviced by a water provider, sewer provider, or is within the boundary of a Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CC&N). A CC&N defines an area where an entity holds exclusive rights to supply water or wastewater services within a specified geographic area.
- This analysis estimated the number of residential properties in urban areas that use on-site septic systems. Under this alternative, residential septic systems would be converted to connections with sewer conveyance infrastructure. This would involve extending sewer conveyance infrastructure into areas where residences are currently on septic systems. For this option, eleven WPA’s are considered urban; Camp Verde, Chino Valley, Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Jerome, Prescott, Prescott Valley, Sedona, Big Park, Lake Montezuma and Paulden.

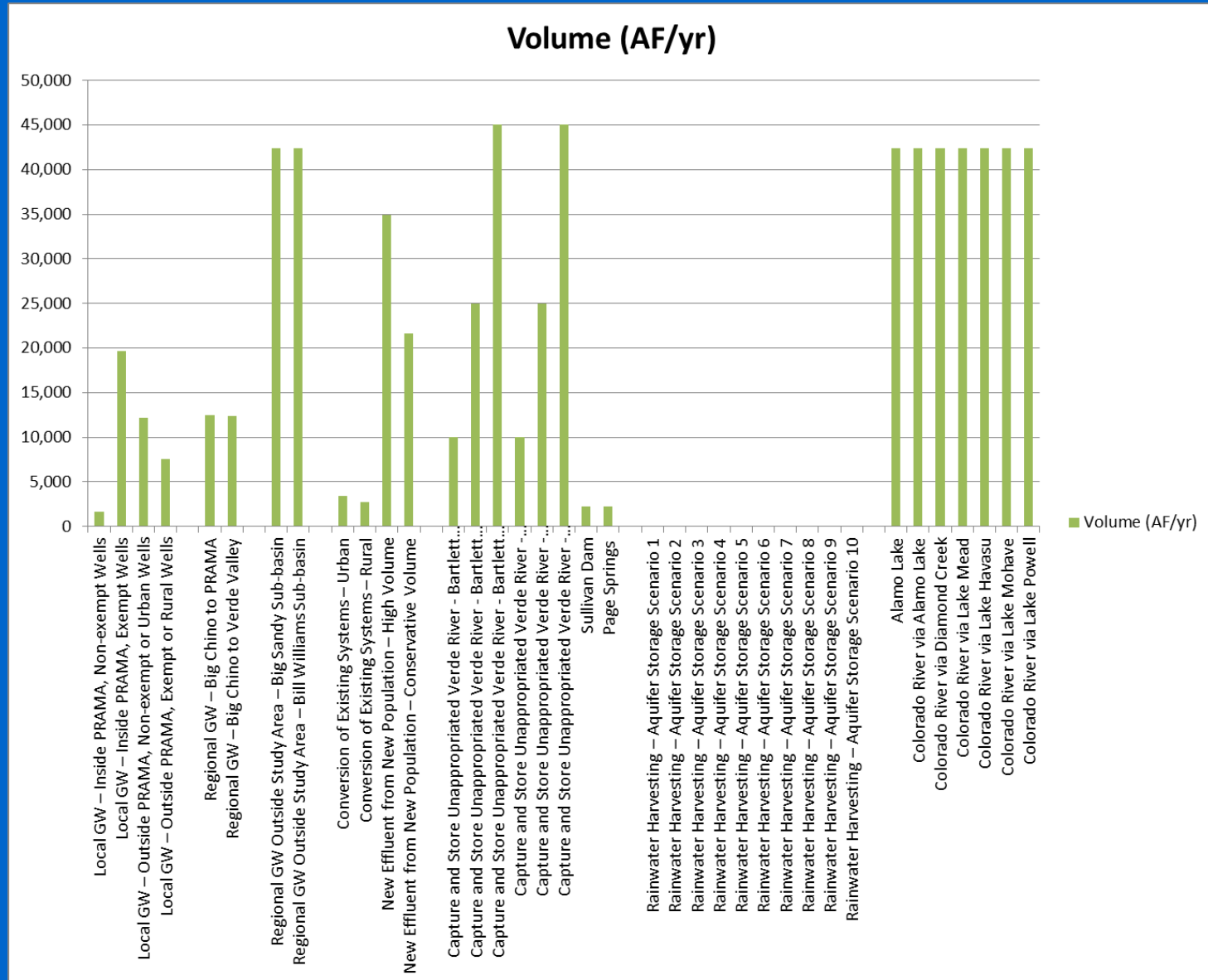
Alt. #5 Conversion of Existing Septic Systems - Rural

- This alternative involves conversion of residential septic systems to sewer service to increase the availability of effluent for reuse, in rural areas. This assessment considers rural areas to be outside of a water provider service area, a sewer service area or a CC&N. Rural areas tend to have larger lots and lower household density than urban areas. The WPA's are assessed individually.
- Rural wastewater volumes were calculated using the number of rural parcels (2007 Yavapai County Geographic Information System), population (US Census 2000), and an average wastewater production of 69 gallons per person per day. Only residential parcels are considered for conversion of septic systems to a sewer system. This process yielded a rural population estimate by planning area. For this option, thirteen WPA's are considered having rural population; Ashfork, Cornville, Cottonwood, Humboldt, Lake Montezuma, Mingus Mountain, Paulden, Prescott CD, Prescott Valley, Prescott, Verde Cottonwood-Verde Village and Williamson.
- ***Considered not viable***

