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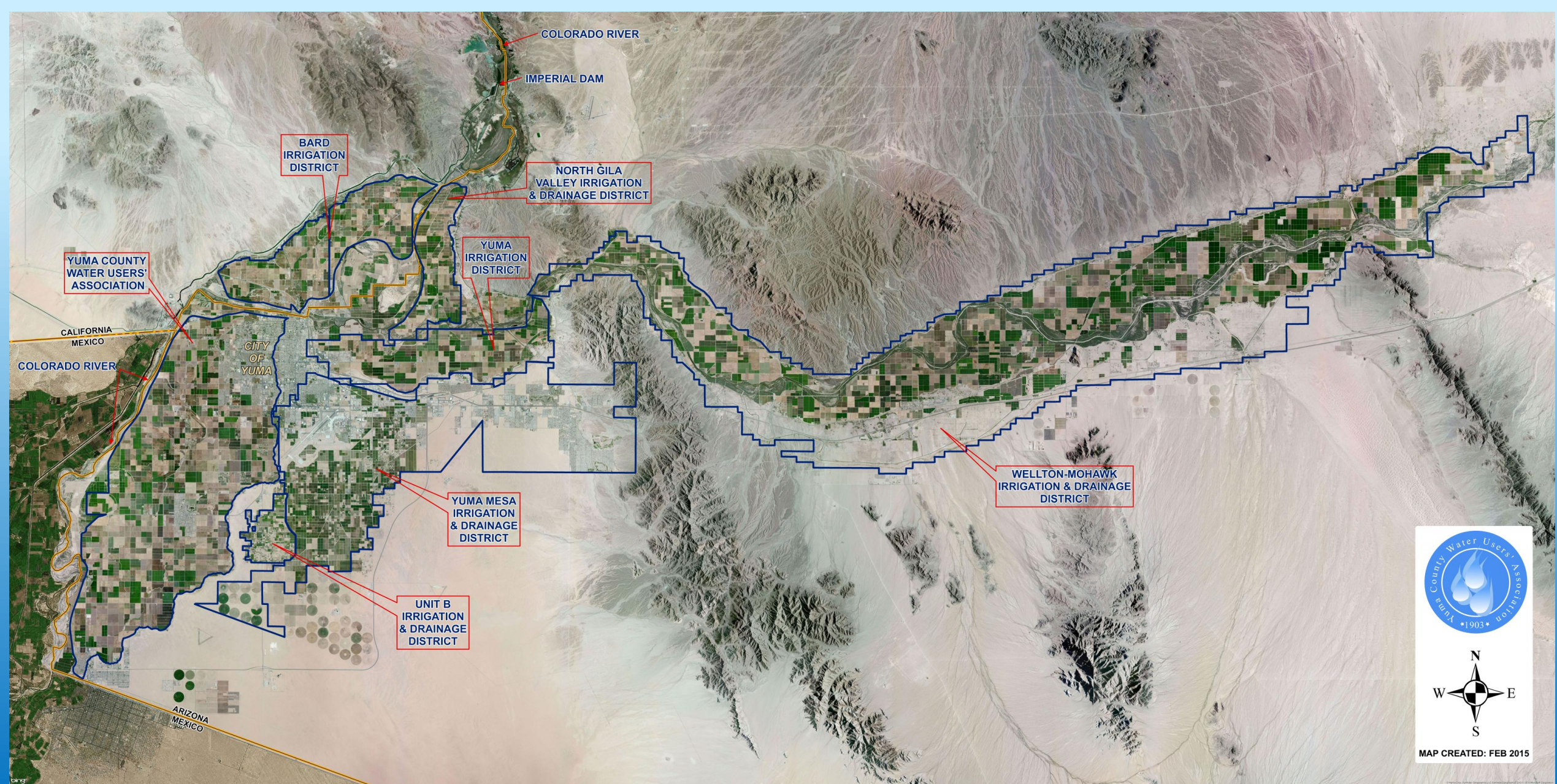
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Yuma Area Irrigation Districts



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The Colorado River Compact, 1922

Divided the seven basin states
into two groups:
Lower Basin and Upper Basin

Allocated each basin 7,500,000
acre-feet each

Paved the way for the 1944
United States – Mexico Treaty



Boulder Canyon Project Act of 1928

Authorized construction of a dam in Boulder (Black Canyon)

Construction of the All American Canal to connect the Imperial and Coachella Valleys with the Colorado River

Established entitlements of Colorado River water among the lower basin states



Colorado River Water Entitlements in the Lower Colorado River Basin



Arizona v. California

Dispute over water distribution from the Colorado River water between the states of Arizona and California

