

Frequently Used Terms

AMA: Active Management Area, established by the state for long-term management & conservation of groundwater on a regional watershed scale

Aquifer: An underground saturated zone

CAGRD: Central AZ Groundwater Replenishment District

CAP: Central AZ Project (Colorado River diversion)

CAWCD: Central AZ Water Conservation District (manages CAP water)

Effluent: Treated wastewater

Graywater: Household water that is reused on site for landscaping

Over Draft: Decreased aquifer storage when withdrawal is greater than recharge

Recharge: Water added to the aquifer

Reclaimed Water: Effluent treated to high standards for reuse

Recovered Water: Recharged water that is subsequently pumped from the aquifer for use

Riparian Area: Vegetated area near a waterway

Water Harvesting: Stormflows that are retained in cisterns or re-directed to landscaping

Water Table: The top surface of the aquifer

Watershed: A regional drainage area or rainwater catchment area