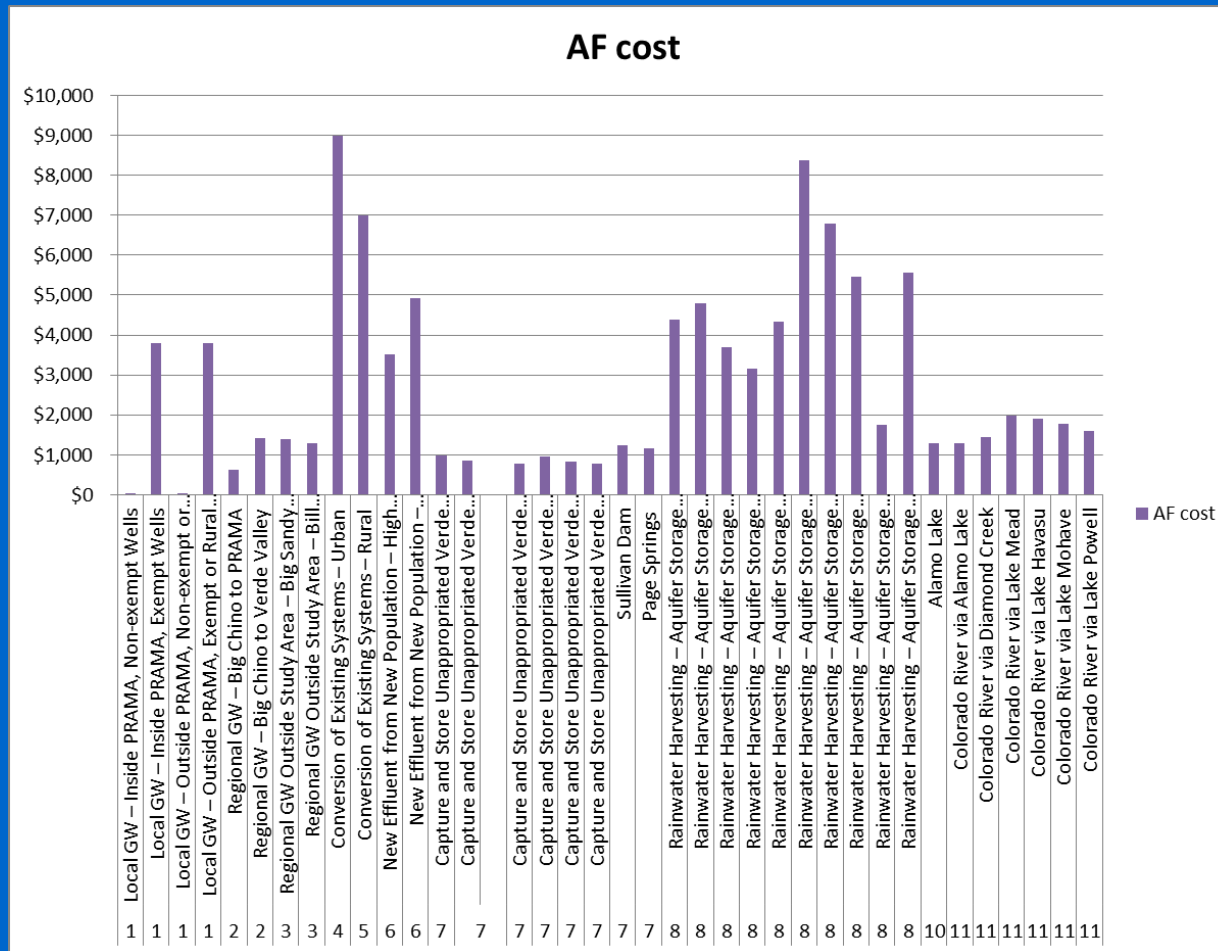
Alt. #6 New Effluent from New Population

- This alternative focuses on new wastewater volumes as a result of new population in each of the twenty WPA's from 2006 to 2050 and identifies the potential volume of water that would be available. The new population was determined during the Phase I - Demand Analysis conducted for this Study. The new population was multiplied by an average wastewater production of 69 gallons per day per person to estimate the new wastewater volume available in 2050.
- The volume of effluent generated from the new wastewater is presented as a range of high and conservative volumes (high = 100%; conservative = 45%).
- Group A – Existing WWTF can accommodate additional wastewater capacity. Expansion of sewer conveyance infrastructure is required.
- Group B – Existing WWTF requires expansion to accommodate additional wastewater capacity Expansion of sewer conveyance infrastructure is required.
- Group C – Construction of new WWTF and sewer conveyance infrastructure is required.
- Under Alternative 6, all WPA's were considered.

Potential Water Volume Associated with each Alternative



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Alt. #7 Capture and Store Unappropriated Verde River flood water

