



TOWN OF
QUEEN CREEK
ARIZONA

All Mail-In Ballot
Special Election on May 21

Asking voters for approval to purchase
H2O, Inc. Water Utility



H2O, Inc. Acquisition Timeline

- Discussions with H2O, Inc. began several months ago regarding the 3.5 mile portion of the Town served by H2O, Inc.
 - Home to 20% of Town residents at build out.
 - Receive fire, sewer, and trash collection services from the Town, and water from H2O, Inc.
- Within a few years the Town will need to make \$11.9 million worth of capital improvements to expand water capacity.
 - With the purchase of H2O, Inc., the need for these improvements would be greatly reduced and delayed by several years.



Acquisition Timeline Cont.

- Nov. 9, 2012 Council approved Resolution 920-12 giving Town staff authority to negotiate purchase terms with H2O, Inc.
- Dec. 19, 2012 Council approved initial purchase terms with a price of \$44 million.
- What changed?



New Election Requirement

- Due to a very recent Court of Appeals ruling on a case from the City of Marana vs. Pima County, cities are now required to hold an election to ask voters for the authority to purchase a utility each time a new utility is to be purchased.
 - “Law of the Land”
 - Few exceptions. An election is required even though the Town already held an election to get into the utility businesses.
 - All mail-in ballot special election to be held May 21, 2013.



H2O, Inc. Water Utility Service Area Boundaries



Water Service Areas

