



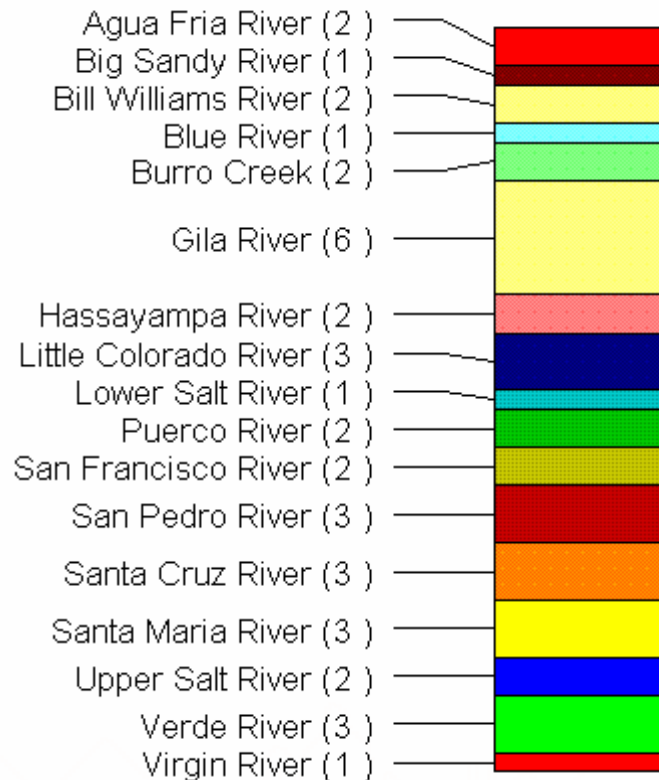
Arizona Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission (ANSAC)



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NUMBER OF ARIZONA COUNTIES IN WHICH EACH MAJOR WATERCOURSE TRAVELS

The beds, not the water, of watercourses that were Not Navigable at Statehood are subject to Private Property Rights, private ownership, by the person across whose property the watercourse travels. The statutory mission of the Arizona Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission is twofold, first to determine which of the estimated 39,039 Arizona watercourses were navigable at time of statehood, February 14, 1912. The need to determine navigability of Arizona's watercourses is to clear-up an estimated 100,000 clouded property titles. The second part of the mission is to determine the public trust value of each watercourse that was navigable at statehood and the beds to these watercourses are subject to government ownership. **(The work of the Commission has nothing to do with water use, water ownership, water allocation, or water diversion. These issues are controlled by many other laws.)** The Commission has held more than 150 hearings to determine navigability, including in every Arizona county.



NOTE: Hearings must be held in each county in which every major and minor watercourse travels. For example, hearings were held in six counties for the Gila River..