

Augmentation Alternatives for the Sierra Vista Sub-watershed, Arizona

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What is the Upper San Pedro Partnership (USPP)?

A consortium of 21 agencies and organizations working together to meet the water needs residents, while protecting the San Pedro River





Includes Federal, State of Arizona, local public agencies, as well as nonprofits and private sector

USPP Members

Federal	Local
Fort Huachuca Bureau of Land Management (BLM) U.S. Forest Service (USFS) National Park Service (NPS) Reclamation U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Cochise County City of Sierra Vista Huachuca City City of Bisbee City of Tombstone
State	Private and non-governmental
State Land Department Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District	The Nature Conservancy Audubon Arizona Bella Vista Ranches Arizona Association of Conservation Districts

Section 321 of 2004 Defense Appropriations Act:

- Recognizes Upper San Pedro Partnership as entity in charge of "collaborative water use management" to achieve <u>sustainable</u> <u>yield</u>
- Requires annual reports on measures necessary and progress to achieve "sustainable yield" by 2011 and beyond



Describe planning process, aka Planning Roadmap

- Overview of Appraisal Study (actually a "Special Study")
 Describe augmentation alternatives
 Evaluation Criteria
 - Screening Process and Results

Implementation "next steps":
 Legal & Institutional
 Decision-making

Status & Observations

Appraisal Study (Special Study)

Process to determine whether to proceed to implementation.

Identify plans for meeting objectives – clearly identify the problem.

Identifies an array of alternatives, screened and evaluated to justify potential Federal involvement.



Development of Problem Statement

How to translate concept of **"sustainable yield"** called for in Section 321 into:

- A volume of water to augment the supply in the SVS
- The best way(s) to use the augmentation water to address the problem

Problem Statement

Water levels in parts of the regional aquifer of the Sierra Vista Sub-watershed are declining, with the potential to impact the hydrologic conditions of the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area.

Problem Statement

 A set of water augmentation solutions is needed that would add approximately

10,000 afy by 2011and26,000 afy by 2050

to negate a portion of the 38,500 afy total demand projected by 2050. RECLAMATI

Problem Statement Assumptions

- Calculation assumptions include:
 - <u>2050 sub-watershed population of 170,000</u>
 people--based on 321 Report projections
 extrapolated out to 2050.
 - Actual GPCD for 2004 (202 gpcd) (includes all water uses—population, recreation, and industrial, agricultural).
 - All figures are estimates based on current available information for planning purposes only. They will need to be refined over time as new information becomes available.

Problem Statement Assumptions

Water augmentation would:

<u>supplement</u>

existing and future recharge, reuse, conservation and other water resource management solutions

An estimated **50%** of the augmentation project water can be reused.









Augmentation Alternatives Intra-basin Transfer Alternatives

- Water Development Potential of Underground Mine Workings in the Tombstone District
- Retire Agricultural Pumping North of Benson to Fort Huachuca/Sierra Vista
- Water Development Potential of the Copper Queen Mine in the Bisbee District



Augmentation Alternatives

Inter-basin Transfer Alternatives

Extend Central Arizona Project to Sierra Vista

- Recharge and Recovery of Municipal Supplies with San Pedro River Recharge
- Direct Delivery of Municipal Supplies with San Pedro River Recharge



Augmentation Alternatives

Inter-basin Transfer Alternatives

- Relocate Sierra Vista Subwatershed Municipal Wells in Douglas Basin (BBC/Fluid Solutions)
 - Douglas Basin to Bisbee
 - Douglas Basin to Fort Huachuca and/or Sierra Vista



Augmentation Alternatives Local Alternatives

 Stormwater Harvesting: Water Recharge Potential of Collected Urban Runoff in the Sierra Vista Area



Augmentation Alternatives

Local Alternatives

Stormwater Harvesting: Water Development Potential of **Rainwater Collection** for New Residential (and New **Commercial** -Industrial **Businesses**)





Analysis and Screening of Alternatives



Evaluation Process

- Evaluation of the long list of alternatives on the basis of :
 - Effectiveness
 - Implementability
 - Cost

Effectiveness

- Effectiveness is a measure of how well each alternative meets the objectives.
 - Technical aspects
 - Geographic distribution of benefits and impacts

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- Environmental impacts
- Reliability

USPP Effectiveness Criteria

- Yield (AFY)
- Benefits regional aquifer
- Benefits river (< 50 yrs)
- Benefits river (> 50 yrs)
- Sustains flood flows
- Reliable through drought
- Maintains or improves water quality
- Meets future population and SPRNCA needs

