

# Santa Fe Water Reuse Feasibility Study

## Public Forum

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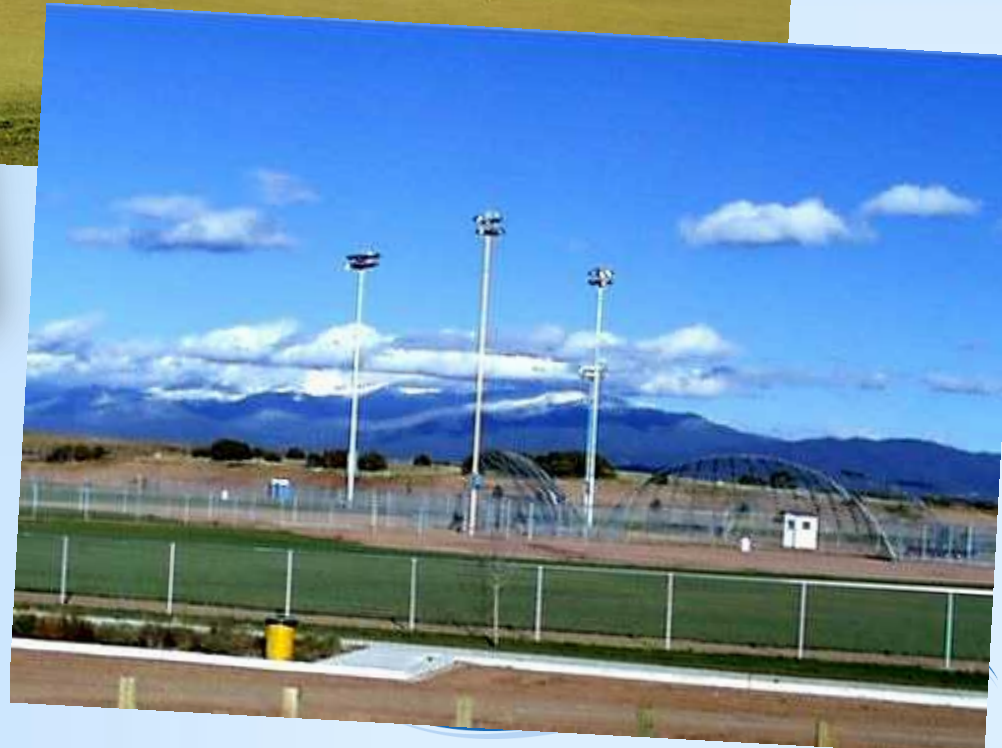
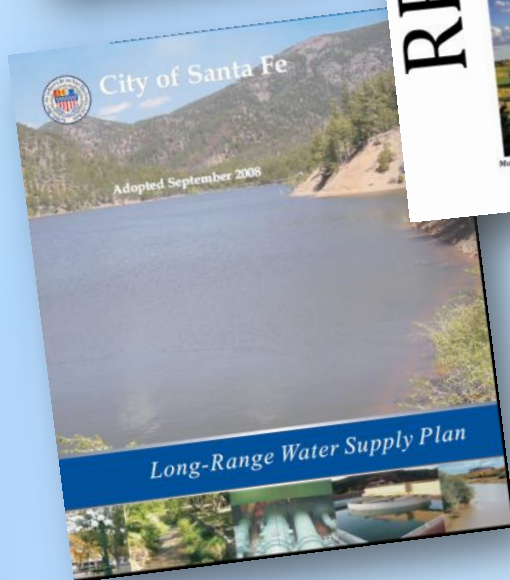
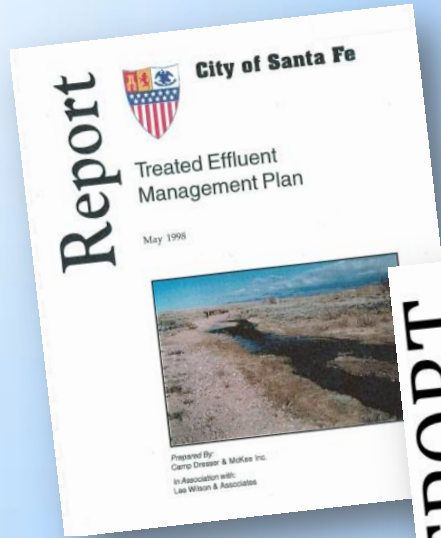
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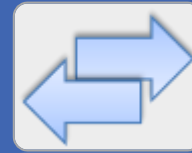


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# Santa Fe has been sustainably reusing water since the 1950s



# Topics for our Public Forum



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Why Increase  
Water Reuse?

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What Alternatives  
Were Studied?

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What does the  
Feasibility Study  
Recommend? Why?

4

Next Steps

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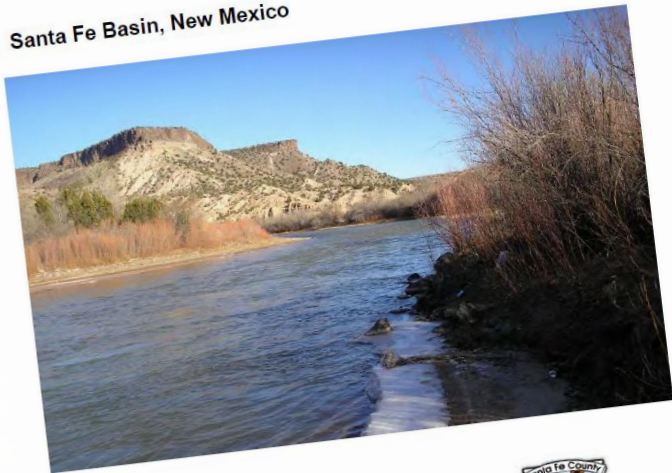
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# Climate change will drive future shortages

## Santa Fe Basin Study

Adaptations to Projected Changes in  
Water Supply and Demand

Santa Fe Basin, New Mexico



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Bureau of Reclamation  
Upper Colorado Region  
Albuquerque Area Office



