

# Improving Cost Efficiency and Customer Service for the Phoenix Water Services Department

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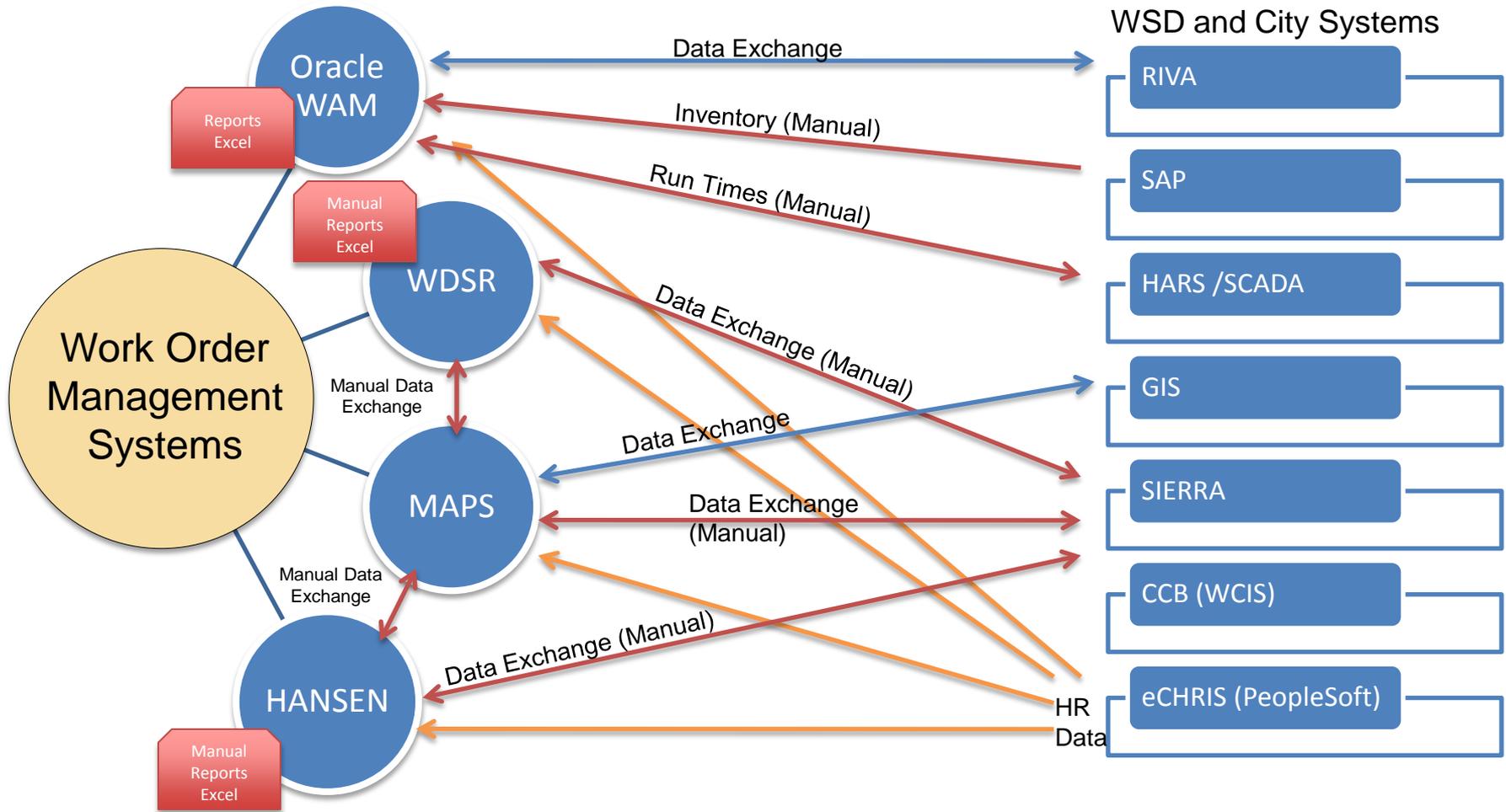
# IT Governance

- New Deputy CIO position created in 2006 for Water Services Department
- Reports to City CIO and Assistant Water Services Director
- Joined the City in 2006
- All of my prior work experience was in private sector

# Business Issues

- Limited view of deployed assets
- No consolidated view of spare parts inventory
- No real-time work order scheduling
- Limited preventative maintenance
- Limited long term replacement cost forecasting
- Numerous manual data entry tasks resulted in inaccurate or inconsistent data
- No end-to-end view of customer service requests

