

TOWN OF PAYSON

In May of 2008, the Town of Payson entered into an agreement with the Salt River Project to obtain a 3,000 acre-feet per year surface water right in CC Cragin (formerly Blue Ridge) Reservoir and to share expenses associated with the annual operation of the pumping facilities that transfer reservoir water to the East Verde River 15 miles north of Payson.



A complete upgrade of the existing pumping facilities is complete at a cost of \$13,500,000.



The Town is awaiting a decision by the US Forest Service for a special use permit to construct a 15-mile pipeline and water treatment plant for use of this water in Payson in 2015. Total project costs are estimated at \$34,000,000. The use of this surface water and Payson's existing groundwater wells will supply enough water for a population of 44,000, which exceeds Payson's estimated build out population of 38,000.