City of Santa Fe  
Water Division  
Water Resources and  
Conservation Section



Santa Fe County  
Utilities Division

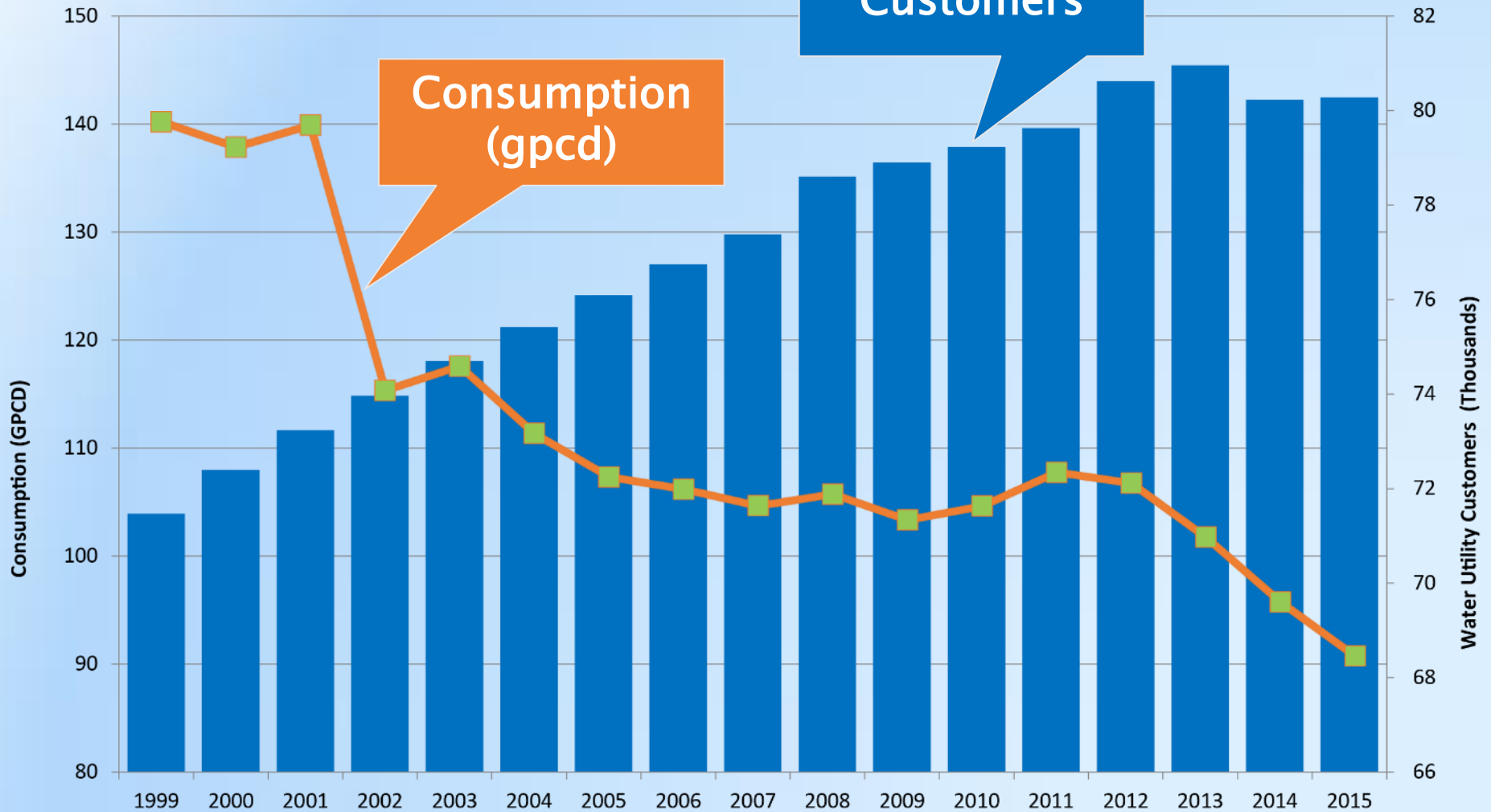
Climate change will impact  
supply AND demand

Shortages up to  
9,300 AFY by 2055

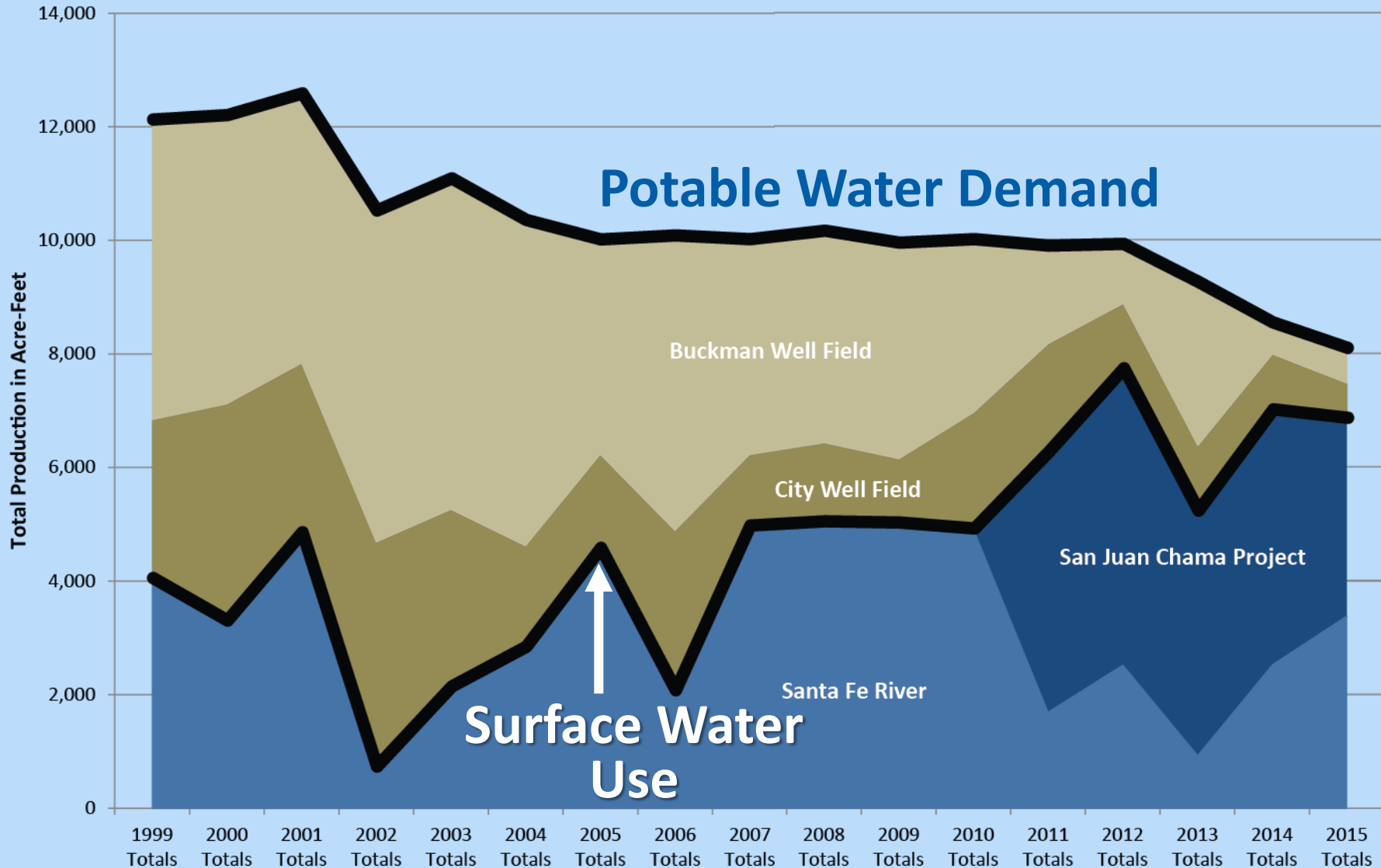
Expanding water reuse is  
key for mitigating gaps



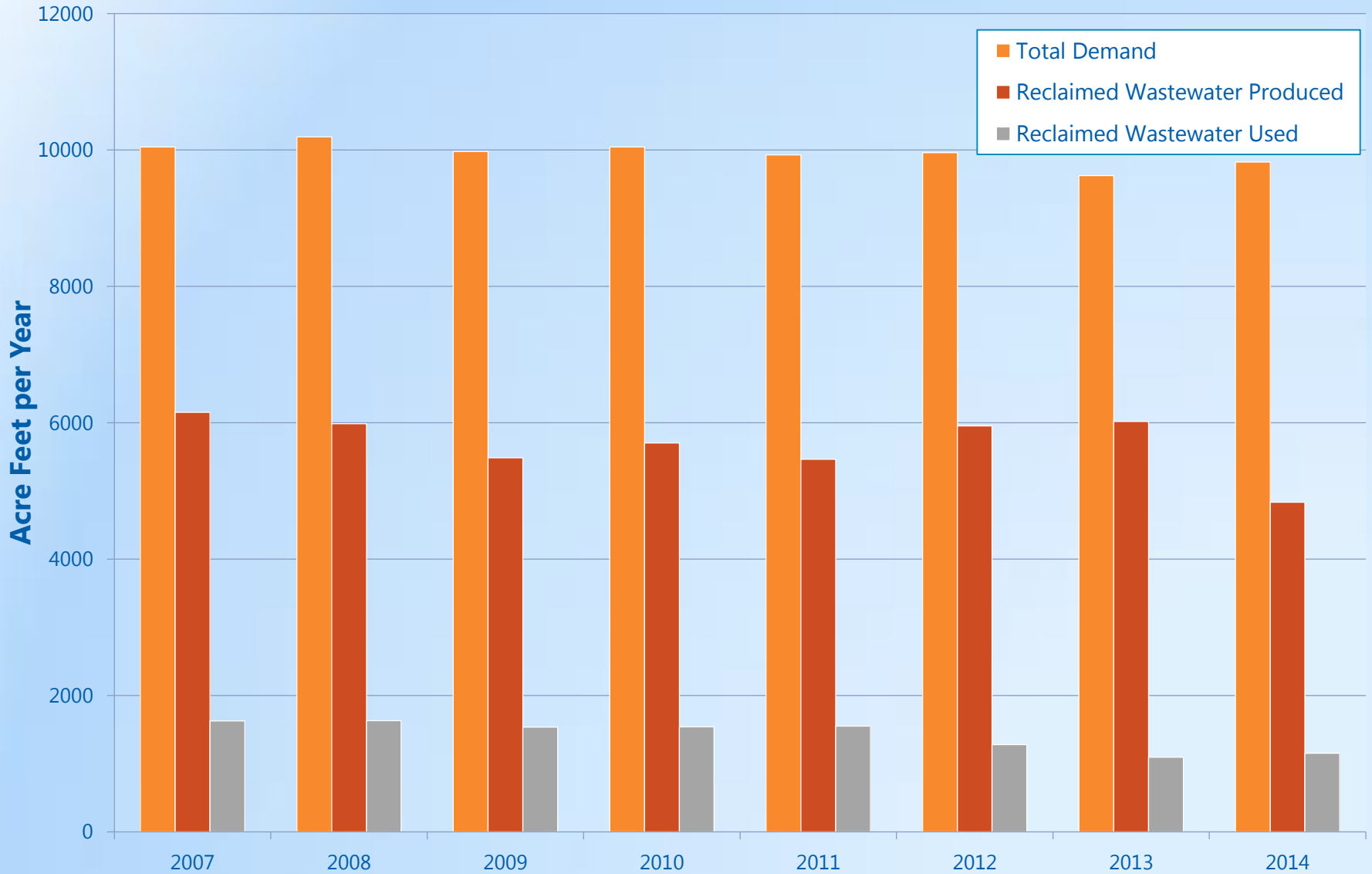
# Santa Fe's industry-leading conservation programs are working



