WHY CAN'T I "MOVE" WATER?



You Can't "Move" Water because You Don't "Own" the Water.

Districts have: Contracts

Landowners have:

<u>right to use the water</u>

(usufructory)

Result: World Class Agriculture

Usufructory

Usufruct is a limited real right (or *in* rem right) found in civil-law . . . that unites the two property interests usus and fructus:

Usus (*user*) is the right to use or enjoy . . .

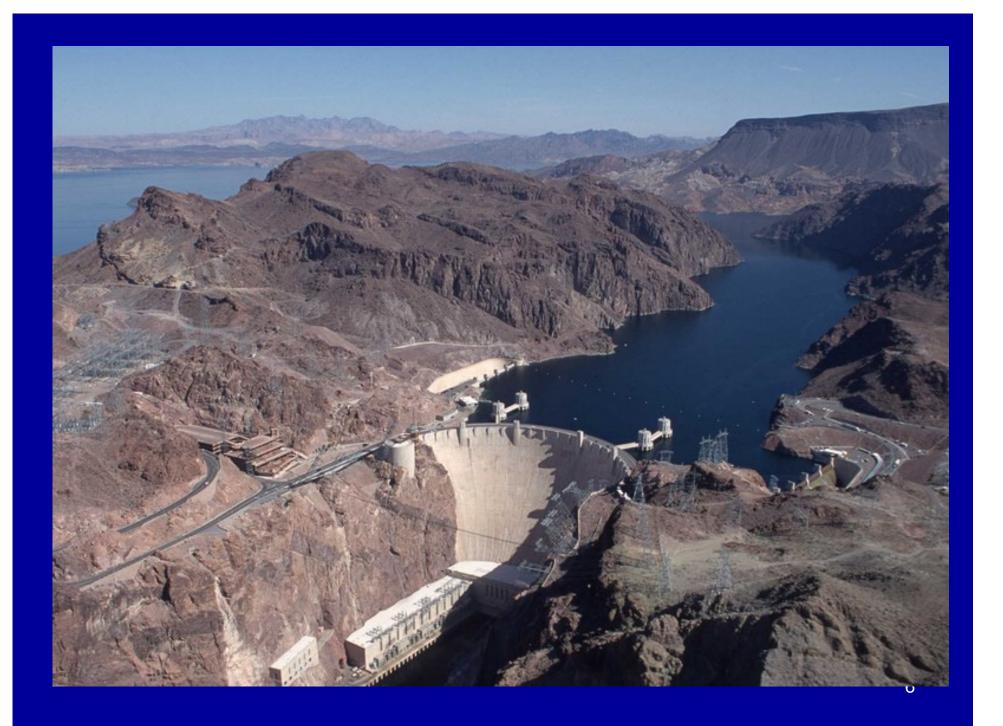
Fructus (*fruit*, in a figurative sense) is the right to derive profit from a thing possessed: for instance, by (growing and) selling crops

. . .