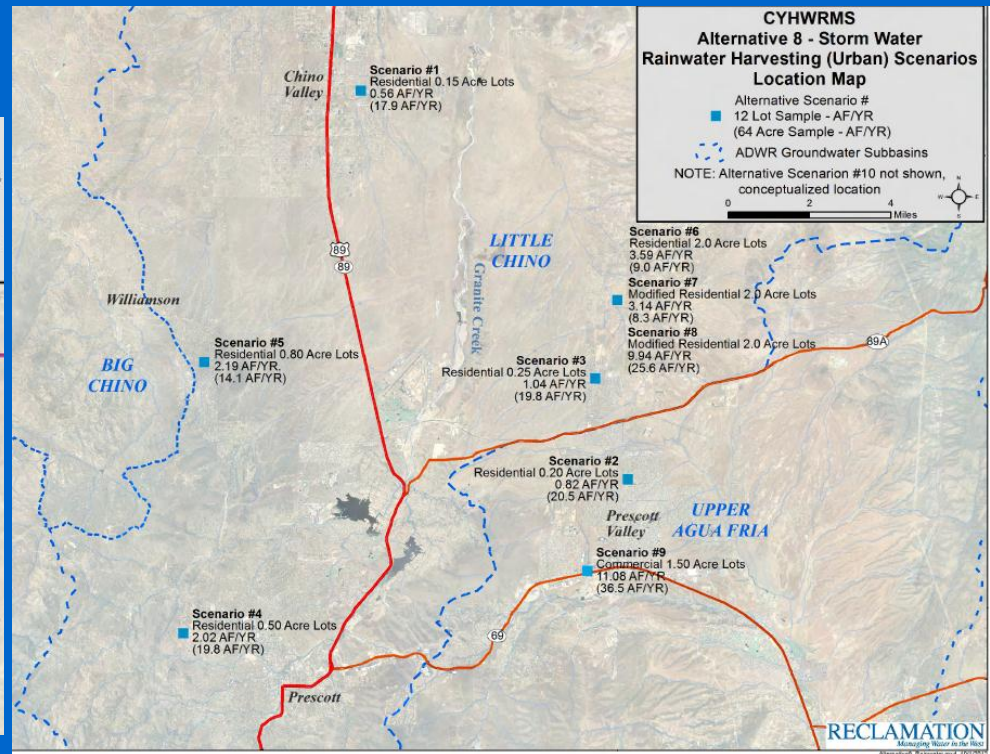
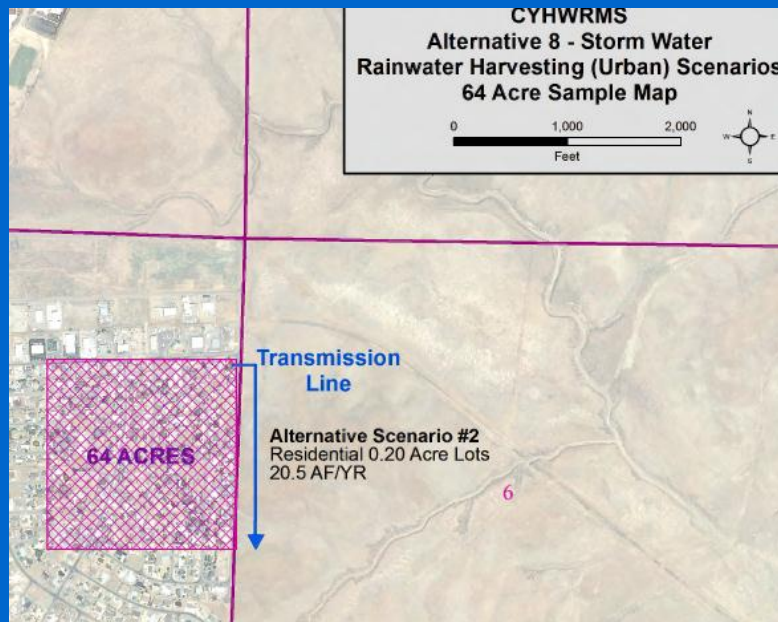
- This alternative proposes as a source of supply the capture of unappropriated water from the Verde River watershed during a spill condition. This volume of floodwater is an intermittent source that is only available when all senior downstream water rights are being satisfied and storage capacity is being exceeded at Salt River Project's (SRP) reservoirs. There are a number of versions of this alternative but all include either increasing or creating additional reservoir storage. The increased reservoir storage would result in the ability to store water within the system that would normally be lost during the occasional spill condition. Water supply credits would accrue in the new space and designated for the WPA participants, and then debited when the water is used upstream.
- In both Alternatives 7.1 and 7.2, the proposed reservoir volume increases are based on the reservoir yield potential concept: 10,000 AF/yr., 25,000 AF/yr., and 45,000 AF/yr. Versions 7.1 and 7.2 of this alternative require modifications to existing SRP dams in addition to construction of upstream catchments and transmission facilities.



Alt. #8 Rainwater Harvesting-Aquifer Storage



- This alternative evaluates a variety of rainwater harvesting methods to capture rainwater that would normally be lost to evaporation and transpiration. The methods evaluated in this alternative are considered large-scale, or macro-rainwater harvesting methods, that capture storm water and re-direct a portion of the rainwater to recharge facilities. It assumes that the water gathered via rainwater harvesting efforts is water that would not be considered appropriable as surface water.



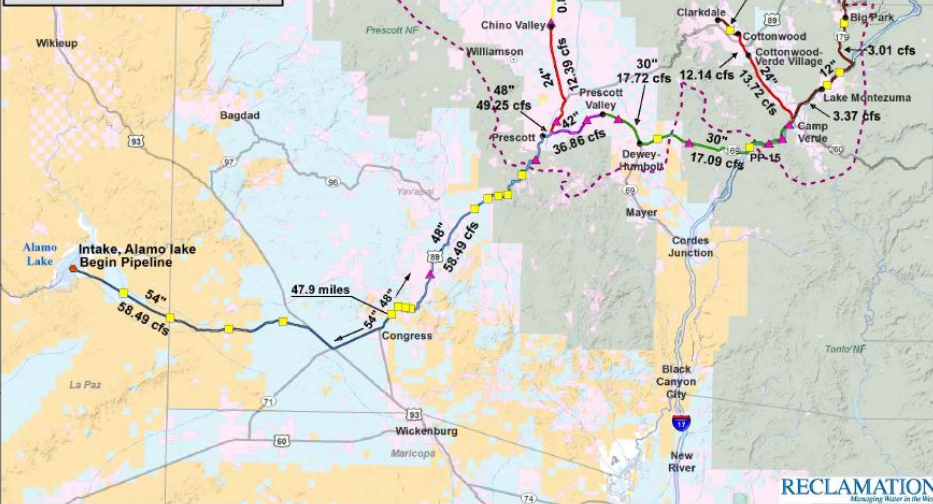
Alts. 10 & 11- Surface Water in Alamo Lake and Colorado River water via Alamo Lake, Diamond Creek, Lake Mead, Lake Havasu, Lake Mohave and Lake Powell

