

Water Forward 2024 water management strategies

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Water Forward 2024: Planning for Uncertainty



- Develop a range of future conditions
- Find common near-term strategies that work for a broad range of futures
- Develop adaptive plan with key decision points
- Re-evaluate at key decision points

Scenario Planning Methodology



Strategy Characterization Process

- Review strategies considered and/or recommended in Water Forward (WF)18
- Review progress of ongoing programs
- Identify additional strategies for WF24 initial list
- Identify any variables (operational, scale)
- Update cost and yield characterization for testing



Strategy Types

Water Supply

 Strategies that enable the utility to access new sources of water and expand or make better use of existing sources of water

Demand Management

 Strategies like conservation and reuse that reduce the demands on raw or potable water

Best Management Practices

 Strategies that advance Water Forward objectives like protecting the health of the Colorado River and improving the utility's resilience.

Strategy Characterization Approach

- As strategies will be modeled with various timing and yields in the WMS optimization analysis, each strategy generally includes a min and max yield at each planning horizon
- Costs for each strategy have been generated at the 2120 max yield
- Cost information includes:
 - Total capital cost, including facilities, contingencies, and land acquisition
 - Total annual costs, including debt service and operations and maintenance
 - Annualized unit costs in dollars per acre feet per year

2040 Supply Strategy Yield Ranges and Annualized Unit Costs



Preliminary and Subject to Change

2040 Annual Yield Range (Acre Feet Per Year)
Annualized Unit Cost (AFY)

2120 Supply Strategy Yield Ranges and Annualized Unit Costs



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Annualized Unit Cost (AFY)

Demand Reduction Pathways

 Potable water demand reduction strategies like reuse and conservation are inter-dependent and were modeled together as distinct pathways driven by potential reuse and reclaimed system options



Demand Reduction Pathways

	Notes	DR1	DR2	DR3	DR4	DR5	DR6	DR7
Utility-Side Water Loss Control	Dependent	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Customer Side Water Use Management	Dependent	х	х	х	х	х	х	x
Native and Efficient Landscapes	Dependent	X	Х	Х	x	x	Х	X
Centralized Reclaimed	Current requirements	х						
	Larger system area		Х	Х			Х	Х
	Further connection distance				Х	Х	Х	Х
Decentralized Reclaimed	Phase 1	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	
	Phase 1 & 2							х
Onsite Reuse	Current requirements	Х						
	Smaller building size threshold		Х		Х		Х	х
	Increased non-potable demand met			X		Х	X	х

2040 Demand Reduction Pathway Yields Preliminary and Subject to Change

39,000 38,000 2040 Annual Yield (Acre Feet Per Year) 37,000 36,000 35,000 34,000 33.000 DR1 DR2 DR3 DR4 DR5 DR6 DR7

2120 Demand Reduction Pathway Yields

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Next Steps

- Strategy costs and yields will be used as input in WMS
 Assessment and Vulnerability Evaluation (WAVE) Model
- Top performing strategy configurations and groupings will lead to refinement of strategy yields, timing, and potentially costs
- Top performing groupings will undergo 50-year portfolio evaluation



Questions?