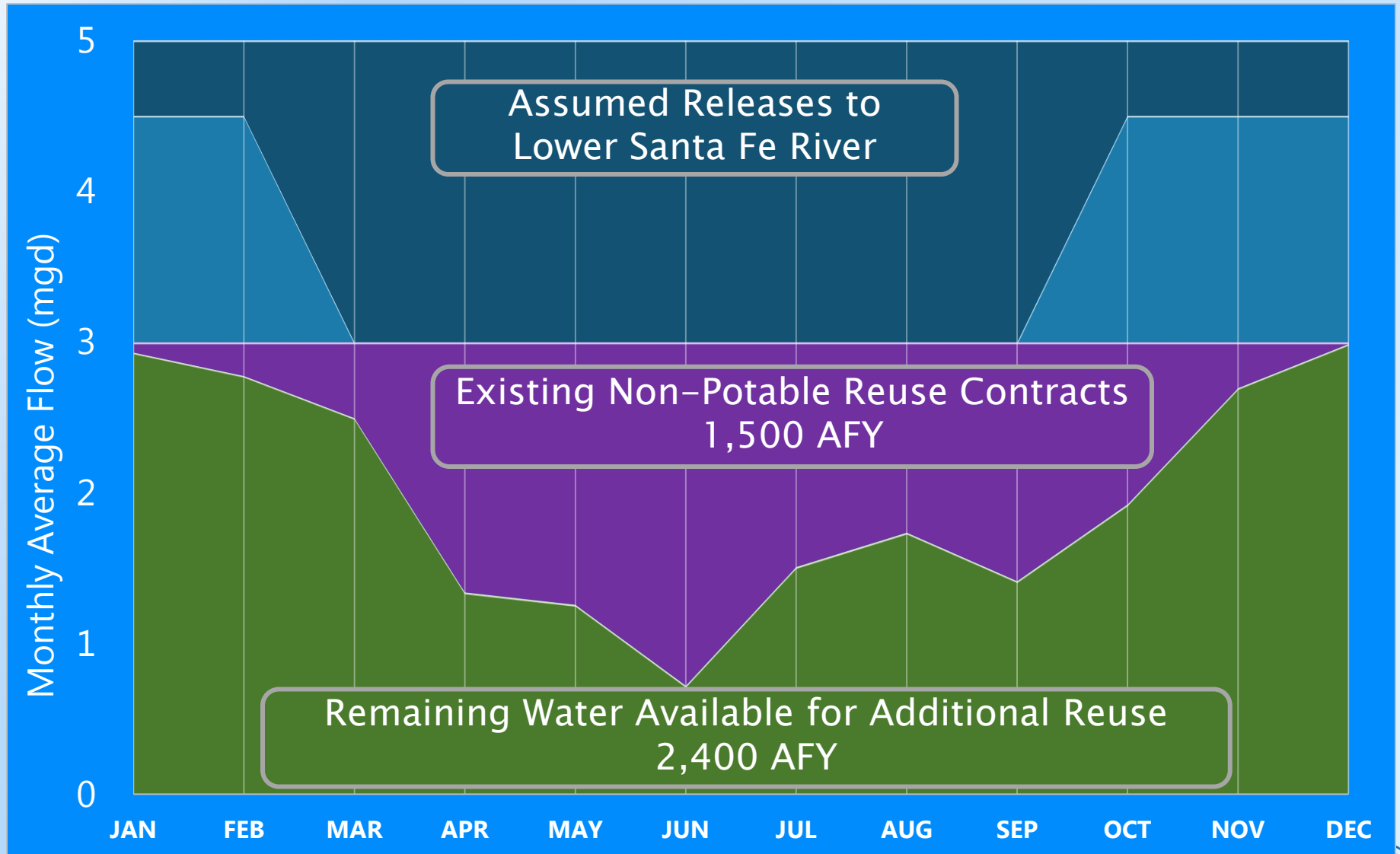
# Conservation and conjunctive use have reduced demands and enhanced sustainability



# Basin Study: Water Reuse Availability



# How much water can we reuse?



# Reuse Alternatives



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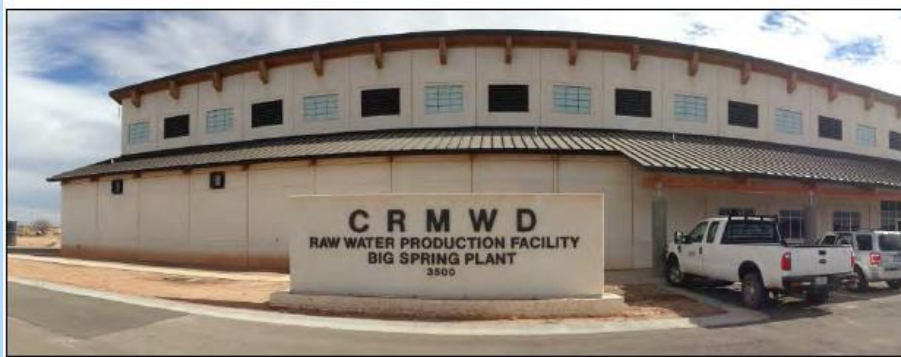
# Communities nationwide are expanding reuse and augmenting drinking water supplies