- Rainfall independent
- Complementary with other projects
- Short lead time for benefits
- Short regulatory timeline
- Replace or reduce groundwater demand
- Low potential for unintended consequences

USPP Joint SWG/Tech/GAC Consensus Ratings on Augmentation Alternatives with respect to Effectiveness Criteria

Criteria	<i></i>		Intra-	basin Tra	insfer		/	Inter-	Basin Tra	insfer			Local		
Estimated w/r/t estimated 2010 water balance deficit estimated by BBC/FS ** Annualized Yield to 2050, assuming population increase of 2055/year, 80% implementation rate, yield as estimated in Rooftop Capture Appraisal Studies	41. Tombstone Mins	WWTP UCa 42. Tombstone 42.	Benson + 9 Nor	CT. COM to F.	C2. CQM to Bish.	C3. CQM to SPRN.	Dr. CAP - Rechard	DZ. CAP Direct DZ. CAP Direct rechory W. Oct	E1. Douglas Basi.	E2. Douglas Basi.	F1, Stormwater New Diture & Carler	res. Subdivision F2. Stormwater Capture & Reuse New Conse	Gr. Recharge Urban	H. No Action Alternation	Linear Park Rech.
Yield (AFY) at which alternative is rated	500	500	3375	1800-2600	1800-2600	1800-2600	20,000 - 40,000	20,000 - 40,000	1010*	8430*	1095**	331**	1800	0	216
Expected Time Limit of Yield (years)	N/A	N/A	N/A	20	20	20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
1) Yield Rating	POOR	POOR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	POOR	FAIR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	POOR	POOR
2a) Benefits regional aquifer	POOR	POOR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	GOOD	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR
2b) Benefits river (< 50 years)	POOR	GOOD	POOR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	POOR	POOR
2c) Benefits river (> 50 years)	FAIR	POOR	FAIR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	FAIIR	GOOD	POOR	POOR	GOOD	POOR	POOR
3a) Sustains SPRNCA alluvial gw levels (< 50 yrs)	POOR	GOOD	POOR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	POOR	POOR
3b) Sustains SPRNCA alluvial gw levels (> 50 yrs)	FAIR	POOR	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	GOOD	POOR	POOR	GOOD	POOR	POOR
4a) Sustains SPRNCA base flows (< 50 years)	POOR	GOOD	POOR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	POOR	POOR
4b) Sustains SPRNCA base flows (> 50 years)	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	POOR	POOR
5) Sustains flood flows	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR*	POOR	FAIR
6) Maintains or improves river water quality	N/A	FAIR	N/A	N/A	N/A	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	GOOD	N/A	GOOD
7) Reliable through long-term drought	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	POOR	POOR	FAIR	N/A	FAIR
8) Meets future population and SPRNCA needs	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR
9) (Local) Rainfall independent	GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	POOR	POOR	FAIR	POOR	FAIR
10) Complementary w/ other USPP projects	FAIR	GOOD	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	N/A	FAIR
11) Short lead time for benefits to river	POOR	GOOD	POOR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	POOR	POOR
12) Length of regulatory timeline	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	N/A	GOOD
13) Replace / reduce gw demand	POOR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	GOOD	FAIR	FAIR	POOR	POOR	POOR
14) Low potential for unintended environmental consequences	POOR	POOR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	POOR	FAIR	FAIR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	N/A	GOOD
General Effectiveness Rating < 50 YRS	POOR	GOOD	POOR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	POOR	POOR
General Effectiveness Rating . 50 YRS	POOR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	FAIR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	POOR	POOR

EFFECTIVENESS

Effectiveness



YIELD

Implementability

- Technical and Administrative constraints which could prevent or impede implementation
- Site specific considerations include:
 - land use,
 - hydrology,
 - geology, and
 - regulatory and permitting requirements.
- Political Constraints
- Public Acceptance Constraints

USPP Implementability Criteria

- Spatial, Geologic, Hydrologic Constraints
- Environmental Impact Issues
- Uses well-developed technology
- Legal and Regulatory Issues (Federal, State and Local)
- Land ownership, rightsof-way, surface water rights issues

- Issues with water utility ownership
- Compatibility with adjacent uses
- Complexity of crossing jurisdictional boundaries
- Likely community support
- Impacts on water source area (political, env., economic)

USPP Joint SWG/Tech/GAC Consensus Ratings on Augmentation Alternatives with respect to Implementability and Cost Criteria

