



“Line E” Construction



18” Ductile Iron Pipe for “Line B”



CC Cragin Watershed



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C. C. CRAGIN RESERVOIR

❖❖ The Water Source for Payson’s
Future



Project Description

The Town of Payson has approved a partnership with the Salt River Project for the use of water in Payson from the C.C. Cragin (formerly Blue Ridge) Reservoir. The Town plans to construct a 14.5 mile pipeline along East Houston Mesa Road from Washington Park to Payson. A water treatment facility will be constructed at a location near Payson.



Communities adjacent to this pipeline may wish to connect to the pipeline for use of C.C. Cragin Water.

Additionally, communities near Payson may wish to partner with the Town of Payson for the delivery of treated water from a Town of Payson water treatment plan. Payson has entered into an agreement for treatment and delivery of this new water source to one of the communities.

Purpose and Need

The Town of Payson currently relies solely on groundwater as its source of



Groundwater being pumped from a TOP Well

drinking water. In keeping with the town's policy of maintaining a long-term sustainable water supply, the addition of a surface water source is an important component towards meeting that objective. Though existing groundwater resources are sufficient for the foreseeable future, a new surface water source from C.C. Cragin will insure that adequate water supplies are available to our customers, including Payson's future build out population.

What is the Cost?

The anticipated costs associated with this new vital resource are estimated at approximately \$55M. These costs represent an estimate for the construction of a pipeline, treatment facilities and rehabilitation of existing C.C. Cragin pumping facilities.

When Will the Water be Delivered?

Completion of the project is planned between the year of 2017 and 2020. Within this time frame, a renewable surface water supply will become an integral and essential part of Payson's water resources portfolio.



C.C. Cragin Reservoir, Winter 2008

As part of the process, we have completed an Environmental Assessment and obtained a Special Use Permit from the U.S. Forest Service for the construction of the 15-mile "Out of Town" pipeline and water treatment plant. In December, 2012 construction was completed on the first phase of the "In-Town" pipeline required to route the finished water from the water treatment plant to the various storage facilities throughout Payson. Securing the necessary funding through the Bureau of Reclamation Rural Water Fund and the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona is an on going component of the project.