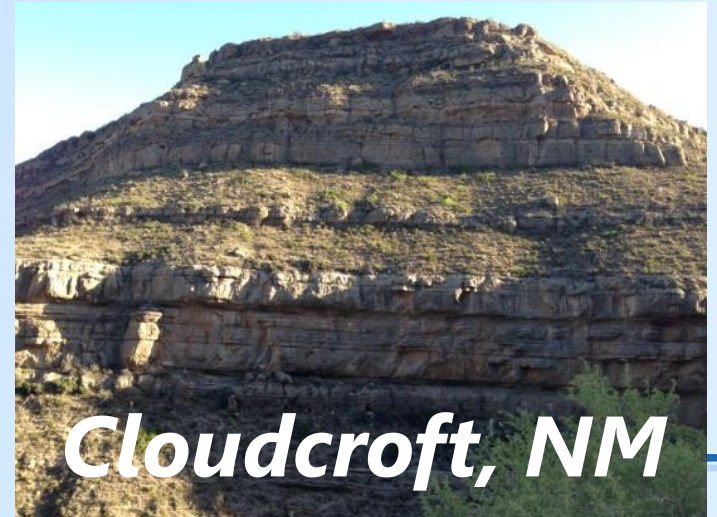
*Orange County, CA*



*Gwinnett County, GA*

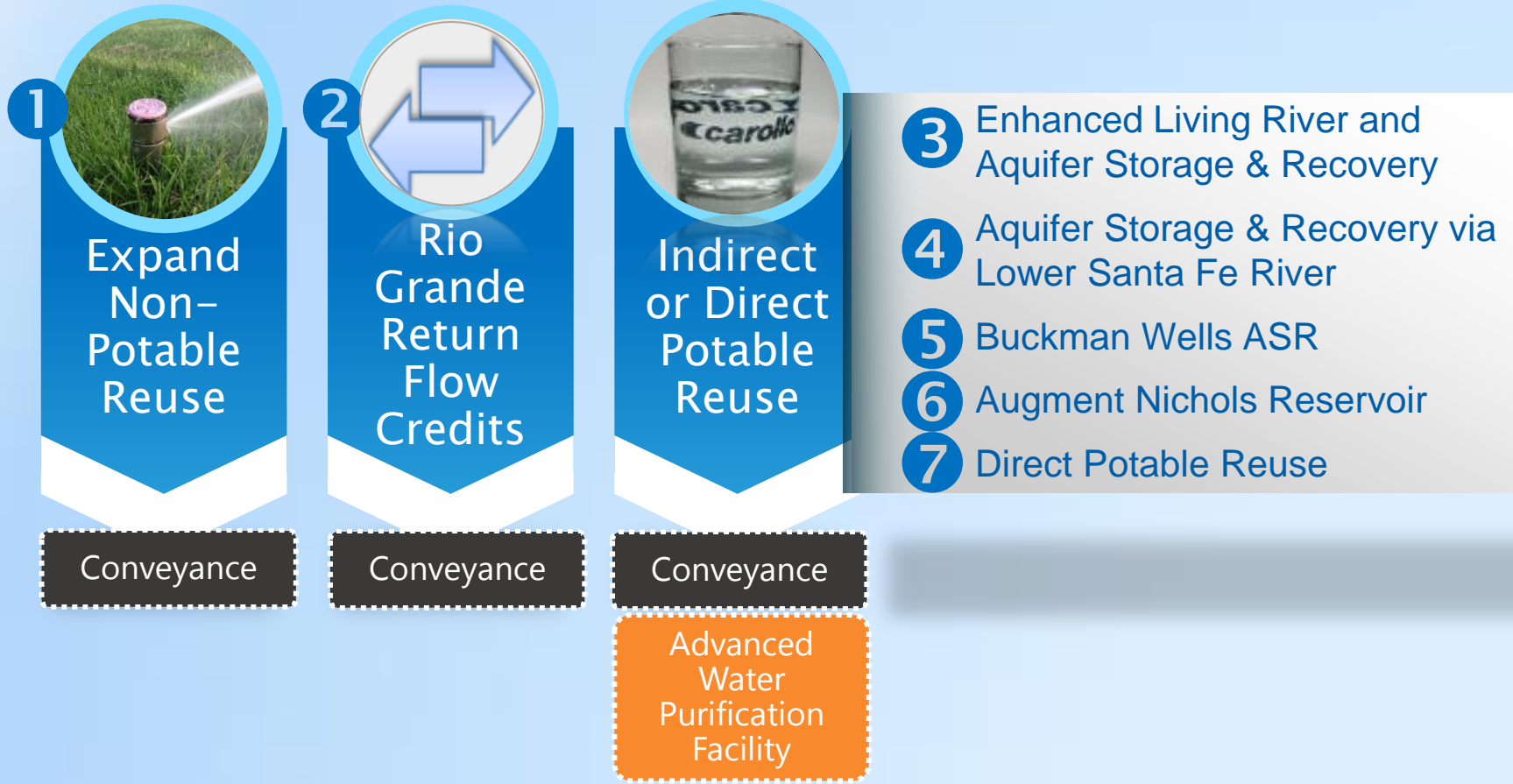


*Big Spring, TX*

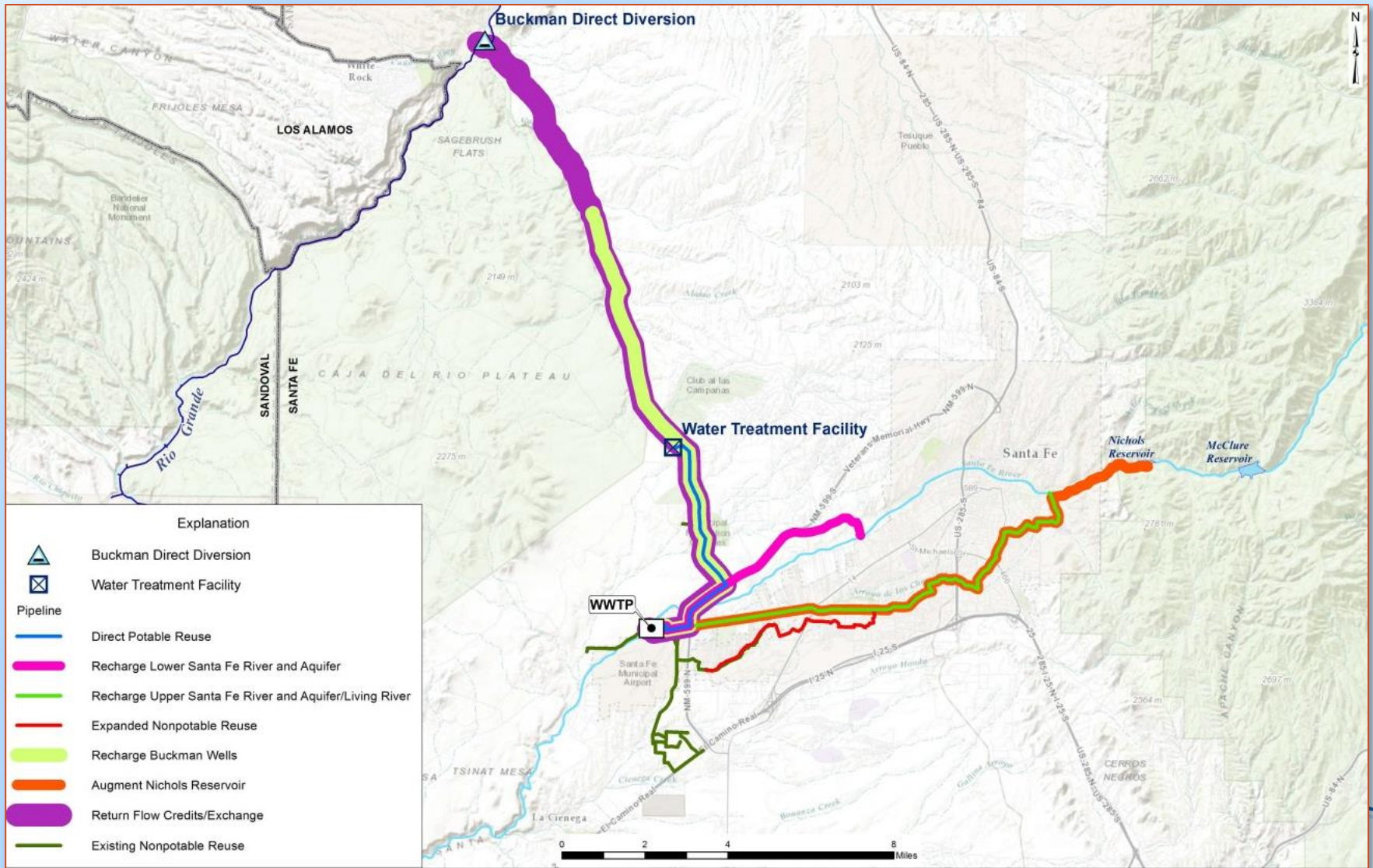


*Cloudcroft, NM*

# Feasibility Study examined 7 alternatives for expanding water reuse

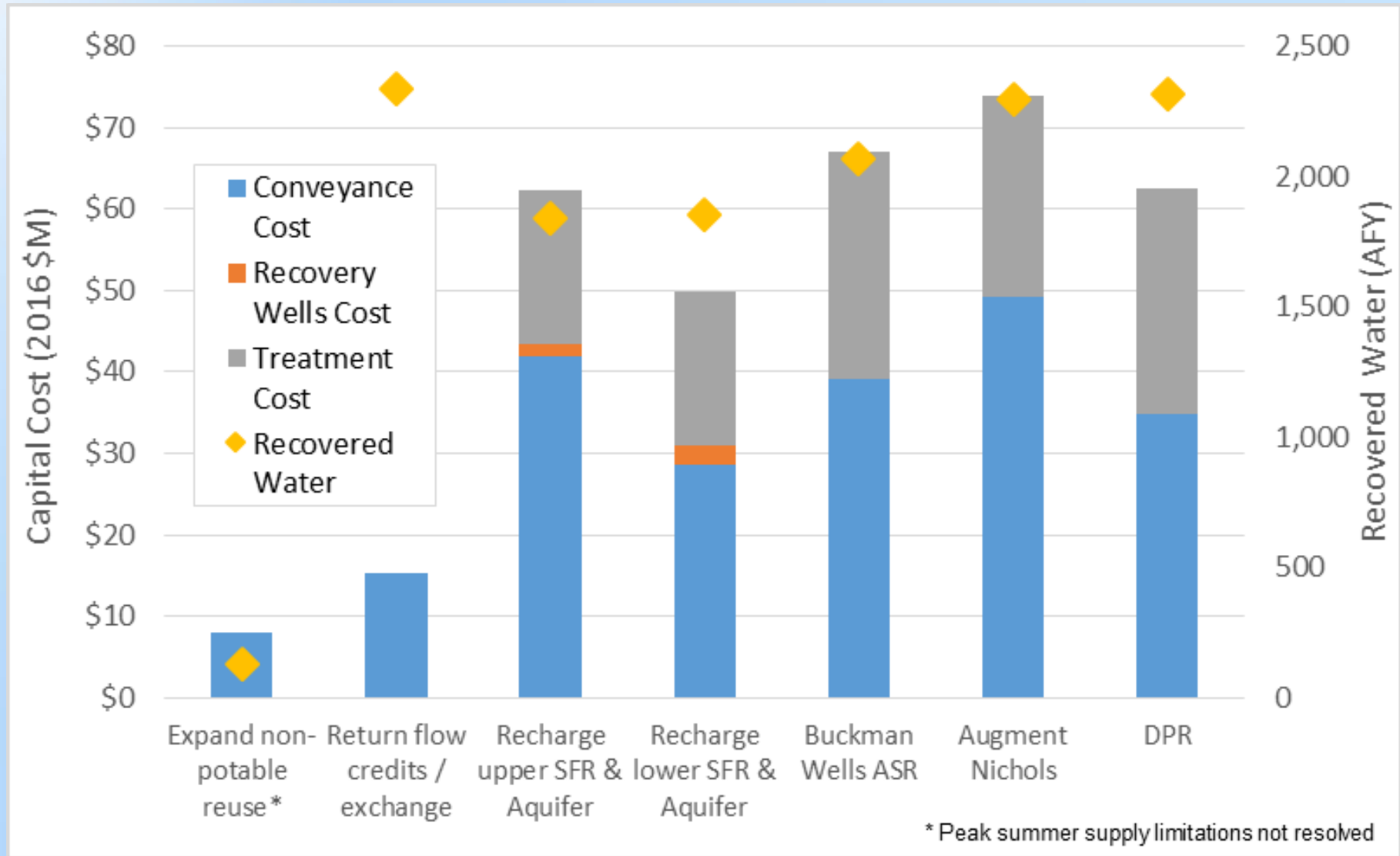


# Reuse alternatives vary in the amount of “new plumbing” and treatment required





# Cost-effectiveness highlights