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CAP Blog: Water Ways and Power Lines

What if the drought continues for another decade?

If the current 15-year drought on the Colorado River continues for another decade, it will rival the "mega-droughts" that appear in tree-ring records. There are two ways that this could play out for Arizona and the Colorado River Basin... [Read Blog](#)

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Arizona Cities Could Face Cutbacks in Water From Colorado River, Officials Say

By MICHAEL WINES NY TIMES JUNE 17, 2014

Arizona could be forced to cut water deliveries to its two largest cities unless states that tap the dwindling Colorado River find ways to reduce water consumption and deal with a crippling drought, officials of the state's canal network said Tuesday. [Read more](#)

Why this is important

The story is not accurate in claiming that cities in central Arizona will face significant cutbacks in their CAP supplies in the near future. CAP does not expect shortages to impact M&I deliveries for at least the next 10 to 15 years, and even then CAP and the Arizona Water Banking Authority are prepared to recover CAP water stored underground to provide a full water supply to those customers.

Tucson, other cities could be hit by CAP shortage much sooner than expected

By Tony Davis Arizona Daily Star June 14, 2014

For the first time, the state agency that operates the multibillion-dollar Central Arizona Project warns that water shortages could hit Tucson and Phoenix as soon as five years from now. [Read more](#)

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Thirsty West: Why Californians Will Soon Be Drinking Their Own Pee

By Eric Holthaus Slate magazine June 2014

OAKLAND, Calif.-California has a lot of coastline. So why all the fuss about the drought? Desalination to the rescue, right? [Read more](#)

Why this is important

The problem with recycled water is purely psychological. Despite the fact the water is safe and sterile, the "yuck factor" is hard to get over.

The Day We Set the Colorado River Free

By: Rowan Jacobsen Outside Magazine July 2014

On Friday, March 28, 2014, I did something that has been impossible for most of the past 50 years and, by the time you read this, will be again. [Read more](#)

Why this is important

It was the unlikeliest of plans: take a titanic slug of water from the most over-allocated river in North America, shoot it through some of the driest country on earth, and turn these godforsaken wastelands back into an Eden.

Vanishing water

Story by Ian James The Desert Sun June 17, 2014

LAKE MEAD, Nev. - The biggest reservoir in the United States is dropping 1 foot each week. [Read more](#)

Why this is important

Scientists have determined that the decade from 2001 to 2010 was hotter than all other decades in the Southwest since 1900.

Colorado River researchers find signs of ancient, devastating floods

By Julia Rosen LA Times June 19, 2014

Scientists say it would have been a catastrophe of unprecedented proportions. If the Glen Canyon Dam had failed, it would have changed the lives of millions of people and reshaped the history of the American West. [Read more](#)

Why this is important

Although current models predict truly epic floods twice every millennium, there really might be as many as 13.

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