

Water Resource Programming in Yavapai County

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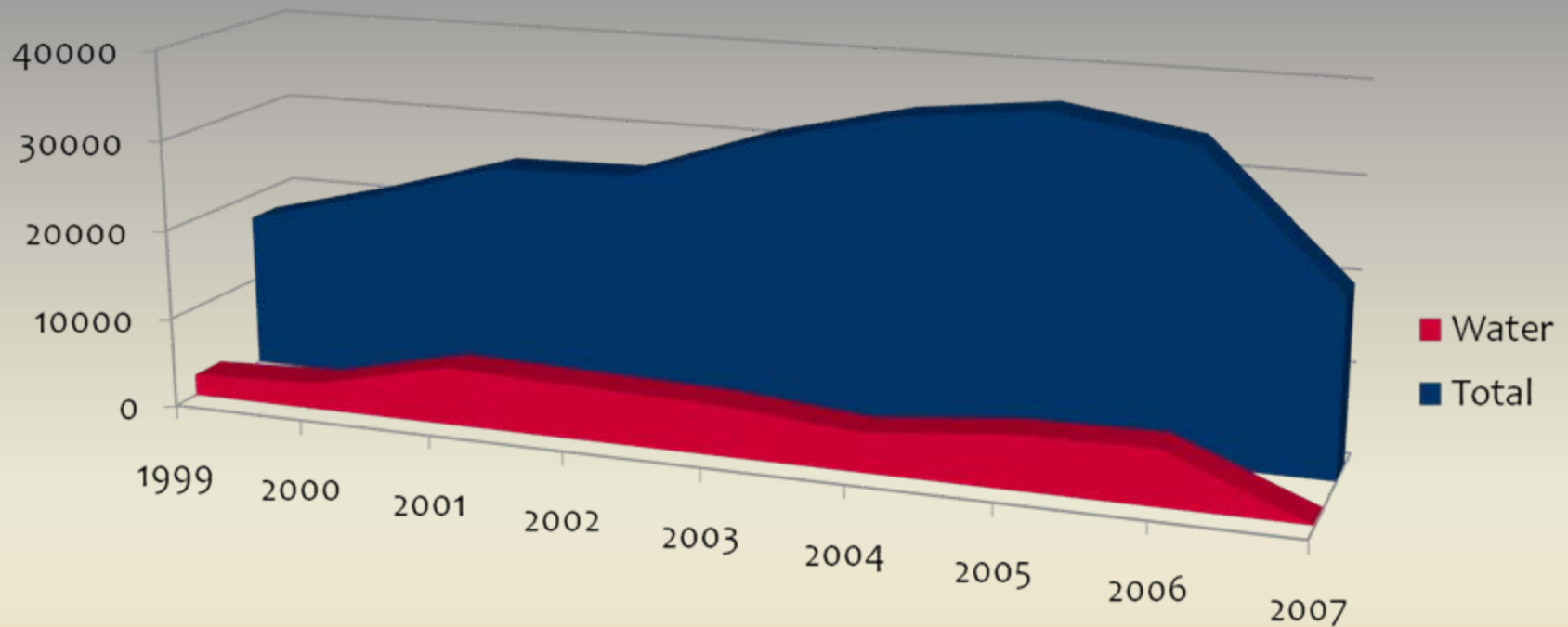


Chronology of Yavapai County Water Resource Programming

- Initiated in 1997 - Jeff Schalau, 0.5 FTE
 - Programs: Project WET, well water testing, groundwater, arsenic
 - Funding: Agent salary savings and YCBOS
- 2000 to 2006 - Russ Radden, 0.75 – 1.0 FTE
 - Programs: Project WET, well water testing, groundwater, arsenic
 - 2000 – Septic System Education
 - 2001 – Master Watershed Steward Program
 - Funding: YCBOS, SRP, Yav. Co. Water Advisory Committee (WAC) International Arid Lands Consortium, Water Quality Grants (EPA, CSREES), cost recovery, other small grants and gifts
- 2008 – Edessa Carr, 1.0 FTE
 - Programs: Project WET, well water testing, groundwater
 - Funding: YCBOS, ADWR (PrAMA), Yav. Co. WAC



Yavapai County Contacts Totals Compared to Water Resources



- Between 3,000 and 6,000 water contacts per year
- 12 to 25% of yearly public contacts



Successes

- Well Water Testing
- Septic System Education
- Master Watershed Steward
- Project WET
- Water Festivals
- Collaboration with municipal governments – leveraging BOS commitment



Challenges

- Increasing population and demand on water resources
- Competition with NAU in the Verde Valley
- Other UA colleges/departments competing for resources (SRP example)
- Increasing responsibilities (i.e. Local Drought Impact Group)
- Funding, funding, funding...