- This alternative proposes use of surface water obtained from outside of the study area in the volume of 42,379 AF/yr. Alternative 10 proposes delivery of water from Alamo Lake via pipeline. The variations of Alternative 11 propose delivery of water from the Colorado River via pipelines from several different locations: Alamo Lake, Diamond Creek, Lake Mead, Lake Havasu, Lake Mohave and Lake Powell.
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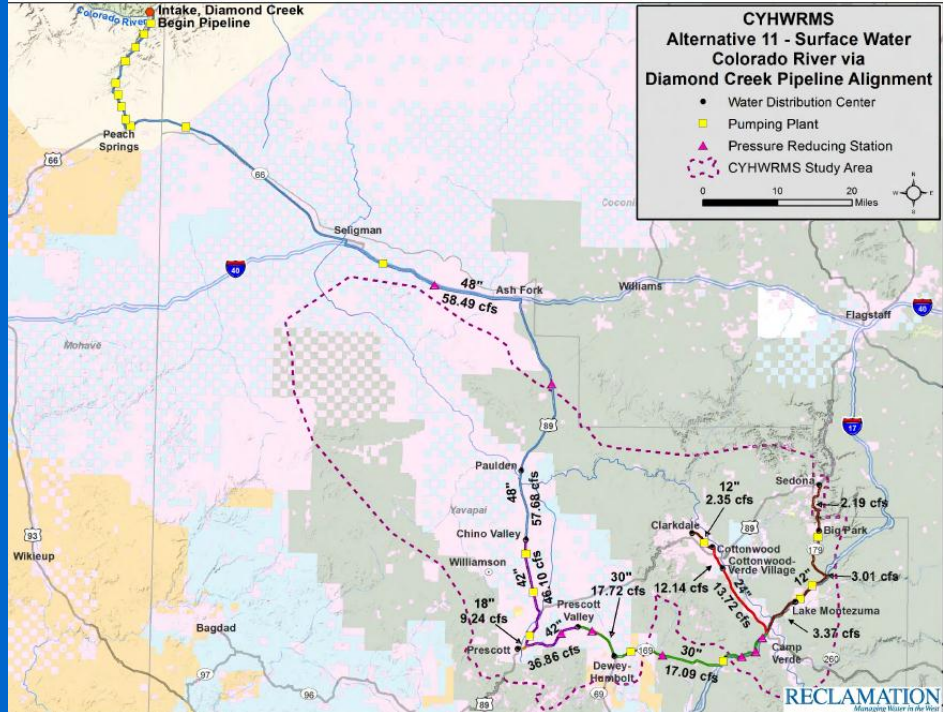
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Alternative 10/11 - Surface Water
Colorado River via
Alamo Lake Pipeline Alignment

- Water Distribution Center
- Pumping Plant
- ▲ Pressure Reducing Station
- CYHWRMS Study Area