Irrigation Districts

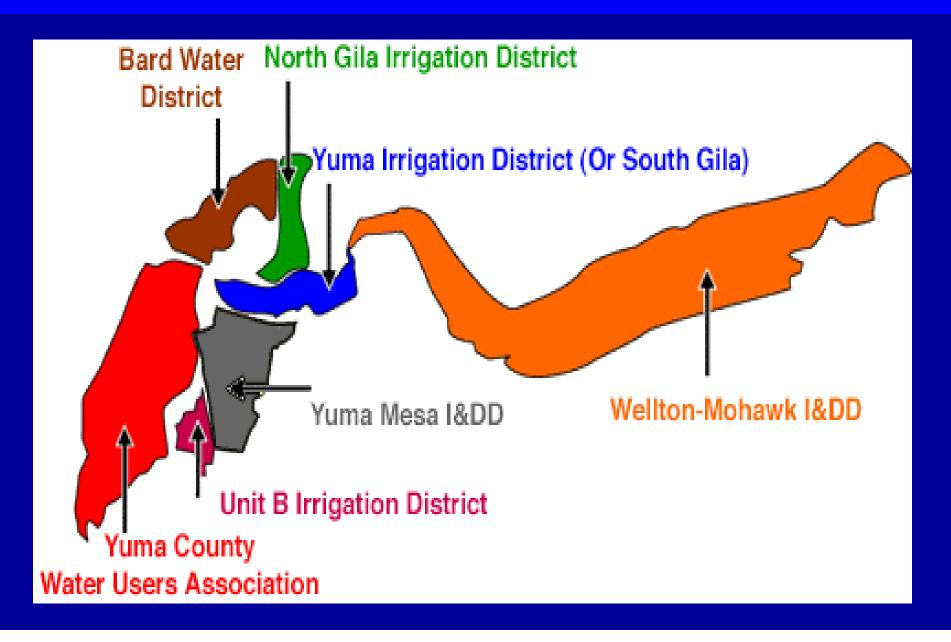
Yuma Area Irrigation Districts



§ 48-2901 District as municipal corporation

All irrigation districts organized under the laws of this state are declared to be municipal corporations for all purposes. Under the laws of this state affecting or relating to irrigation districts such irrigation districts shall be deemed municipal corporations in the construction and application thereof.

Yuma Area Irrigation Districts



Yuma Project

Valley Division Yuma County Water Users AssociationYuma Valley
South of the Colorado River to the Mexican Border
West of the City of Yuma
Approximately 44,300 irrigable acres

Reservation Division
Bard Water District
Imperial County, California
West side of the Colorado River.

Gila Project

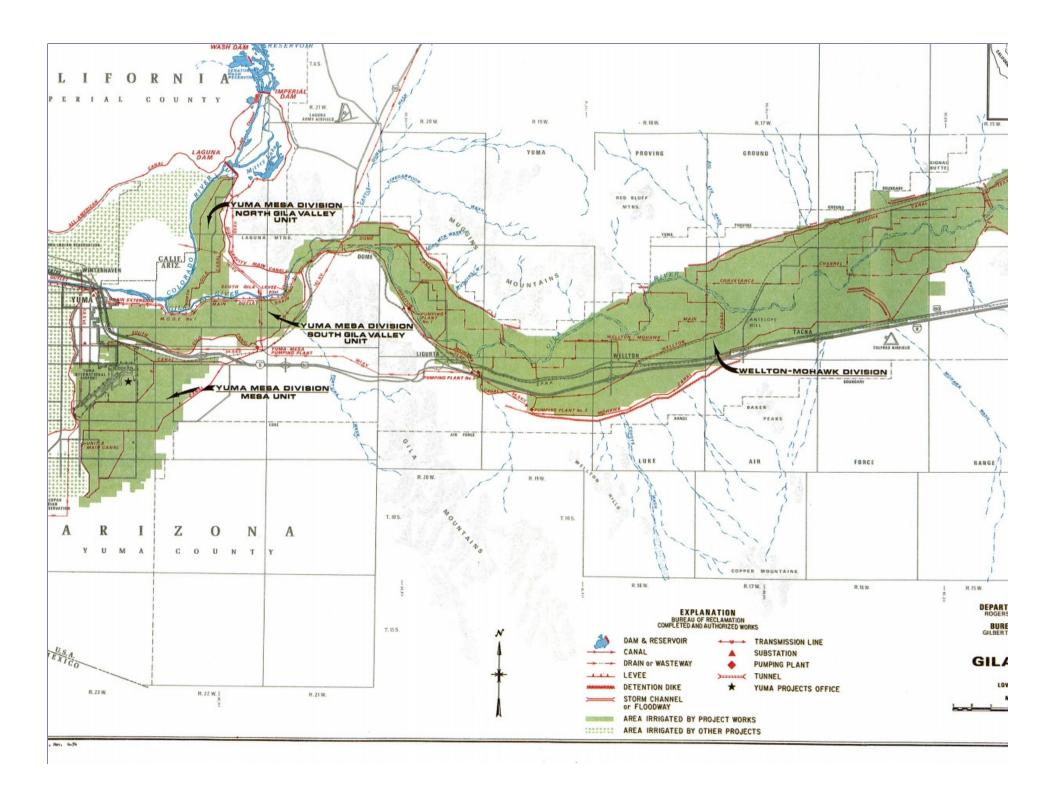
Wellton Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District

Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District

Yuma Irrigation District (South Gila Unit)

North Gila Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (North Gila Unit)

Unit B Irrigation and Drainage District



Wellton Mohawk Division

Wellton Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District

East of Telegraph Pass

West of the Mohawk Mountain range

North of Interstate 8

Approximately 61,000 acres

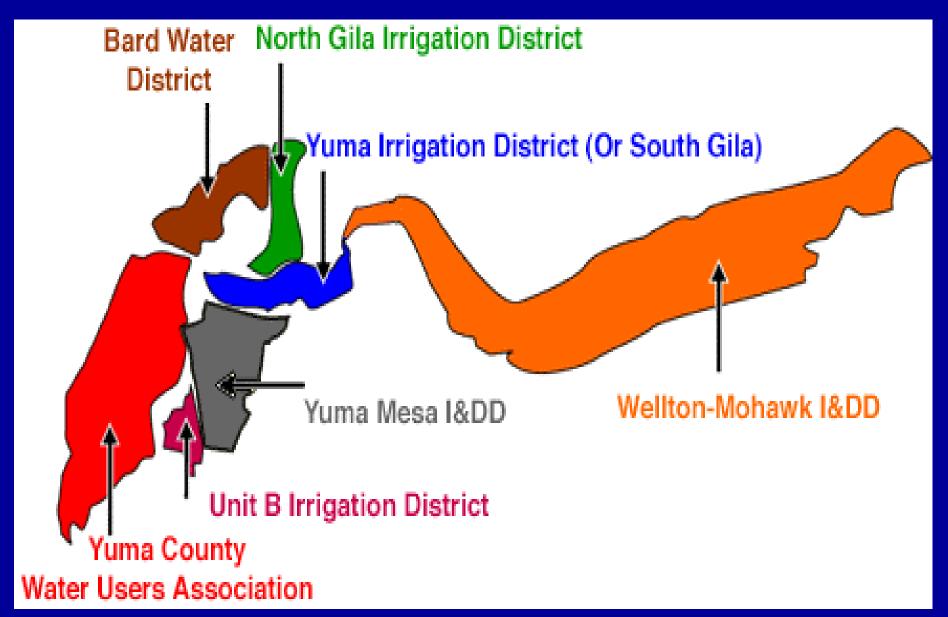
Gila Project Yuma Mesa Division

Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District

Yuma Mesa East of Avenue A to County 16E Interstate 8 South to the desert

Approximately 28,800 irrigable acres 55,000 acre district.

Shared Entitlement Yuma Irrigation District North Gila Valley Irrigation and Drainage District

