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OV begins delivery of CAP water

ORO VALLEY, Ariz. (January 27, 2012) - On Tuesday, January 24, the Oro Valley Water Utility began delivery of its Central Arizona Project (CAP) water. This cooperative project between Tucson Water and Oro Valley Water Utility facilitates the use of our water resources from the Colorado River and provides regional and local benefits to Southern Arizona to protect and preserve groundwater resources. The inter-governmental agreement was approved in July 2011.

Oro Valley recharges a portion of its CAP water allocation at the Central Avra Valley Storage and Recovery Project owned by Tucson Water. The water is then recovered from Tucson's recovery wells and pumped north through Tucson Water's delivery system to Oro Valley (near Naranja & Shannon). In cooperation with Tucson Water, Oro Valley installed the necessary infrastructure to connect its distribution system to get "wet" renewable CAP water delivered to Oro Valley.

The Town of Oro Valley plans to deliver approximately 1,500 acre feet of CAP water into its potable water system annually which will significantly reduce the Town's reliance on groundwater. With the completion of this CAP project and our existing reclaimed water system, 37% of the Town's total water deliveries will be from renewable water sources. This project also defers major capital costs for the development of our CAP water that provides a financial benefit to the Town and its water customers.

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