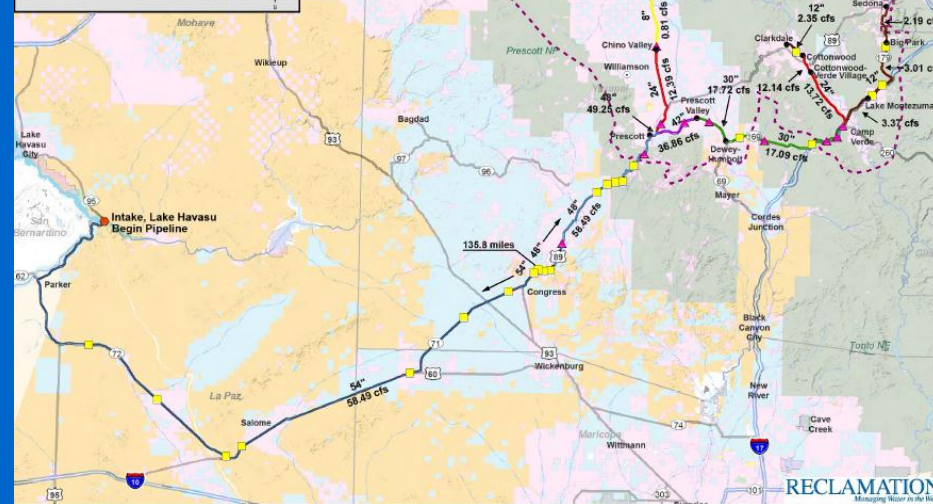
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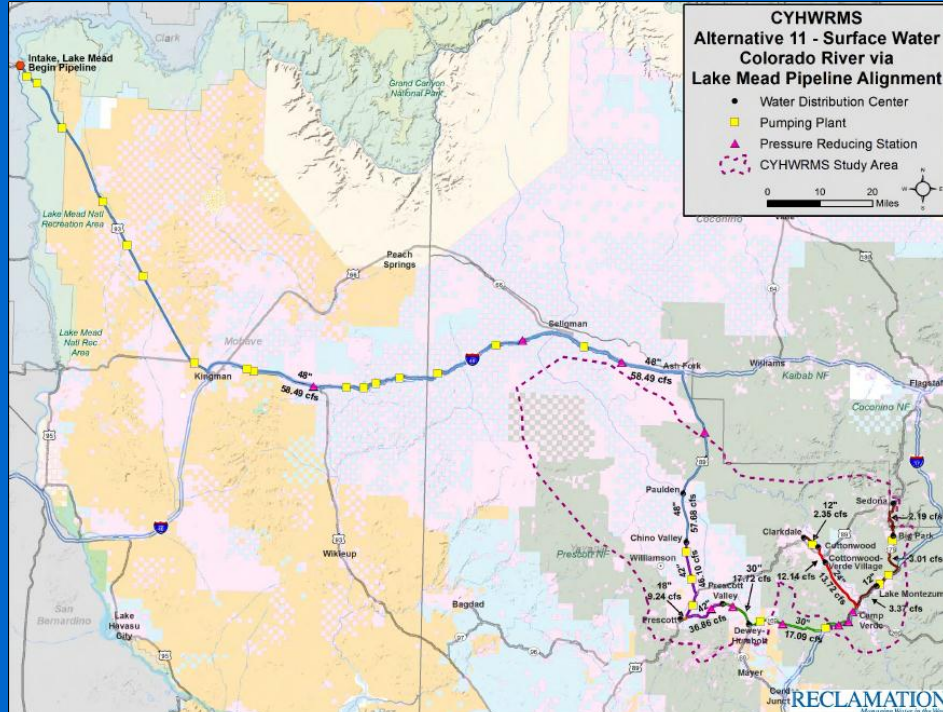
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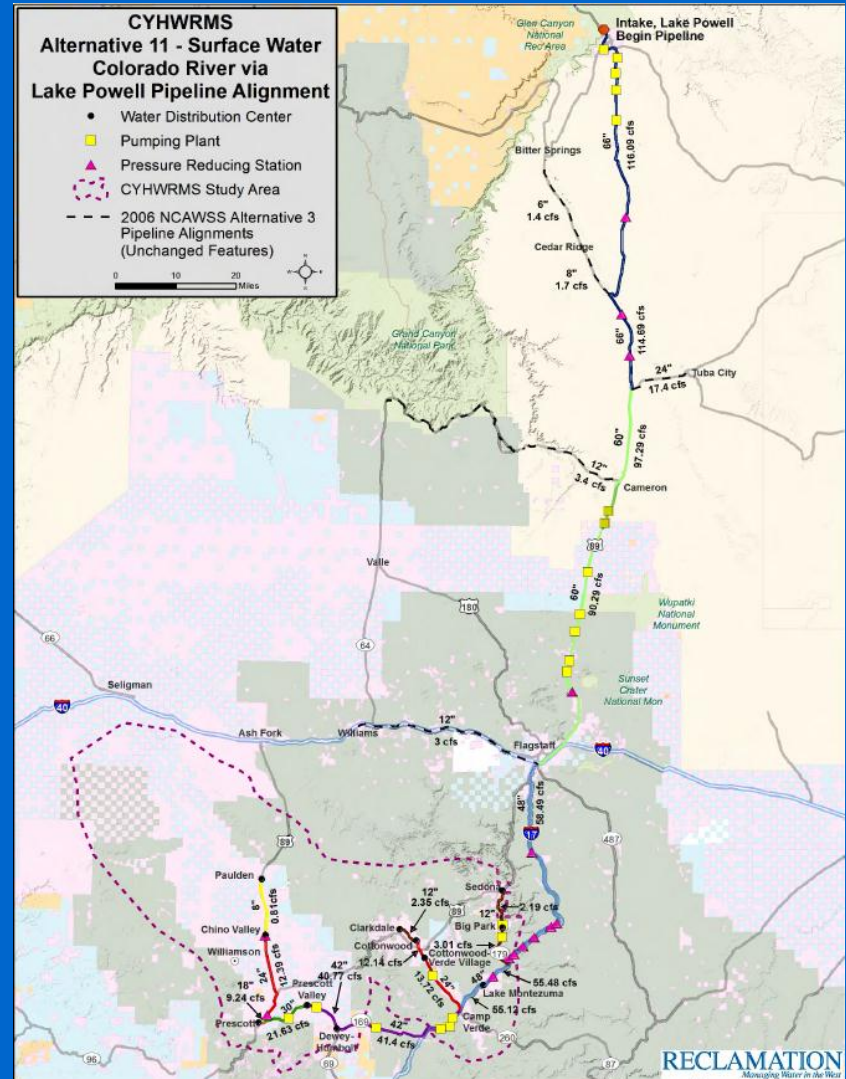