differences



# Challenges in expanding irrigation reuse: Seasonal demand, limited summer supplies

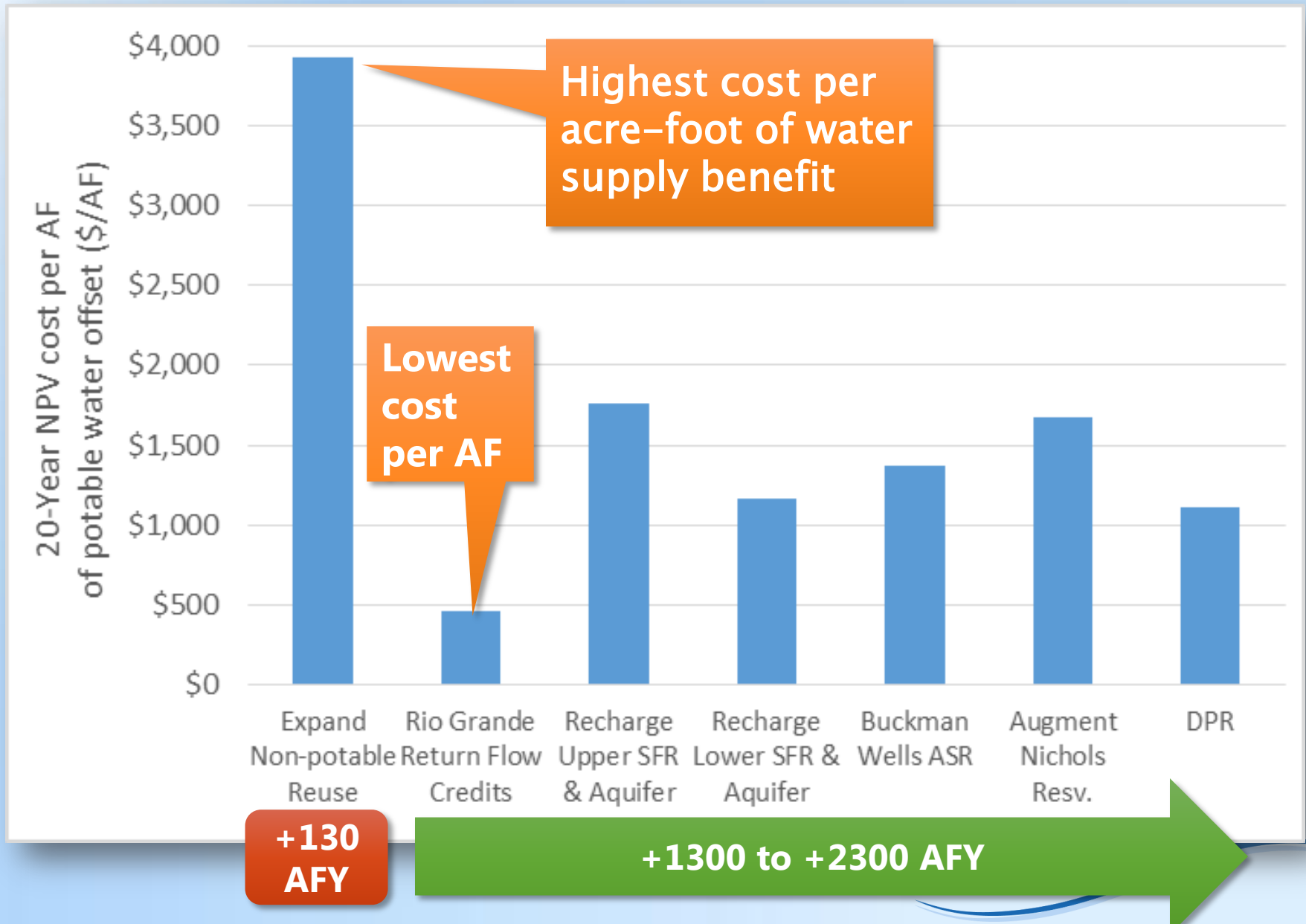


+45 AFY

+130  
AFY

*Demand is Highest when Available Supply is Lowest!*

# Water supply benefit drives cost-effectiveness



# Initial Screening Evaluation:

## Four of the alternatives could meet our community's needs.



Rio Grande  
Return  
Flow  
Credits



Enhanced  
Living  
River and  
Aquifer  
