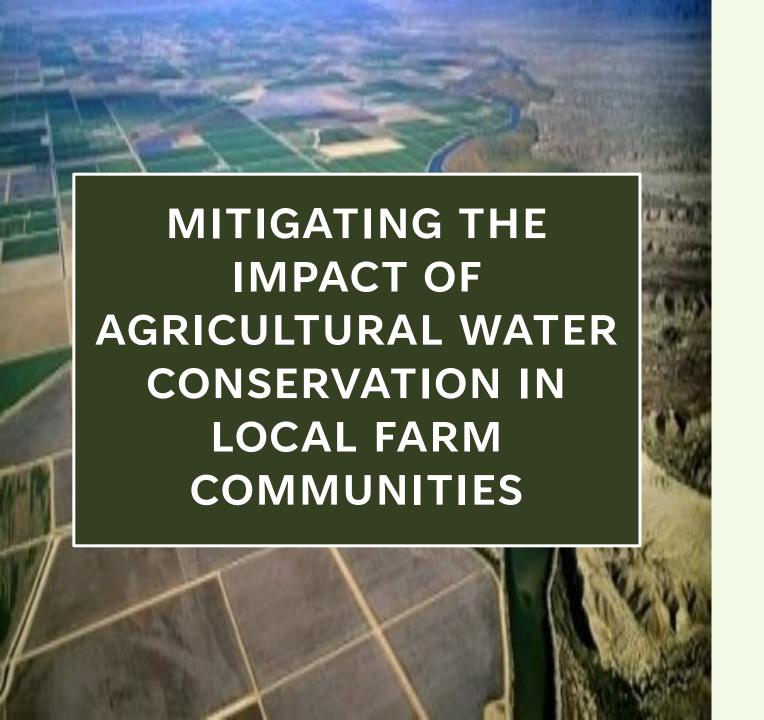
"The farmer has to be an optimist, or he wouldn't still be a farmer." WILL ROGERS



PVID/MWD

Forbearance

& Fallowing

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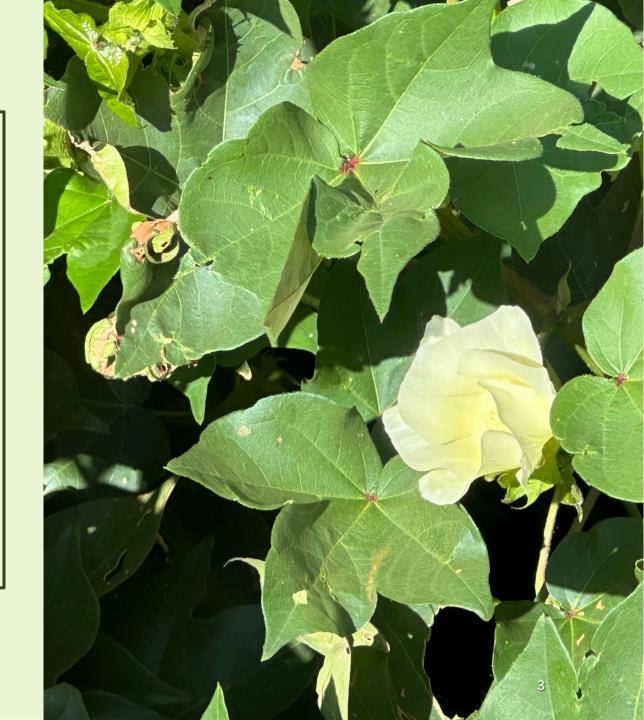
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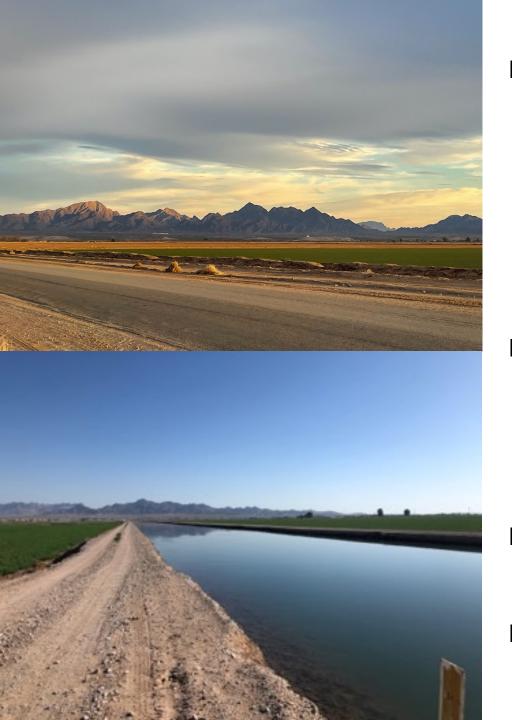
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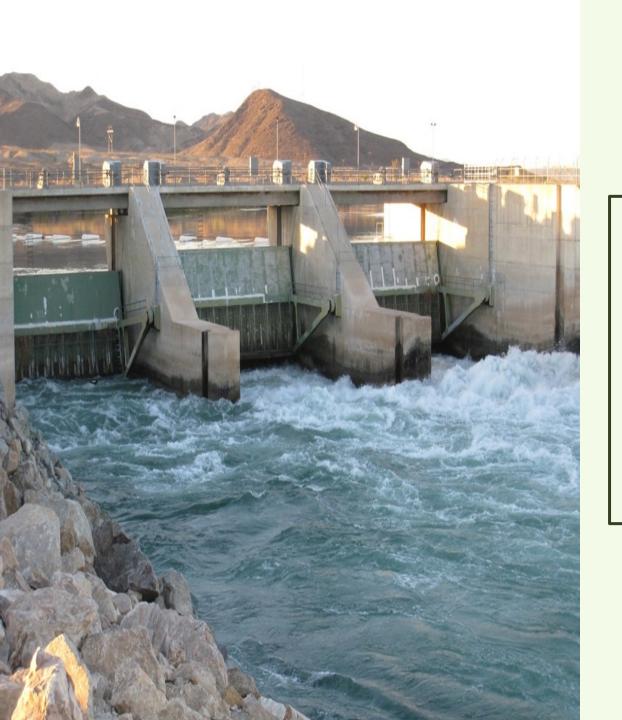
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FARMING IN THE PALO VERDE VALLEY