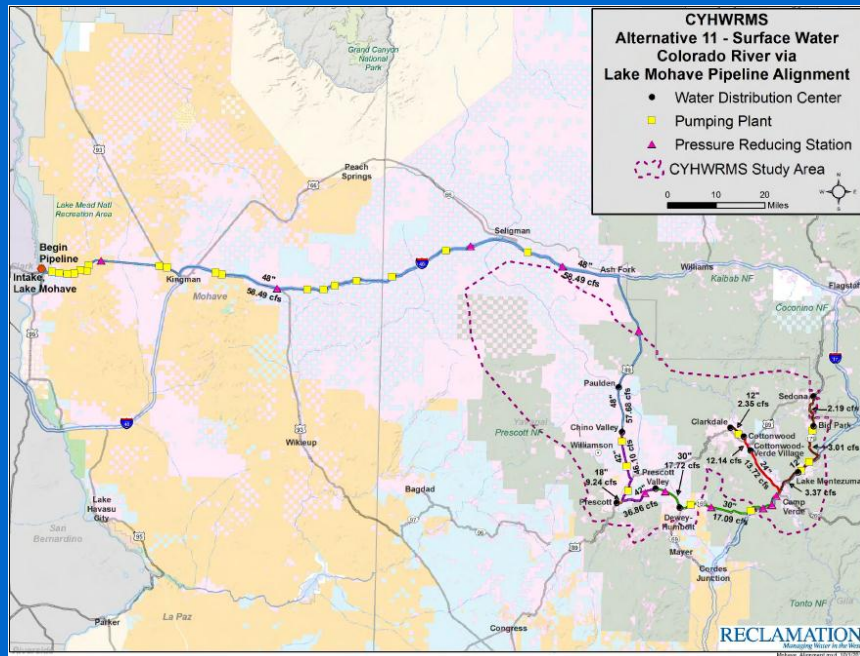
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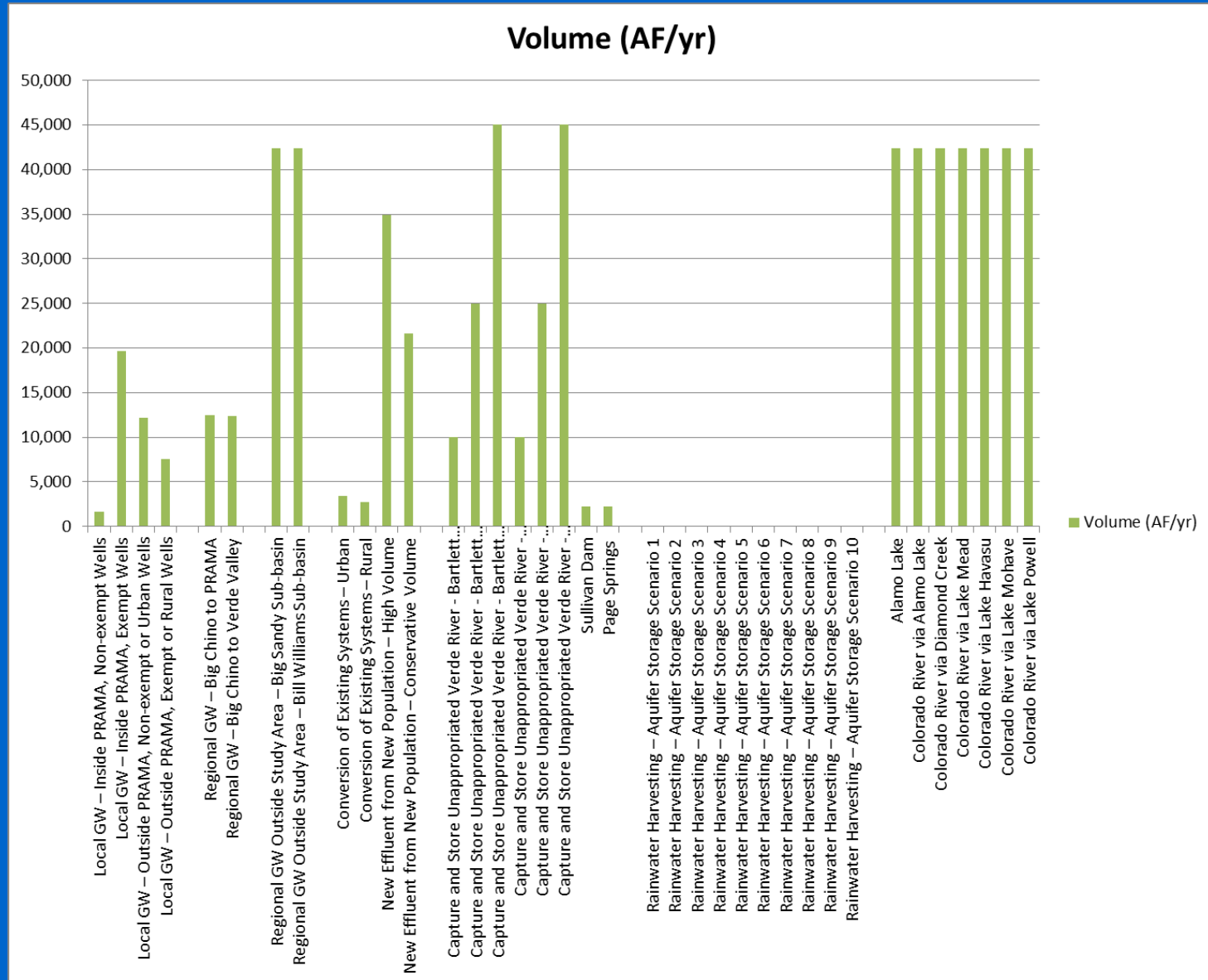
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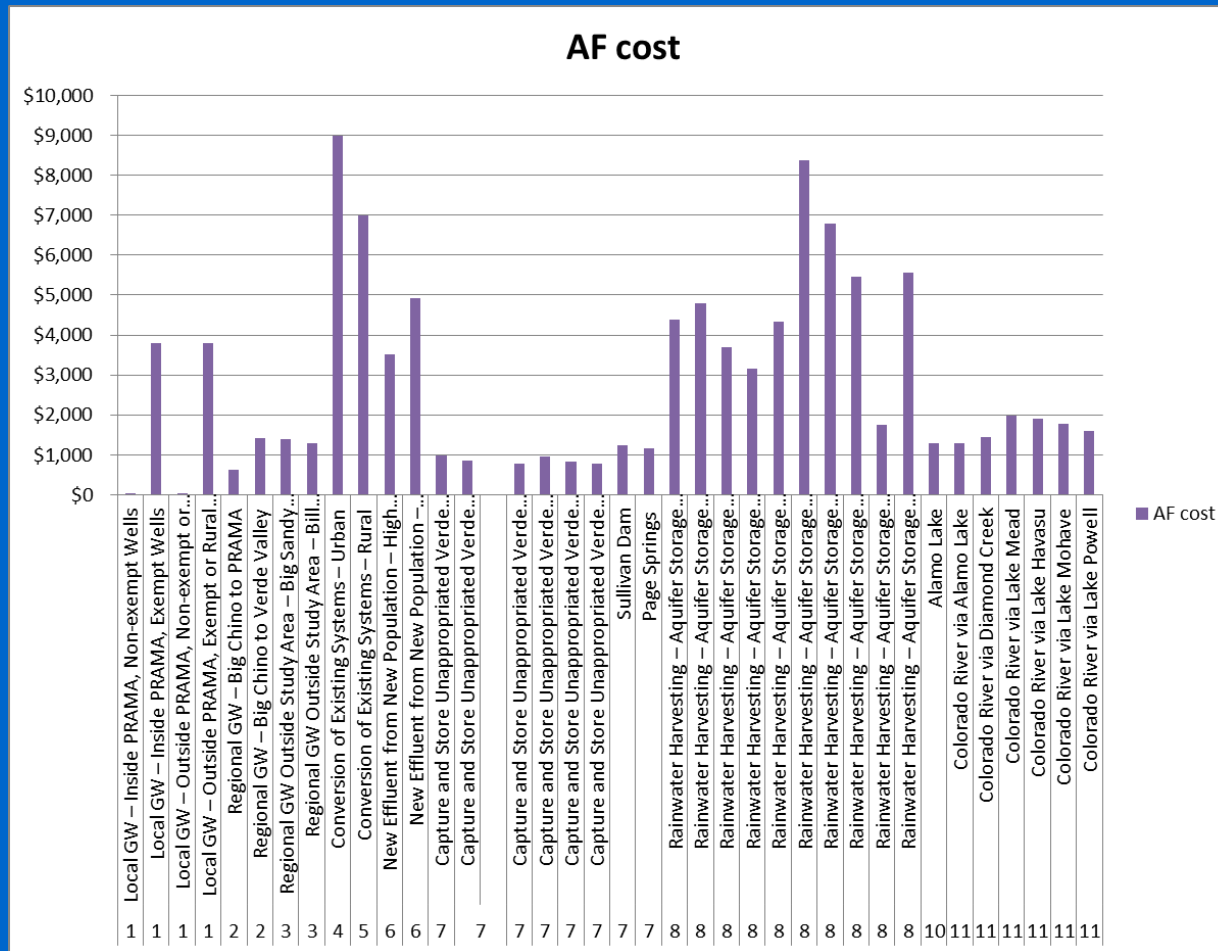