Storage &  
Recovery



Aquifer  
Storage &  
Recovery  
via Lower  
Santa Fe  
River



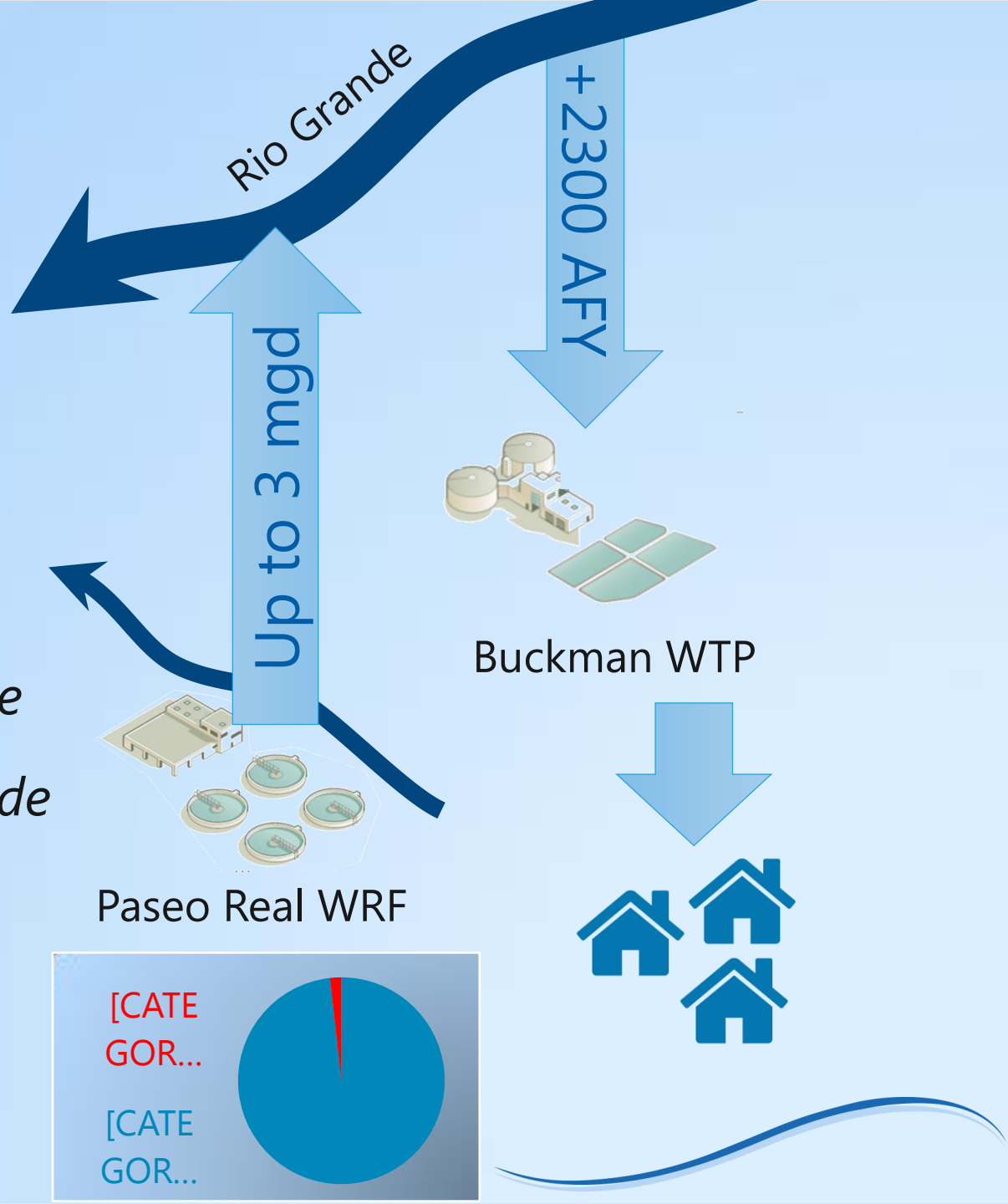
Direct  
Potable  
Reuse

# Alternative 2

## Full Use of SJCP Rights via Rio Grande

### Return Flow Credits

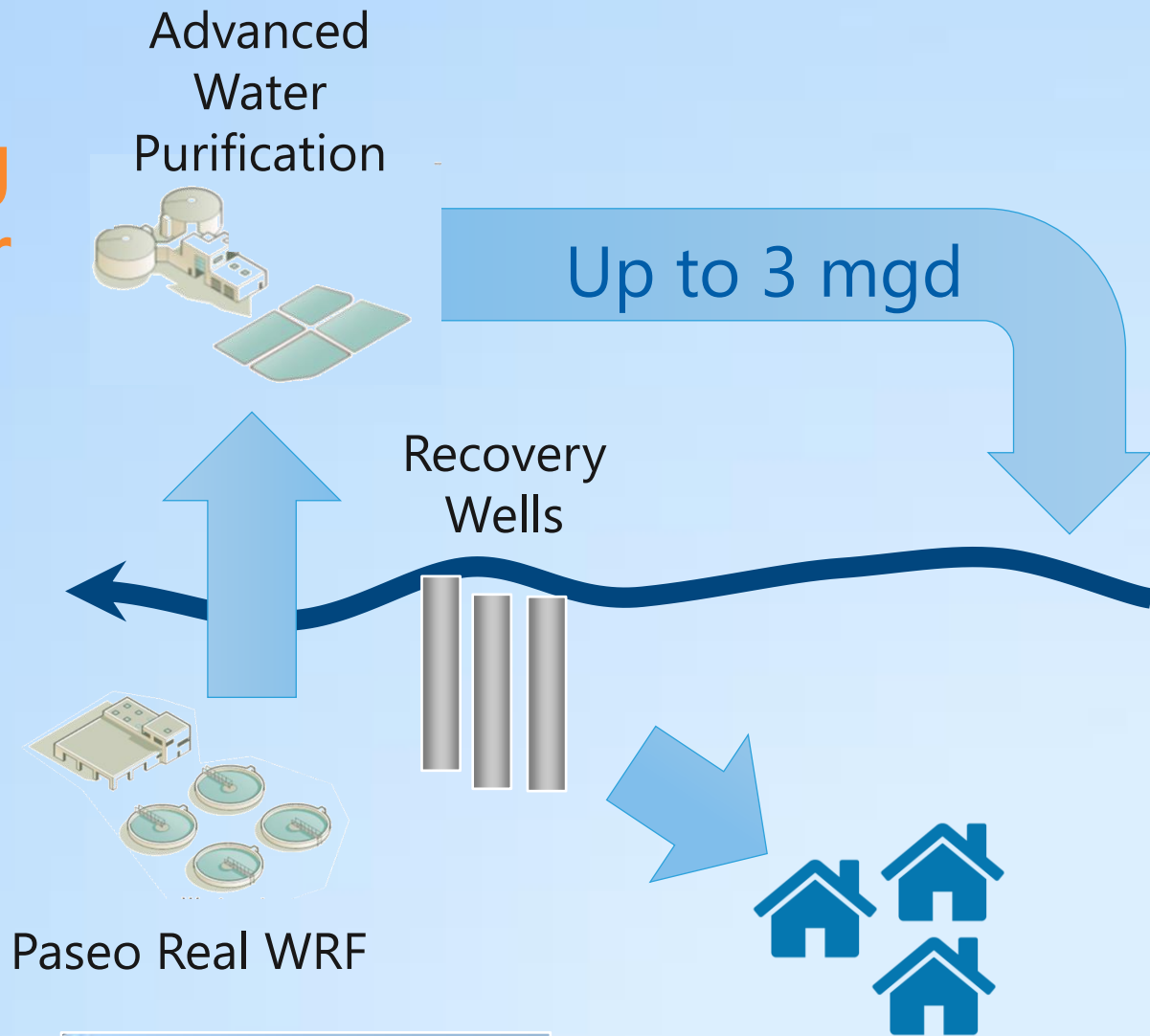
- Reroute up to 3 mgd WRF discharge by pumping to Rio Grande
- Exchange for Rio Grande water
- Divert additional 2300 AFY through existing Buckman system