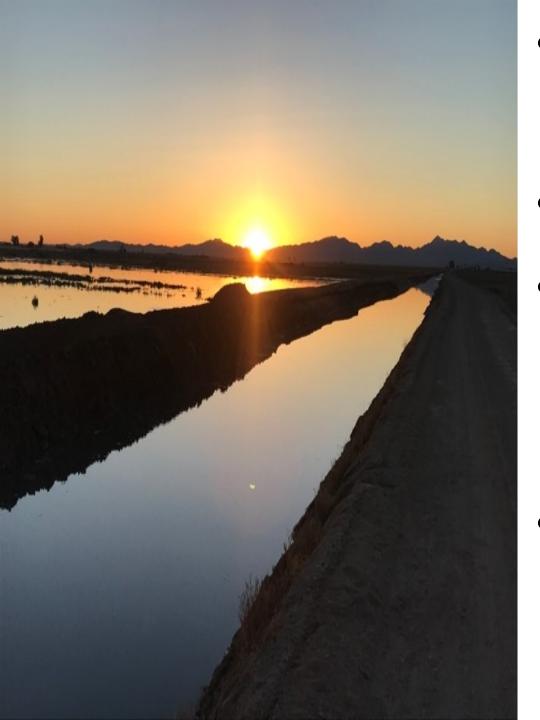




- Palo Verde Valley has most senior water rights in CA
- PVID has 244+ miles of main and lateral canals
- Downward sloped
- Flood irrigation



LONG-TERM FALLOWING



- 35-year agreement entered in 2004 with MWD
- Ag to Urban transfer
- Up to 35% of the Palo Verde Valley can be fallowed,
 approx. 26,000 acres
- At execution, the largest and longest water transfer of its kind in California history

COMMUNITY IMPACT?

Initial Concerns:

- Less acres in production
- Reduction of agriculture workforce?
- Reduction in scale of local agricultural economy and vendor infrastructure?

COMMUNITY MITIGATION

Community Improvement Fund

- Non-profit, formed in 2006
- \$ 6 million from MWD
- \$ 6.25 million in grants and loans to the community
- Today worth \$ 7.9 million

WHAT DO WE THINK ABOUT IT ALL?

- Large cash injections
- Guaranteed income
- Lacks flexibility
- Absentee landowners, not all funds stay local

New Partnership: 2023-2026 SCIA

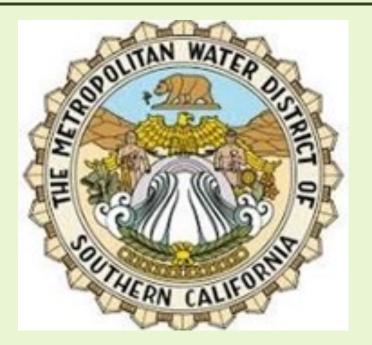
- Short term Colorado River system water conservation
- Reclamation funds to create system conservation that would otherwise go to MWD under the Fallowing Program with PVID

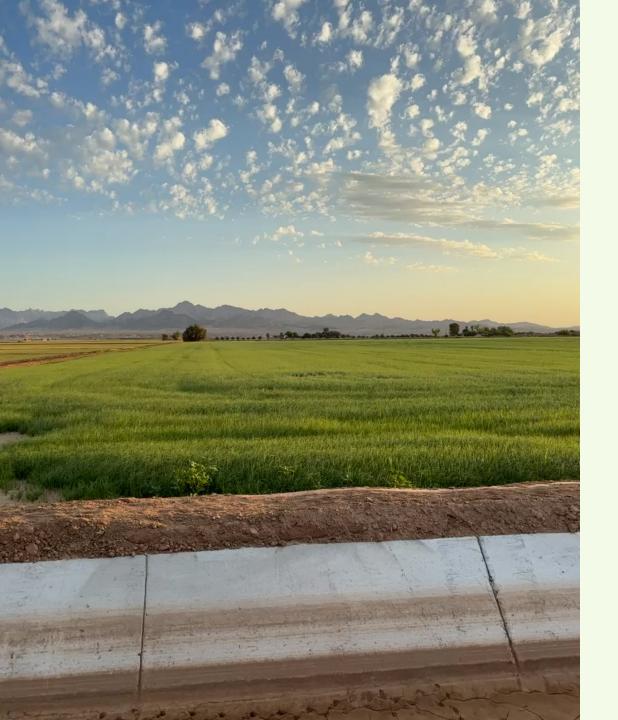
COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COLLABORATIVE

- Approx \$8 Million from SCIA Bucket 1 directly to shovel ready projects
- Funds dispersed by grant applications

"Accelerating the future of the Palo Verde Valley, now; building a collaborative and sustainable community with targeted investments"







LOOKING FORWARD

HOW CAN WE BUILD UPON **OUR 20 YEARS** OF EXPERIENCE AND MAKE THINGS EVEN BETTER?



- Leverage data & cultivate basin partnerships
- On farm" conservation?

ON FARM CONSERVATION

- Funds stay local
- Flexible
- More acres in production
- Minimize negative impact
- Advancements in technology & knowledge

"Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals and happiness"

-Thomas Jefferson