	Criteria	Г			Intra-basin Tr	ansfer		/	Inter-Bas	in Transfe	r	/		Local			
	* Cost estimated in Year 2000 dollars by BBC/Fluid Solutions, not updated for current construction costs.	41. Tombstone Mine to Fort Huach. Mine	42. Tombstone Ming	B. Retire Ag Nor	CT. COM to FortSV Huachuca / Sierra Visia	C2. COM to Bisbeey	C3. COM to SPRNCA	DT. CAP. Recharge & Recovery. Recharge recharge (hybrid)	D2. CAP . Direct Delivery w Direct recharge (hybrid)	ET. Douglas Basin to Bisbee (BBC, Basin to	E2. Douglas Basin to	FT. Stormwater Capiture & D New Ure & D	Sub Kes. Veuse. F2 Storman Capture & Role	Gr. Recharge Urbar Runoff near Const.	H. No Action Alternative	Linear Park Recharge	*
	15) Spatial, Geologic, Hydrologic Constraints	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	N/A	GOOD	
	16) Environmental Impact Issues	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	POOR	FAIR	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	N/A	GOOD	
	17) Uses well-developed technology	GOOD	FAIR	GOOD	POOR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	N/A	GOOD	
	18) Legal and Regulatory Issues (Fed. State, local)	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	POOR	POOR	FAIR	POOR	POOR	FAIR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	N/A	GOOD	
	19) Land ownership, ROW & surface water rights	POOR	POOR	FAIR	POOR	FAIR	POOR	POOR	POOR	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	N/A	GOOD	
	20) Issues with water utility ownership	GOOD	GOOD	POOR	POOR	POOR	N/A	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	N/A	GOOD	
	21) Land use & zoning	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	N/A	GOOD	
	22) Compatibility w/ Adjacent Uses	POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	N/A	GOOD	
	23) Complexity of crossing jurisdictional boundaries	POOR	FAIR	POOR	POOR	FAIR	FAIR	POOR	POOR	FAIR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	N/A	GOOD	
	24) Likely Community Support	POOR	POOR	POOR	FAIR/POOR	FAIR	GOOD	POOR	POOR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	N/A	GOOD	
	25) Impacts on water source area (political, env., economic)	POOR	POOR	POOR	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	POOR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	N/A	GOOD	
	General Implementability	POOR	POOR	POOR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	POOR	POOR	FAIR	POOR	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	N/A	GOOD	
	Unit Cost (\$/AF)	\$1,449	\$1,466	\$1,282	1800 AFY - \$2,860 2600 AFY - \$2,062	1800 AFY- \$2,397 2600 AFY - \$1,635	More than CQM to Bisbee, less than CQM to Ft. Huachuca	20,000 AF: \$1,725 30,000 AF: \$1,594 40,000 AF: \$1,570	20,000 AF: \$1,411 - \$1,847 30,000 AF: \$1,281 - \$1,717 40,000 AF: \$1,257 - \$1,693	\$689*	\$1016 ⁺	\$23,780	\$7,778	\$2,675	\$0	\$6,944	
500	Unit Cost (\$/kgal)	\$4.45	\$4.50	\$3.93	1800 AFY - \$8.78 2600 AFY - \$6.33	1800 AFY - \$7.36 2600 AFY - \$5.02	More than CQM to Bisbee, less than CQM to Ft. Huachuca	20,000 AF: \$5.29 30,000 AF: \$4.89 40,000 AF: \$4.82	20,000 AF: \$4.33 - \$5.67 30,000 AF: \$3.93 - \$5.27 40,000 AF: \$3.86 - \$5.20	\$2.11 ⁺	\$3.12 ⁺	\$72.98	\$23.87	\$8.21	\$0.00	\$21.31	
	26) Unit Cost Rating/ General Cost	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	POOR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	GOOD	POOR	POOR	POOR	GOOD	POOR	

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All cost estimates, including those performed by BBC/Fluid Solutions use a 4% interest rate and 20 year payback period

• IMPLEMENTABILITY



- Capital
- Operation and Maintenance (O&M) costs
- Total Annual Cost (Amortized Capital + O&M) and
- Cost per Unit Volume (\$ per AF or \$ per 1000 gallons) are used.