# Alternative 3

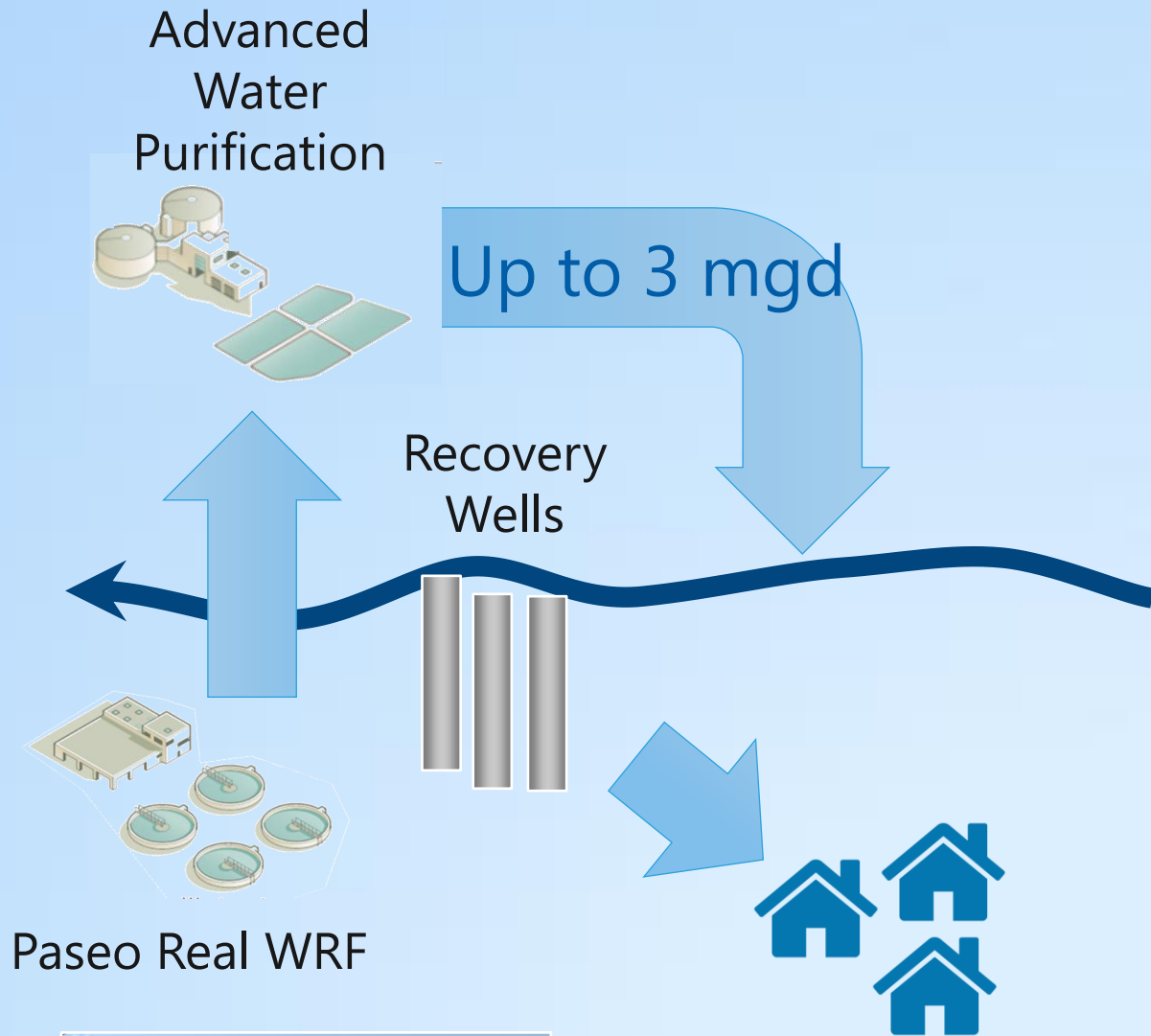
## Enhanced Living River and Upper Santa Fe River Recharge

- Discharge to Upper Santa Fe River at Two Mile
- Living River
- Divert via upper aquifer wells below Siler Road



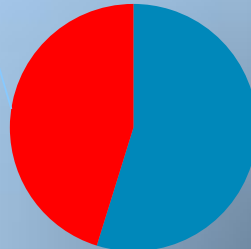
# Alternative 4 Aquifer Storage and Recovery via Lower Santa Fe River

- Discharge to Lower Santa Fe River at Siler Rd.
- Divert via upper aquifer wells below Siler Road



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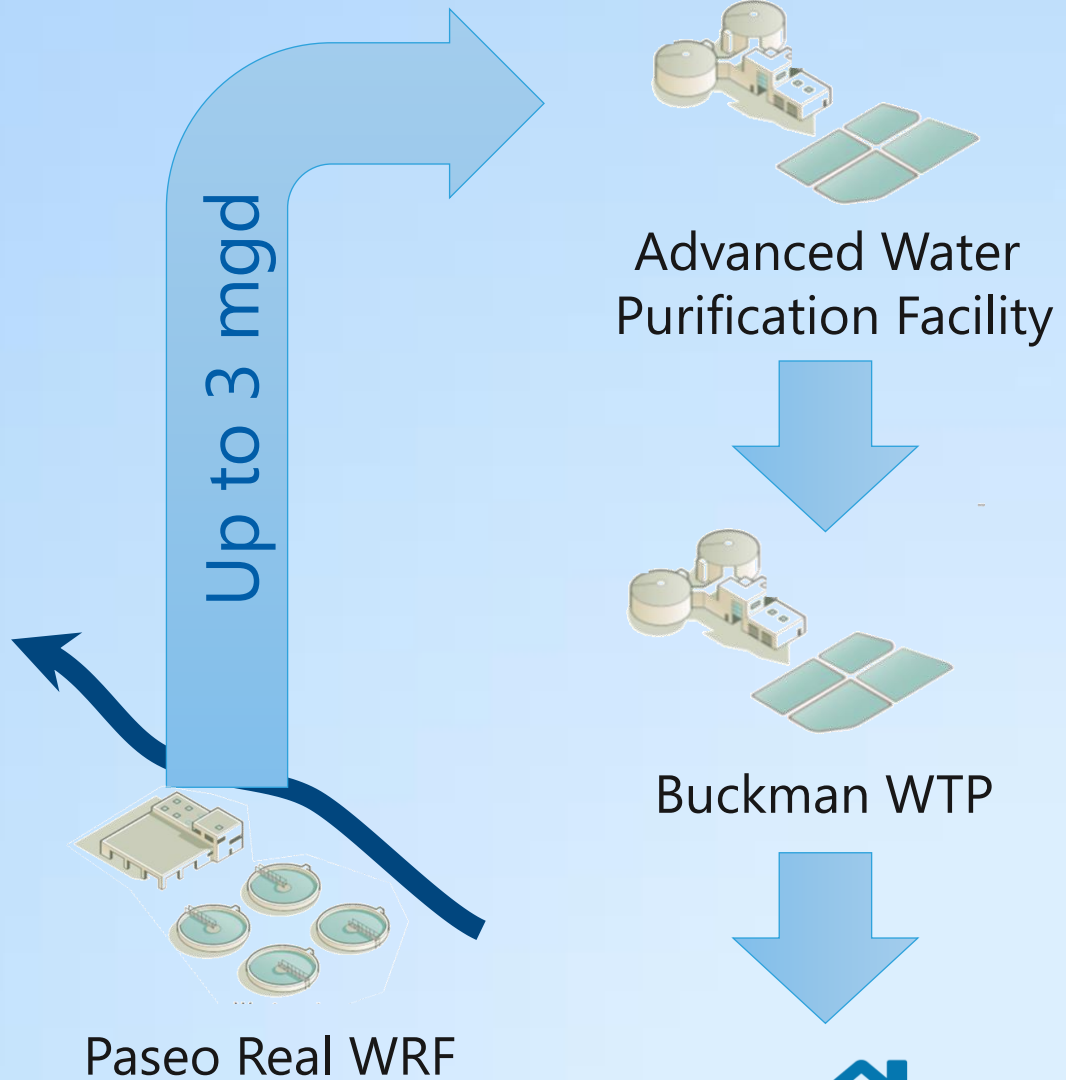
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# Alternative 7