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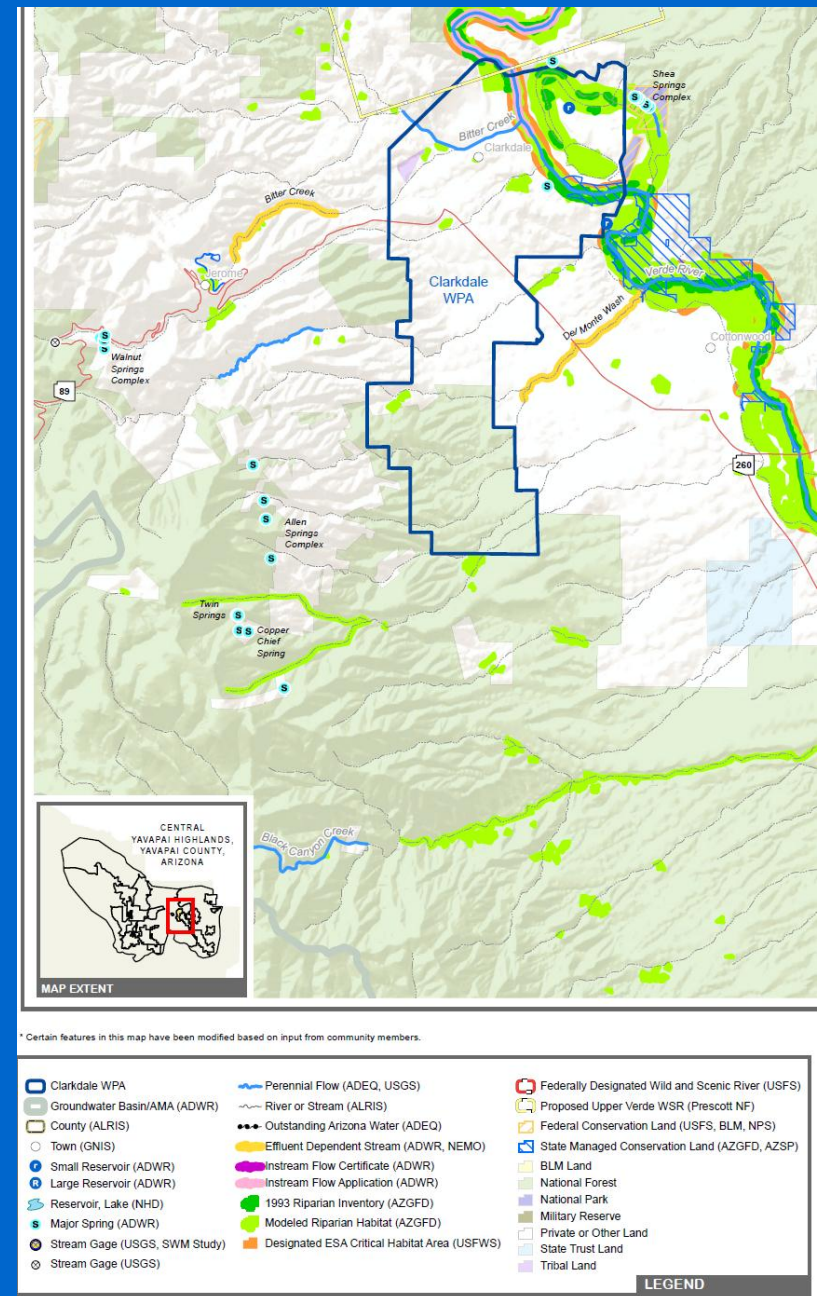