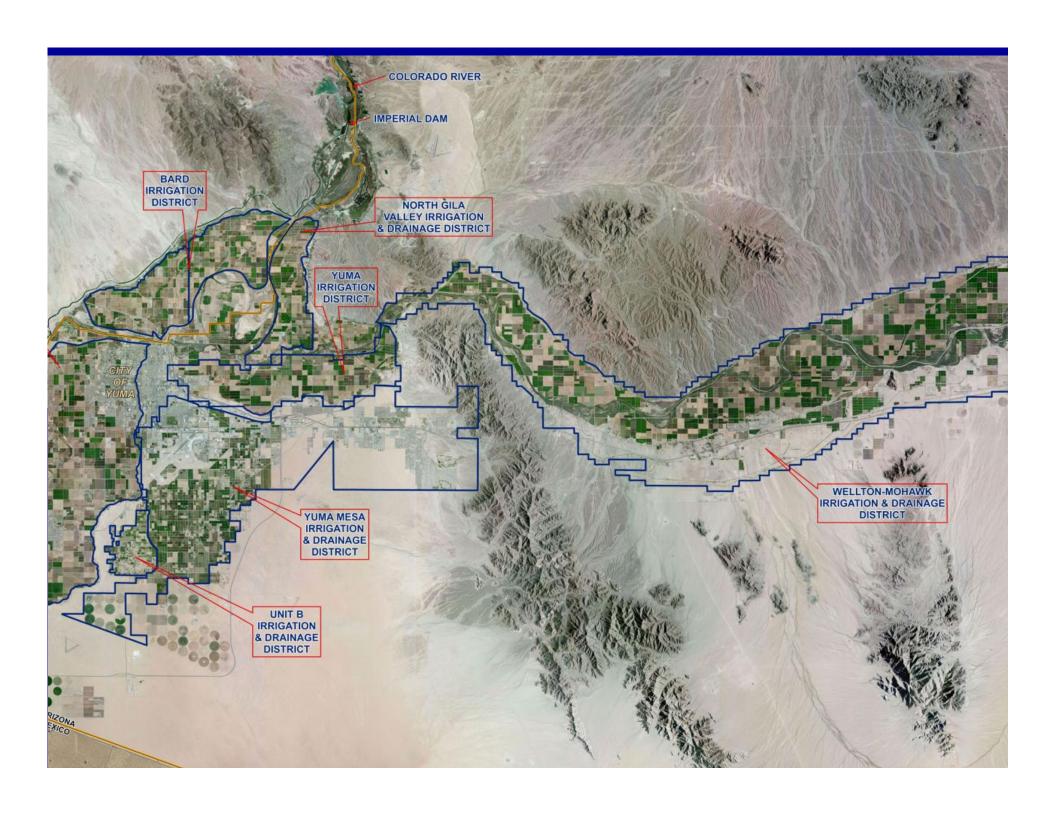


Yuma Mesa Division

Yuma Irrigation District

South Gila Valley
South of the Colorado River
South of the Gila River to the Mesa
East of the City of Yuma to the Gila River
10,600 acres

Shared Entitlement Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District North Gila Valley Irrigation and Drainage District