Litigation spanned from 1931 to 2000

Supreme Court decree in 1964 apportioned 2.8 million acre-feet to Arizona, 4.4 million acre-feet to California, and 300,000 acre-feet to Nevada

Decree identified water rights existing as of June 25, 1929 as Present Perfected Rights (PPR) with the highest priority



Doctrine of Prior Appropriations

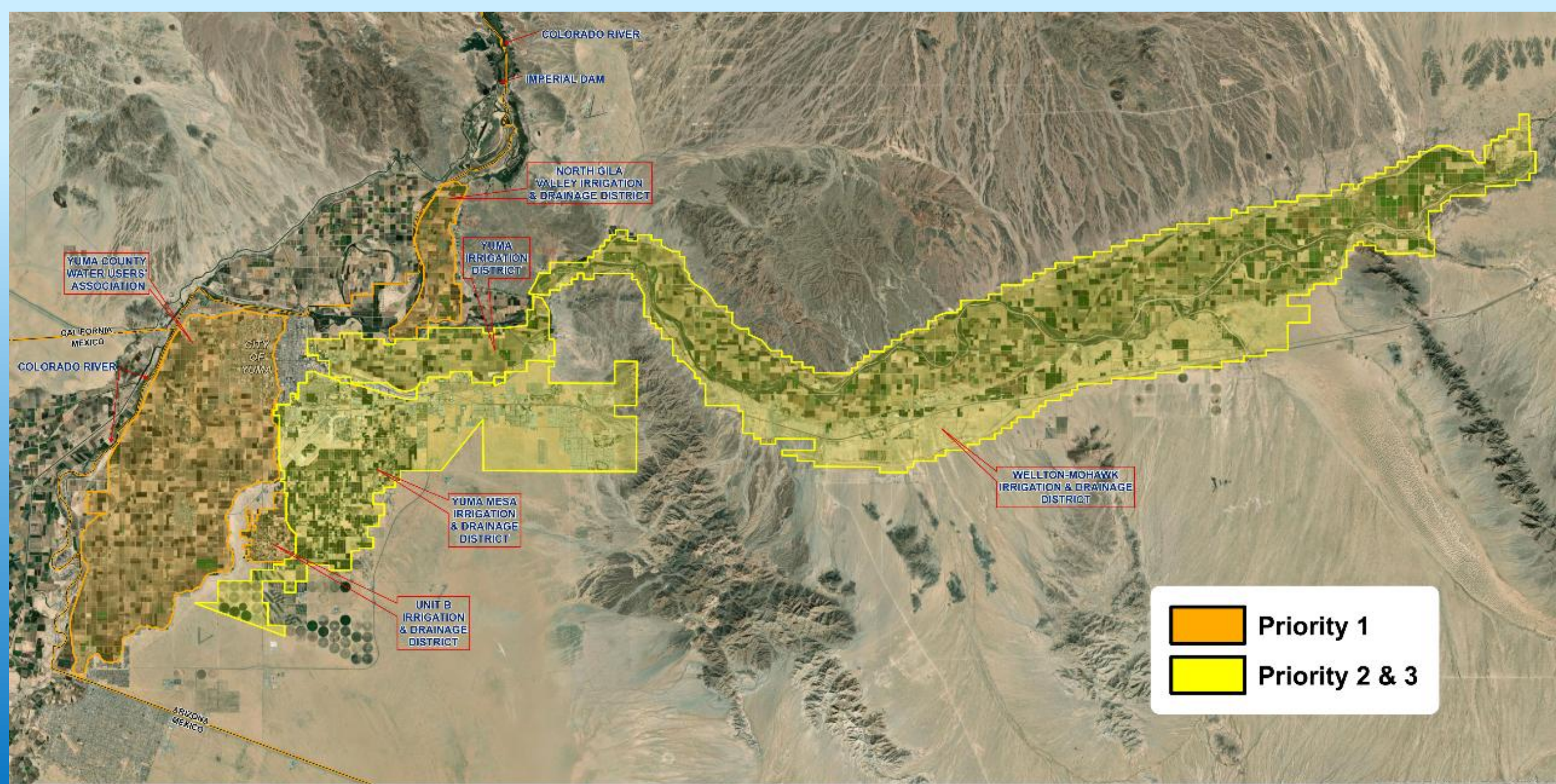
First person to take water from a source for beneficial use, has the right to continue to use that quantity of water for that purpose

Remaining water may be used by others, so long as their use does not impinge on the rights of previous users

Doctrine was developed in the Western United States, and differs from riparian water rights, which are applied in the rest of the U.S.

Four essential elements consist of: intent, diversion, beneficial use, and priority





Yuma Area Priority Rights



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