

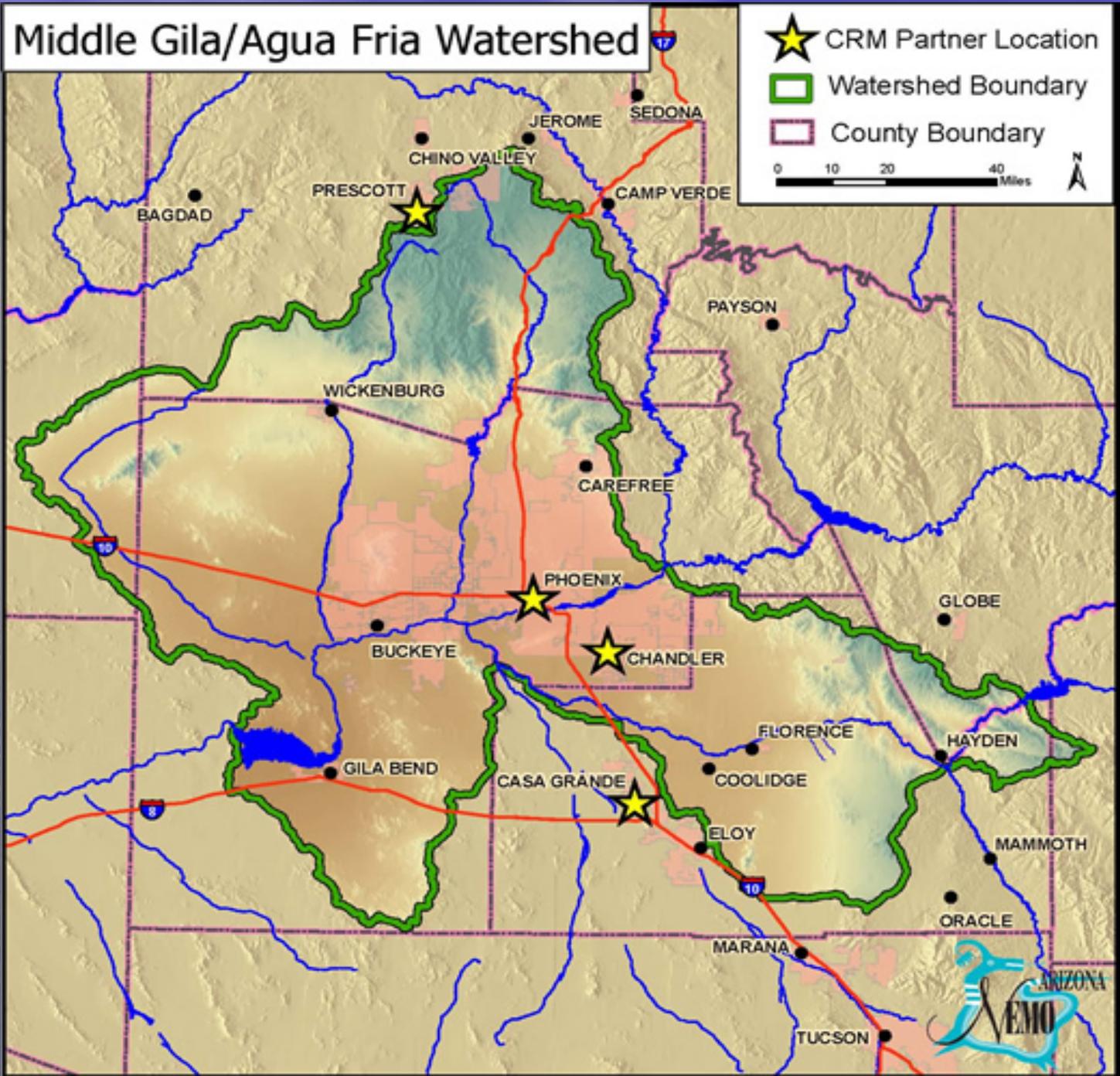
Maricopa County Program

Extension Water Summit

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Middle Gila/Agua Fria Watershed



Governor's Proclamation to Designate April as Water Awareness Month

- Water is one of Arizona's most vital and precious resources.
- Water is scarce and population growth continues to increase our demand for water.
 - Demographics:
 - 3.8 million people
 - 4th largest county in the US – Largest numerical gain in 2006 (3141 counties)
 - 9226 square miles – 29% privately owned, 84% unincorporated
 - 24 cities/towns – Phoenix is 7th largest city in the nation

- All citizens and visitors should use water more efficiently practicing a low water-use lifestyle to help ensure a long-term, sufficient water supply.
- Create a culture of conservation to reduce the impact of drought on our natural resources, economy and quality of life.
- Water education is a cornerstone to any comprehensive water conservation program and greater awareness of water issues can be gained through community education.
 - City of Phoenix Contract:
 - Workshops for formal and non-formal educators
 - Custom designed workshops for clientele
 - Assembly Programs for students including H₂O Magic and Child's Play
 - Integration of Project WET into FOSS kits (Full Option Science System) for 3 school districts

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 - U of A Water Sustainability Program:
 - School Water Audit
 - Urban Lakes Grant
 - Phoenix Activity Centers
 - Chandler Water Festival
 - Phoenix Metro Water Festival
 - Expanded Website to make it interactive for students and teachers

- AZ Dept. of Water Resources – Work with cities and towns to provide them with the tools and resources necessary to give communities the ability to implement strong, effective water conservation programs.

– AZ Department of Water Resources:

- Workshops in the School Districts within the Phoenix AMA
- Partnering with Home School Programs
- Partnering with AZ Cactus-Pine Girl Scout Council on a Project WET Badge

- Develop a water conservation toolkit, including resources to reduce exterior water use in landscaped areas, for communities to assist them in building strong, effective conservation programs.
 - Smartscape:
 - Potential Partnership with AZ Municipal Water Users Association
- Create a water wise community certification program in an effort to promote greater awareness of water issues through education, action and celebration.

- Citizens and businesses throughout Arizona to become more aware of their water-use habits and determine where they can reasonably reduce their water use.
- Encourage all towns and cities to put into place programs that promote education, action and celebration of water as an essential resource in our lives and economy.
- Call upon local and state governments and federal agencies to increase water conservation public awareness programs.
 - Assistant/Associate Water Resources Agent:
 - Funded from Water Sustainability Program Recruitment and Research Initiative



Questions?