

WATER BONDS 2005



Information
you can use
to make an
informed
decision this
May.



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What Will the Bonds Fund?

If approved, the 2005 Water Bonds would be used to continue building facilities that will enable us to use more of our allotment of Colorado River water, expand the Reclaimed Water system, and make improvements to our drinking water system.

Citizen Input

Tucson Water's 2005 Water Bonds were developed with the input of our Citizens Water Advisory Committee, a group of citizens who represent Tucson Water customers living both inside and outside the City of Tucson.

The 2000 Bonds

In 2000, voters approved nearly \$124 million in Water Bonds. We used those to build the Clearwater facilities to recharge and recover Colorado River water, to expand our Reclaimed Water system, and to make necessary improvements to our drinking water system. By this summer, those funds will be fully spent or committed.

Why Bonds?

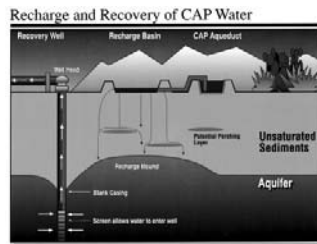
Funding these projects through bonds enables Tucson Water to spread the cost over future years. In this way, Water Bonds are like a home mortgage. Instead of paying for projects up-front, Tucson Water sells bonds, generates the required cash, then repays them with interest over future years. It also means that people who move here in the future and benefit from these projects will participate, along with current customers, in paying off the debt incurred for the projects.

The 2005 BOND PACKAGE

Using Our Colorado River Water

\$46.3
Million

What the bonds would mean to you:



Increased use of our Colorado River water allotment

- Increased use of a renewable water resource (Colorado River water)
- Reduced groundwater pumping protects the environment and creates better long-term reliability



Improving Our Water System

\$67.5
Million

What the bonds would mean to you:



Water system improvements

- Better system security
- More flexibility and improved reliability
- Additional water storage

Extending Our Reclaimed Water System

\$28.2
Million

What the bonds would mean to you:



Expanding the Reclaimed Water system

- Increased use of a renewable water resource (Effluent)
- More parks, schools and golf courses using Reclaimed Water saves drinking water

Total Amount \$142
Million

Our Mission is:

- Providing Quality Water
- Protecting Our Environment
- Planning For the Future



The nearly 600 employees of Tucson Water are dedicated to providing our customers with the highest quality water and service.

Want a Presentation?

Employees of Tucson Water are available to speak to groups and organizations that are interested in knowing more about the Water Bonds. To arrange for a presentation, call Tucson Water at 791-4331.

Esta información está disponible en español. Por favor llame al 791-4331.

Visit our website at www.tucsonaz.gov/water

City of Tucson TTY number: 791-2639

Will the Bonds Increase Water Rates?

The 2005 Bond package would require overall water rates to increase by about 1% beginning in July 2006.