## Direct Potable Reuse

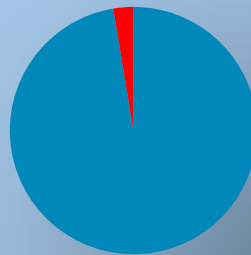
- *Up to 3 mgd to Advanced Water Purification Facility*
- *Pump to Buckman WTP for blending with Rio Grande raw water & further treatment*



Paseo Real WRF

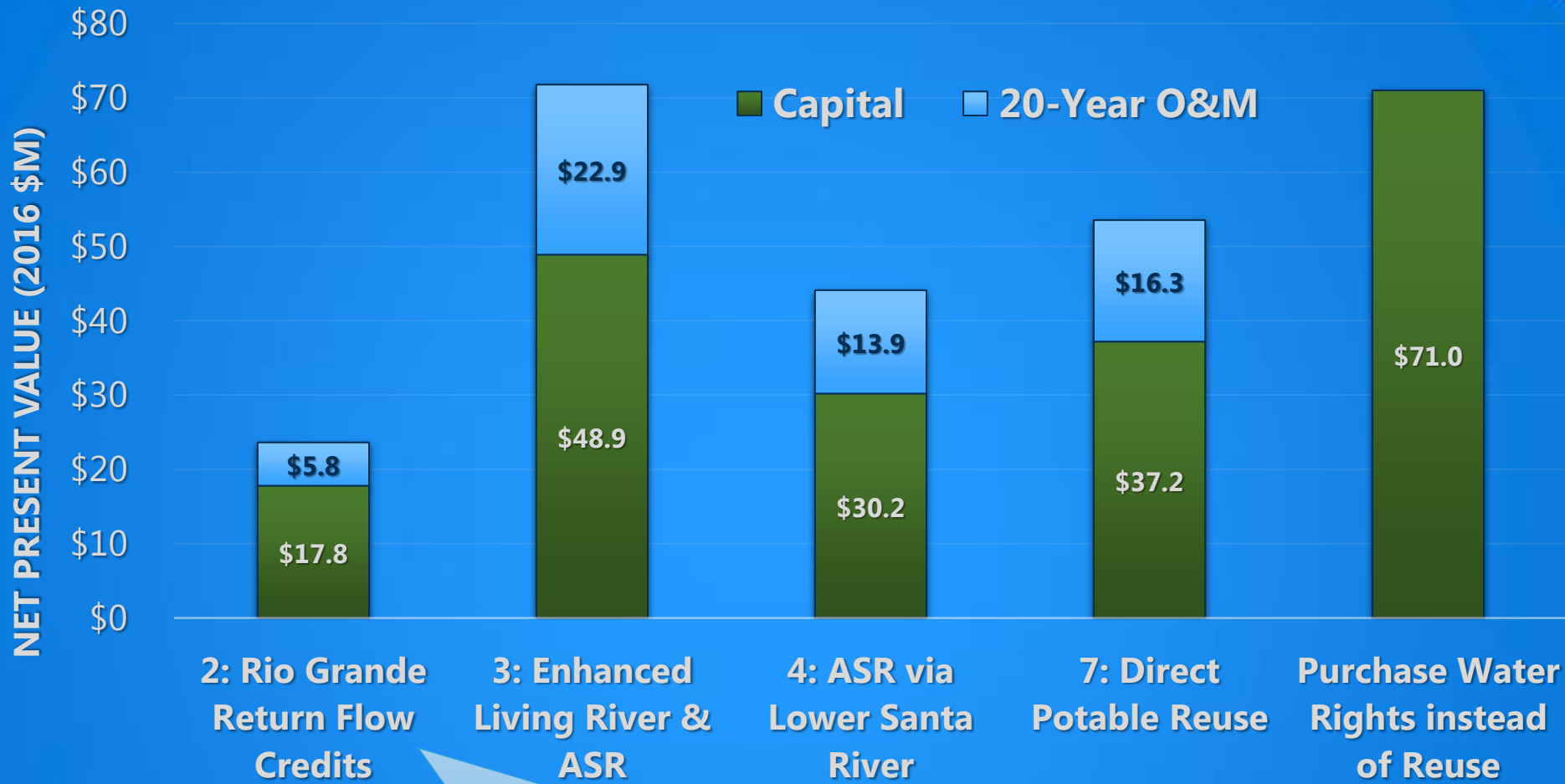
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# Life-cycle costs are much lower for Alt. 2



- ✓ No advanced treatment
- ✓ No recovery wells

- ✓ 1 pump station
- ✓ Use existing BDD



*Recommendations  
and Next Steps*



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# "Triple Bottom Line" analysis

**ECONOMIC:** Cost-Effective Supply Augmentation

**SOCIAL:** Public Benefit and Social Acceptability

**ENVIRONMENTAL:** Protect and Sustain the Environment

**TECHNICAL / OTHER:** Timely Implementability and Operability

**TECHNICAL / OTHER:** Project Risk Mitigation

Rio Grande Return Flow Credits (Alt. 2)  
best meets the community's needs

# Key Benefits of Alternative 2:

## *Full Consumption of SJCP Water via Rio Grande Return Flow Credits*

✓ Full use of SJCP  
water

✓ Lowest cost

✓ Best return on  
investment

✓ Leverages  
existing capacity  
in Buckman Direct  
Diversion

✓ No advanced  
treatment

✓ Least complex  
permitting and  
implementation

✓ Living River  
through reservoir  
bypass flows

✓ Flexible and  
adaptable

# Recommendations and Next Steps

- Alternative that best meets the community's needs:  
**Full Consumption of San Juan-Chama Project Water via Rio Grande Return Flow Credits**
- Finalize report April 2017 →  
Bureau of Reclamation approval
- Long-Range Water Supply Plan update:  
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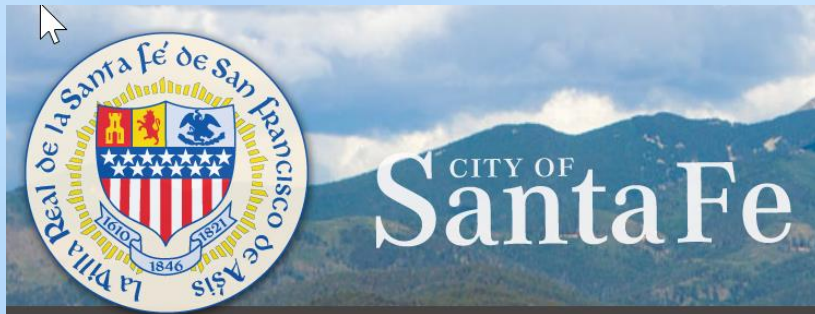
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# Where can I find more information?



[www.savewatersantafe.com](http://www.savewatersantafe.com) / 505.955.4225



[http://www.santafenm.gov/reclaimed\\_wastewater\\_reuse](http://www.santafenm.gov/reclaimed_wastewater_reuse)



Please join us for Q&A at the tables

*Drivers for Increasing Water Reuse in Santa Fe and Across the U.S.*



*Community Benefits of the Highest-Ranked Water Reuse Alternative*



*Path Toward Implementation*



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