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COST

		Alternative	Overall Effectiveness w/r/t Problem Statement < 50 Years	Overall Effectiveness w/r/t Problem Statement > 50 Years	Overall Implementability	Overall Cost	
S		Tombstone to Fort Huachuca WWTP	POOR	POOR	POOR	FAIR	
U	Isfer	Tombstone to SPR Recharge	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	FAIR	
	sin Trar	Retire Benson Ag to Fort/SV	POOR	FAIR	POOR	FAIR	
M	ra-Bas	CQM to Fort/SV	POOR	FAIR	FAIR	POOR	
A	Int	CQM to Bisbee/ Naco	POOR	FAIR	FAIR	FAIR	
R		CQM to SPRNCA Recharge	GOOD	GOOD	FAIR	FAIR?	
Y	ifer	CAP - Direct Delivery	GOOD	GOOD	POOR	FAIR	
	. Trans	CAP - Recharge & Recovery	GOOD	GOOD	POOR	FAIR	
M	er-Basin	Douglas to Fort/ SV (BBC/FS)	POOR	FAIR	POOR	GOOD	
A	Inte	Douglas to Bisbee (BBC/FS)	POOR	FAIR	FAIR	GOOD	
Τ		Rooftop Capture - New Residential Subdivision	POOR	POOR	GOOD	POOR	
R	ocal	Rooftop Capture - New Commercial Construction	POOR	POOR	GOOD	POOR	
	Ľ	Urban Runoff & Recharge	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	POOR	
X		Garden Canyon Linear Park	POOR	POOR	GOOD	POOR	
	AVA	No Action	POOR	POOR	N/A	GOOD	

Alternatives I	recommended for a feasibility report and further technical study					
Short-term	G1. Recharge urban runoff near to the SPRNCA					
	C3. CQM to SPRNCA recharge (hybrid)					
	D1. CAP Recharge and Recovery of municipal supplies with San					
Long-term	Pedro River Recharge (hybrid)					
	D2. CAP Direct Delivery of municipal supplies with San Pedro					
	River Recharge (hybrid)					
Short and long-term	H. No Action Alternative (Note that this will be refined so that we can compare action alternatives against it.)					
	Alternatives to pursue without further study					
Short-term	Linear Park Recharge					
Long-term	F1. Capture and Reuse of Residential Stormwater					
	F2. Capture and Reuse of Commercial Stormwater					
	Alternatives to be held for consideration later					
Short-term	A2. Tombstone Mine to SPRNCA Recharge					
	E1. Douglas Basin to Bisbee					
	C2. CQM to Bisbee/Naco					
А	Iternatives set aside - no further action required					
Short-term	A1. Tombstone mine workings to Fort Huachuca WWTP					
	B. Retire agriculture north of Benson to Fort/Sierra Vista					
	C1. CQM to Fort Huachuca/ Sierra Vista Area					
	E2. Douglas Basin to Fort Huachuca/Sierra Vista					
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Alternatives recommended for further technical study

Short-termG1. Recharge urban runoff near to the SPRNCAC3. CQM to SPRNCA recharge

Long-term D1. CAP Recharge and Recovery of municipal supplies with San Pedro River Recharge

D2. CAP Direct Delivery of municipal supplies with San Pedro River Recharge

Short andH. No Action Alternative (Used for NEPA andlong-termcomparison purposes)

Recommended actions to implement augmentation alternatives (Chapter 5), describes two parallel, complementary, "tracks"



Follow-up Actions (Chapter 5):

- Entity to manage augmentation facilities
 - legal authority to construct, operate, and repay capital costs
 - wholesale water to private water companies
- Determine whether CQM water can be acquired
- Acquire CAP water
- End use of CAP water
- Implementability of Urban Runoff and Recharge alternative
- Identify best sites for recharge near the SPRNCA

Example of Possible Timeline for Implementation



Possible Next Step - A Feasibility Study

Detailed investigation of each alternative.
Must be authorized by Congress.
Needed for Congressional authorization for implementation.
Detailed environmental impact study pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and other related statutes.

Observations

- Only CAP alternative provides sufficient water to offset overdraft
- Significant legal hurdles in order to acquire CAP water
 - Extend CAP service area
 - Change State Law
 - Modify CAP Master Repayment contract
 - Fierce competition for Indian leases and remaining unallocated water

Strings attached? There might be a parallel in the history of how the CAP system was constructed.

1980 Groundwater Management Act

"Concern about groundwater overuse again made the legislative agenda when the **Groundwater Management Act** was passed in 1980. The Arizona Legislature passed the law at the urging - some claim it was in response to a threat - of the federal government. Whatever might have transpired between the two parties, a bargain was in fact struck: **the state would take measures to control groundwater use and the federal government would complete the Central Arizona Project**. The GMA was the result of political maneuvering, and water conservation became the law of the land. The GMA stands as the cornerstone of the state's water conservation efforts." - **Arroyo (U of A WRRC)**

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