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Alternative Evaluations

- Environmental: potential environmental issues associated with each alternative were discussed and documented.
- Legal & Institutional: intent to develop and document potential significant issues or obstacles relative to Federal, state or local regulations.



Viability Testing

- Each alternative is screened based on four evaluation criteria: completeness, effectiveness, efficiency, and acceptability.
- Minimum standards are established to assess viability for four criteria to determine if an alternative is worthy of further consideration.
- The standards are subjective and each alternative is measured relative to other proposed alternatives.
- As long as an alternative exceeds the minimum standard for each criterion it qualifies for further consideration and comparison with other alternatives.

Viability: 8 alternatives are considered viable

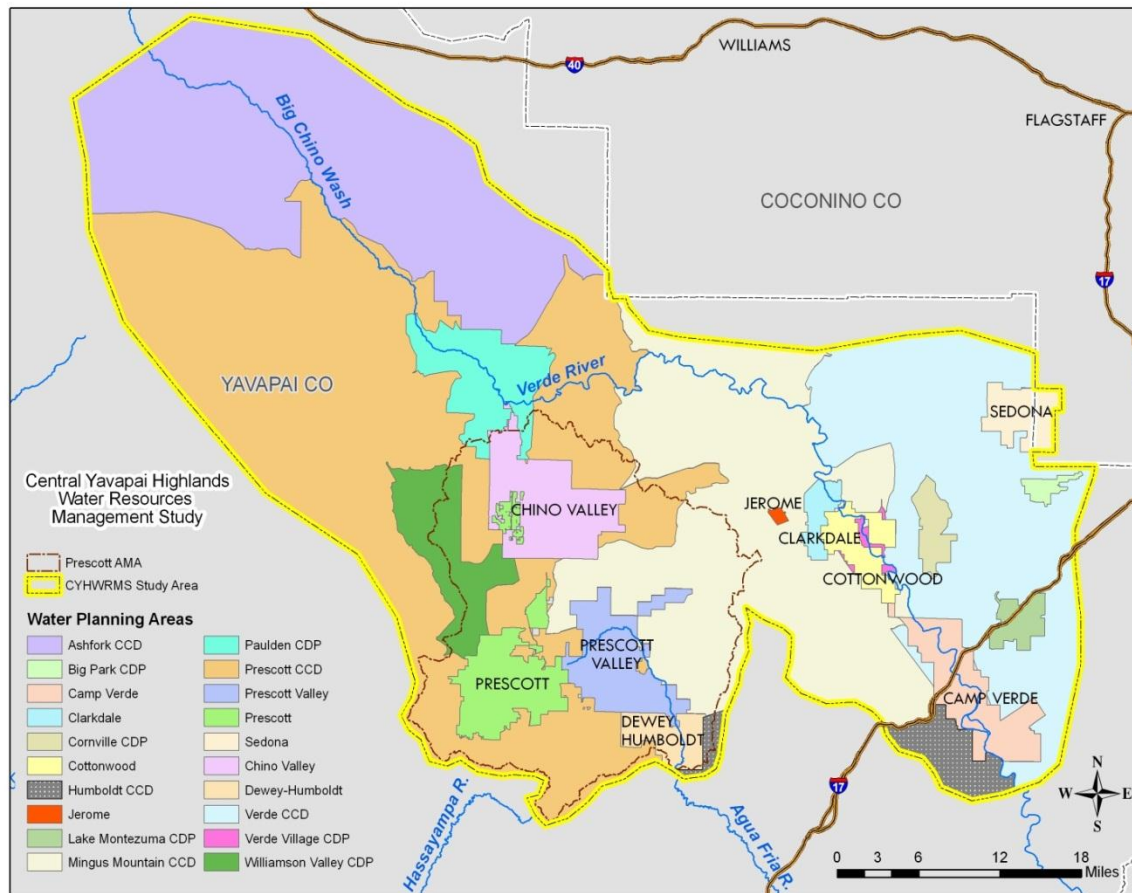
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