

City  
of Tucson  
Water  
Department  
Drought  
Preparedness  
and  
Response  
Plan

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*Front cover: The impacts of drought, like drought itself, are varied and unpredictable. A sustained drought of many years may have wet periods, perhaps even wet periods with wetter-than-normal conditions. The photo collage here shows healthy vegetation in the background that responded to the wetter than normal summer of 2006. The ancient saguaro in the foreground, already stressed by disease, was unable to survive the additional stress of the previous decade of drier than normal conditions.*

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