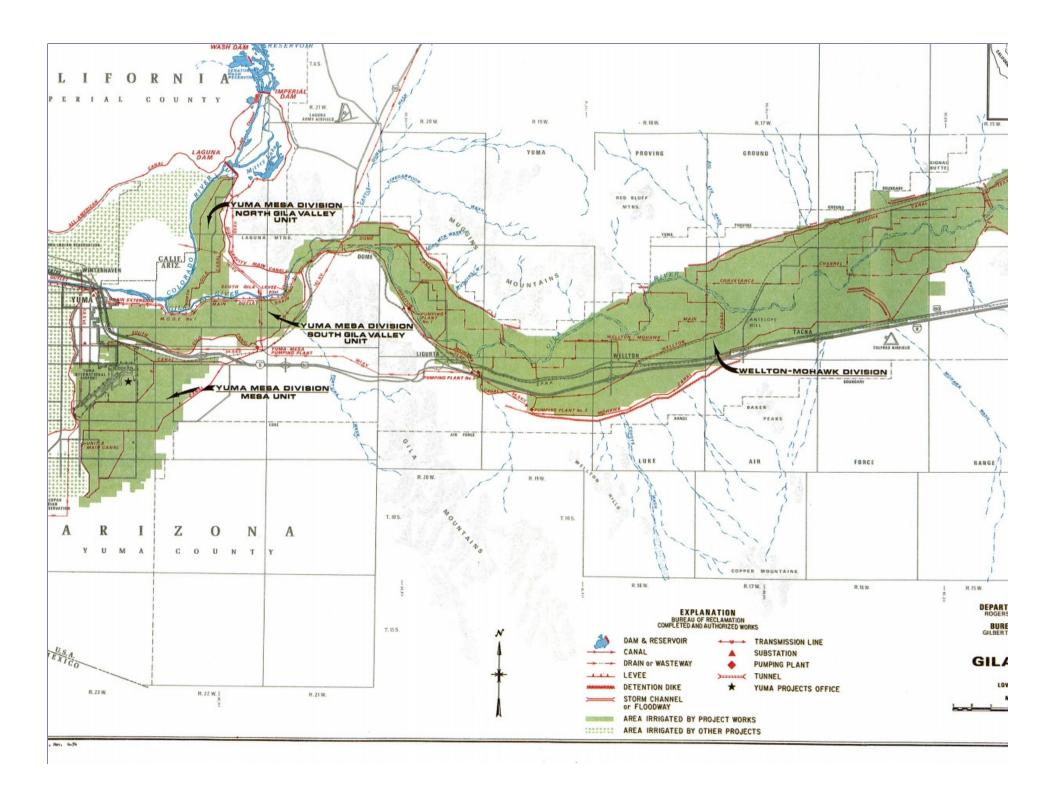


Yuma Mesa Division

North Gila Valley Irrigation and Drainage District

North Gila Unit North of the Gila River to the Colorado River 6,587 acres Over 4,000 acres 1st Priority Present Perfected Rights (PPRs)

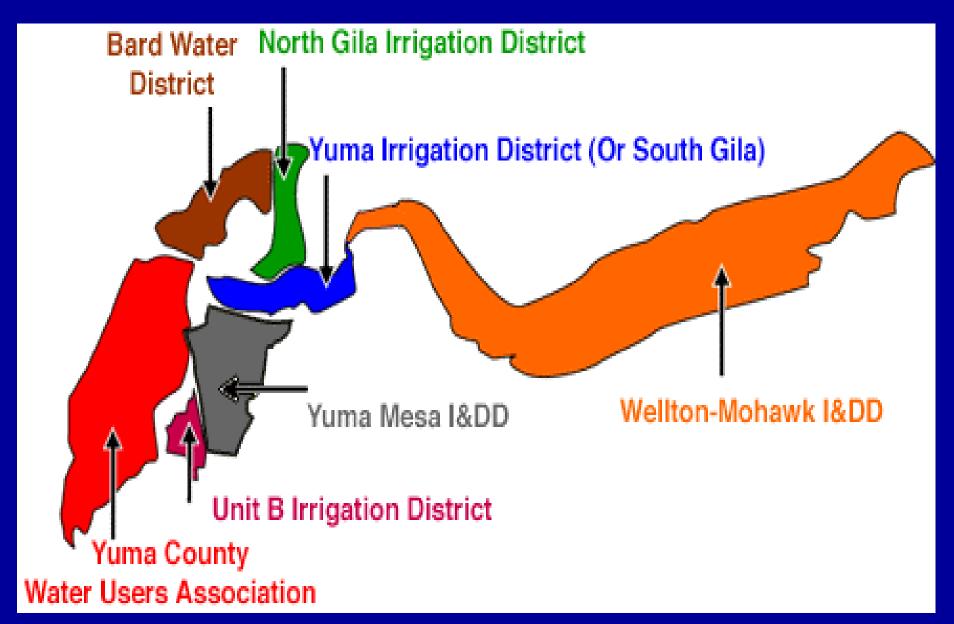
Shared Entitlement Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District Yuma Irrigation District



Unit B Irrigation and Drainage District

3,400 acres South Mesa

Between Avenue A and Avenue B County 15th Street South to the desert.



Yuma Area

Colorado River Water

Entitlements

Yuma Area Mainstem Agricultural Contractors Entitlements and Priorities

Entity	Contract Entitlements	Quantity P (in AF)	riority
WMIDD	Consumptive use	278,000	3rd
YCWUA	Beneficial Use-Diversion Right	254,200	1st
YMIDD	Consumptive use	YMD Apportionmen	it 3rd
YID	Consumptive use	YMD Apportionmen	it 3rd
NGVIDD	Beneficial Use-Diversion Right Consumptive use	YMD Apportionmen	1st it 3rd
Unit B	Beneficial Use-Diversion Right	6,800	1st

BUT Water is being "moved".

Water "Moved"

- Palo Verde Irrigation District
- Imperial Irrigation District
- Cibola Irrigation District
- Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District
- Bard Water District

Beware the Sirens

Ulysses



What is the point at which water

May

or

Must

Move?





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