# Technology bottleneck...

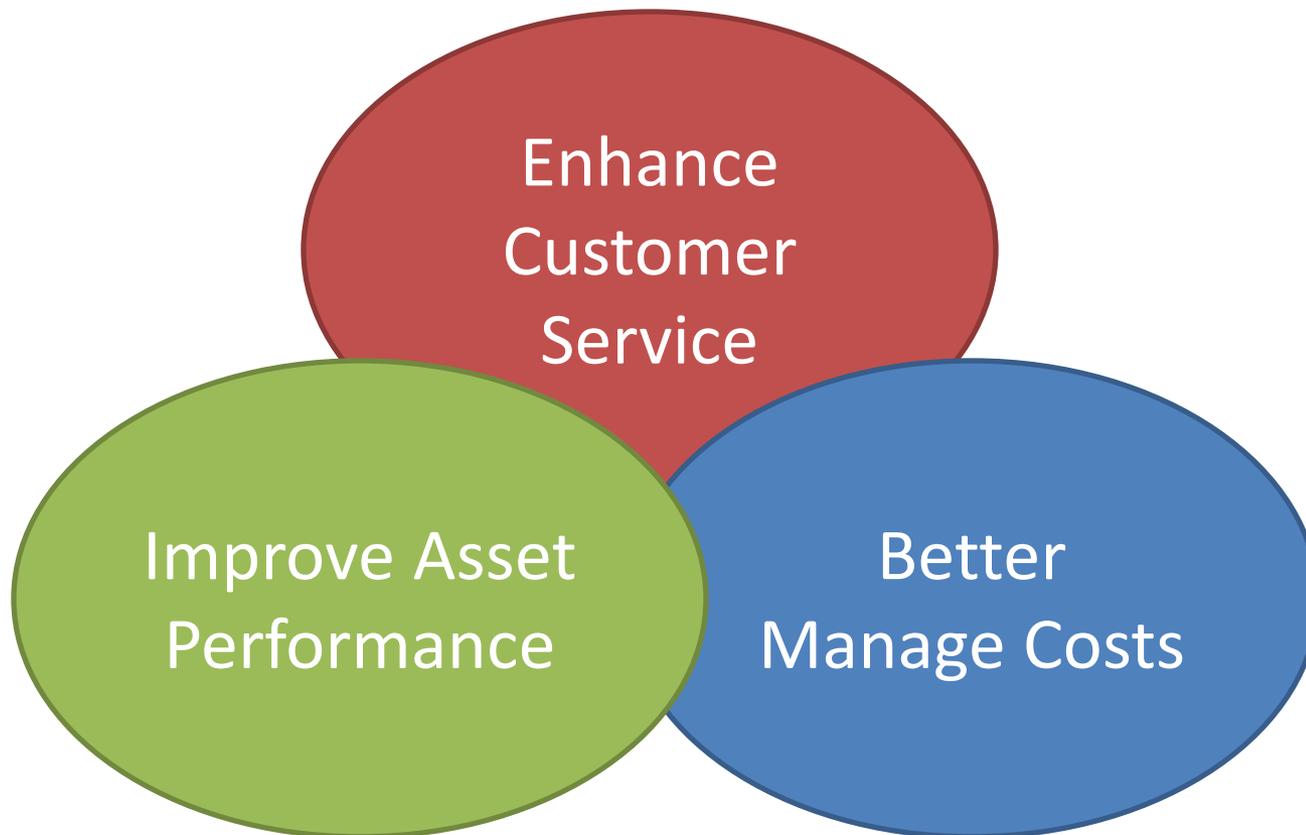


## Why did this happen?

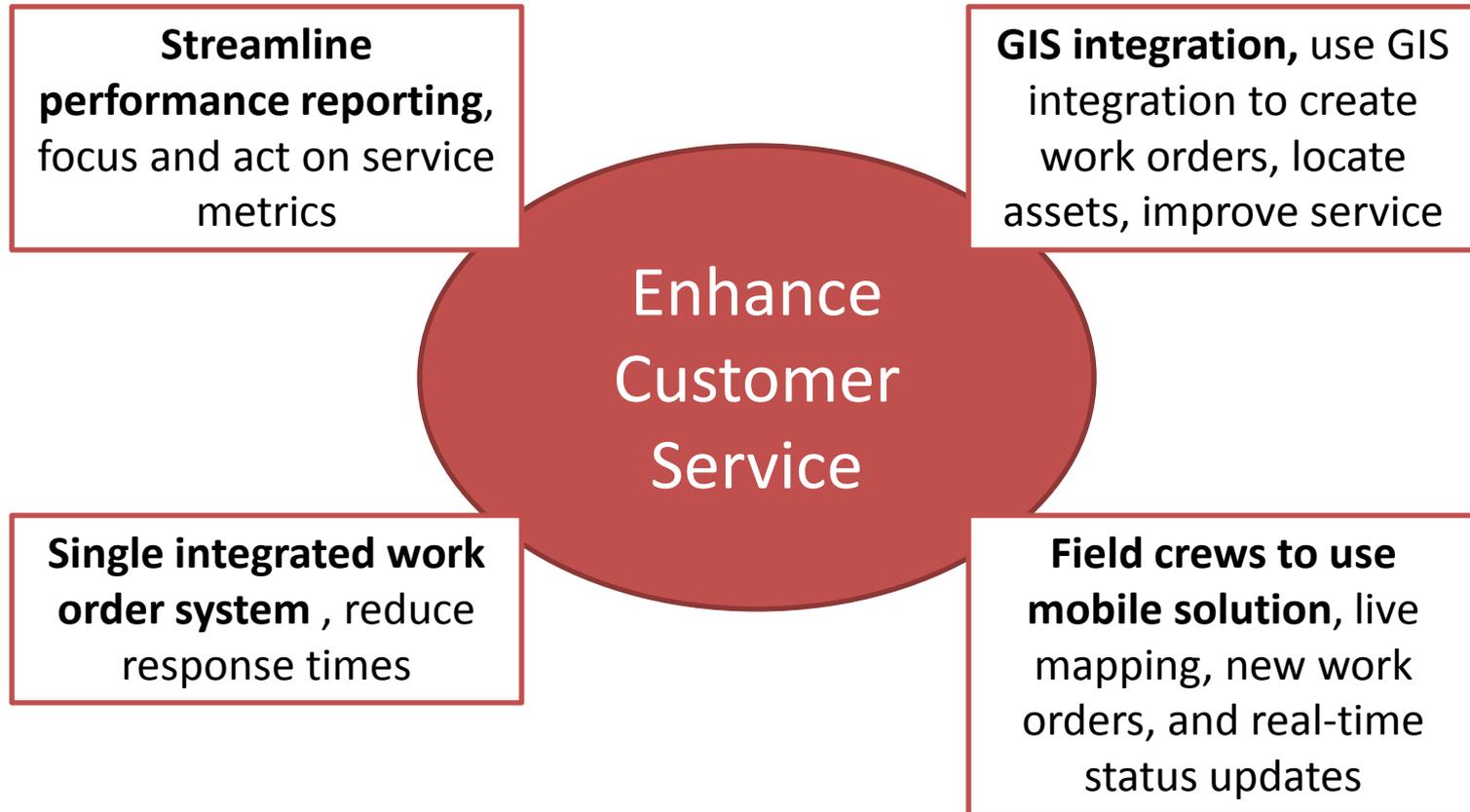
- No defined strategy for work order and asset management
- Water Services did not think department wide, technology decisions were made at division level
- Didn't rely on citywide IT infrastructure

