



Scottsdale Water and Golf Courses

- Scottsdale is not running out of water. By law, the city has a 100-year assured water supply.
- According to state government statistics, “Metro Phoenix and Metro Tucson comprise 85% of the population of the state and consume 11% of the water.”
- **Arizona’s golf industry uses only 2% of the state’s water supply** and provides \$6 billion in economic impact, 60,000 jobs to the economy, a lifestyle for 700,000 Arizona residents and draws millions of tourists annually.
- TPC Scottsdale and 22 other golf courses in northern Scottsdale use reclaimed water from Scottsdale’s Reclaimed Water Distribution System (RWDS) to supply treated wastewater for golf course irrigation.
- The RWDS is a complex system of pipelines, booster pump stations and reclaimed and advanced water treatment facilities -- something the golf courses have invested more than \$55 million in to date so that no taxpayer or rate payer fees would be used.
- Arizona, Scottsdale, and area golf courses know that further water cuts are coming. These golf courses are proactively executing better sustainable water practices to further extend a more restrictive supply. (TPC would have more details on what they are doing specifically)
- In the winter months, when golf courses use less water, the excess water is further purified, beyond drinking water standards, and injected into the aquifer for storage and recovery potential during shortages.

Scottsdale Water is available to provide more details regarding this topic, as well as tour accommodations (just minutes from TPC Scottsdale), to the media. Contact Valerie Schneider at VSchneider@ScottsdaleAZ.gov or 480-312-5689.