



\$12.5 MILLION IN WATER INVESTMENTS ANNOUNCED IN ARIZONA - THE CENTER SQUARE

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Arizona will be getting millions more in federal taxpayer dollars for water infrastructure projects.

The \$12.445 million in investment will be going to Glen Canyon Dam outlet works, Bypass Drain O&M Access Road Repairs and Deer Island Backwater Infrastructure Replacement. Nearly \$9 million of those funds is going to Glen Canyon for “recoating” steel pipes, valves, and gates, according to a news release. The Glen Canyon Dam reportedly has major issues involving the infrastructure that is being funded for repair, as it could impact how it functions, according to the [Associated Press](#) in April.

“Arizona’s economy and environment depend on a strong, resilient water supply throughout the American West. Today’s funds upgrade outdated water systems throughout Arizona to secure our water future,” U.S. Sen. Kyrsten Sinema said in a statement.

U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly emphasized that it stemmed from the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

“Our bipartisan infrastructure bill is delivering results for Arizonans,” said Kelly. “This investment will strengthen our water infrastructure and ensure families across the state have reliable access to clean water.”

According to the [Bureau of Reclamation](#), \$8.3 billion is designated for water infrastructure improvements nationwide. The Center Square reported that the most recent investments announced stemming from the law include over \$28 million to replace lead pipes and [\\$33.4 million](#) toward tribal water settlements, including [\\$22.5 million](#) for the Ak-Chin Indian Water Community Rights Act.