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**MS 1429
City of Tucson. Water Department
Records, 1879 - 2001****DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of manuscripts, clippings, photographs, internal reports, expenses & plans, and budgets featuring the period of the early 1960s to the late 1990s. Early folders in the collection highlight the founding of the Tucson Water Department and its subsequent development and changes over the next 75 years. The collection has numerous water studies and reports including annual reports to the city, status of existing water supplies, and plans for future developments to meet distant demands of the population. Equipment catalogs and manuals for equipment use are also present. Photographs show water projects, equipment, water hydrants and pumping facilities.

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Tucson Water has been the city's municipal water utility since 1900. Tucson Water's authority and responsibility are derived from the City Charter & ordinances and resolutions of the Mayor and City Council. Though Tucson Water is an enterprise fund of the City of Tucson, it operates in a manner similar to a private business, covering all costs of doing business with revenues from operations and other water-related funding sources. Tucson Water has over 200 active production wells and 4,300 miles of delivery pipelines to provide water service to over 775,000 people (approximately 80% of the greater Tucson metropolitan area's total population) within a 350 square-mile service area. Residential accounts make up close to 93% of all potable metered connections.

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