*We needed a vision!*

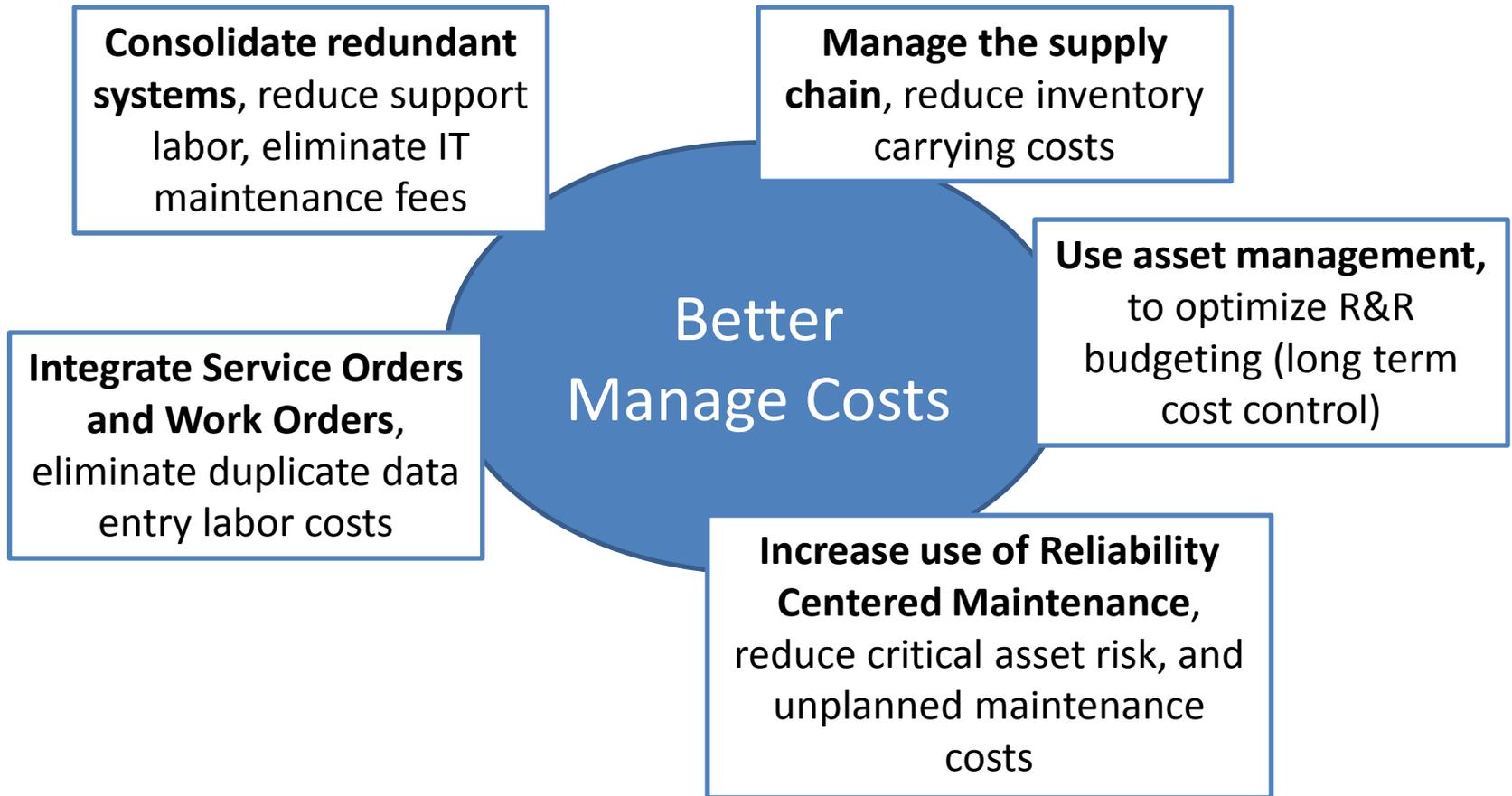
# Department Goals in Three Broad Areas



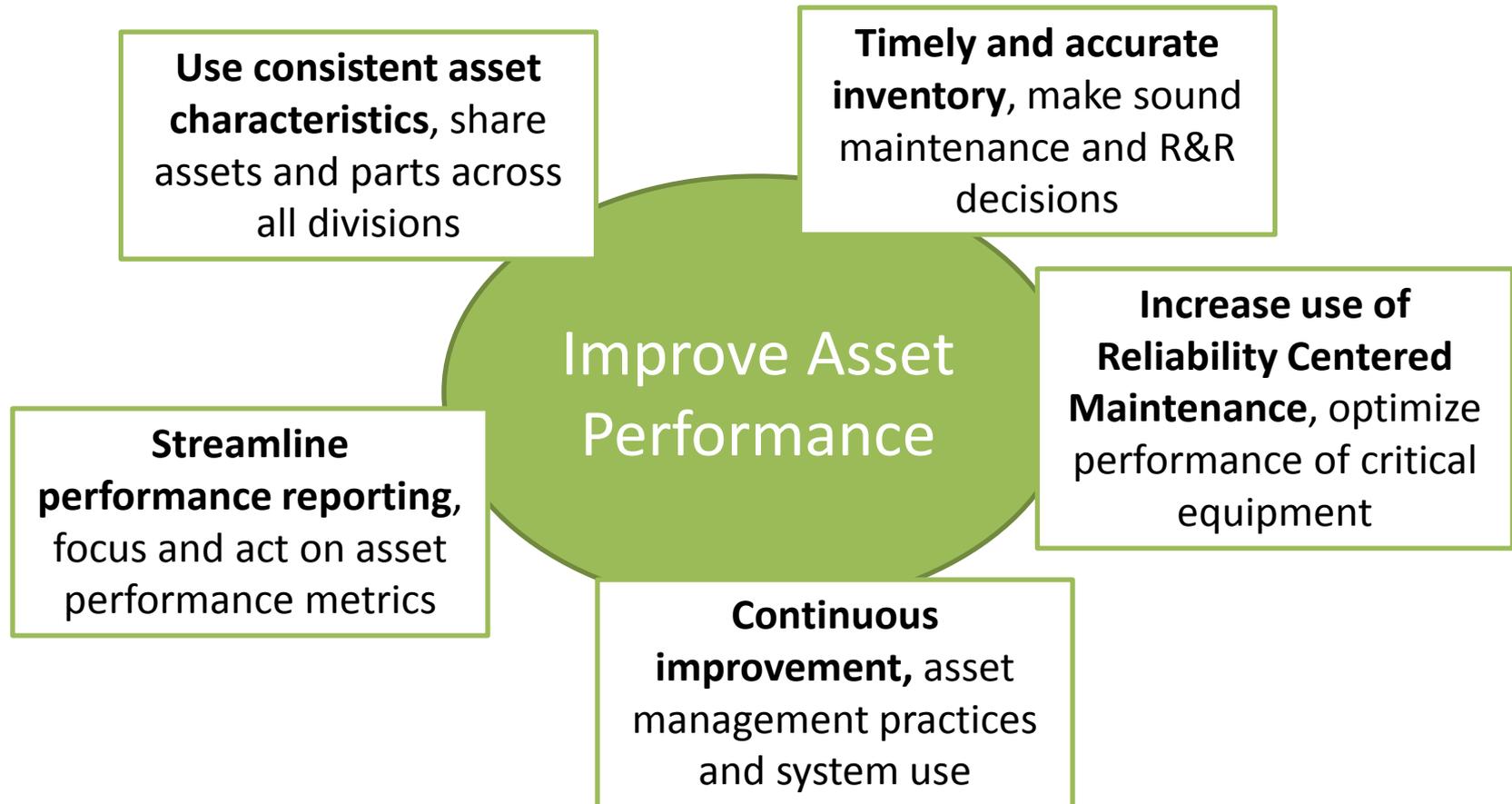
# Goals to Enhance Customer Service



# Goals to Better Manage Costs



# Goals to Improve Asset Performance



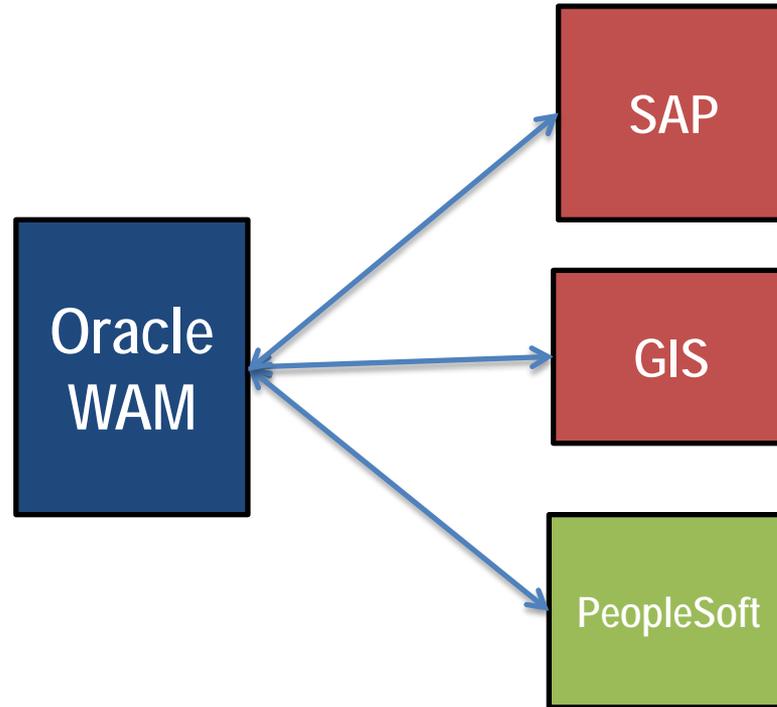
# What did we do?

## ■ Engaged Red Oak

- Develop business requirements
- Assess current technology
- Develop strategy
- Develop high level project plan and phases
- Develop a staffing and support plan

*Recommendation: Migrate to Oracle's WAM application*

# ...to an integrated solution



Legend



## Goals

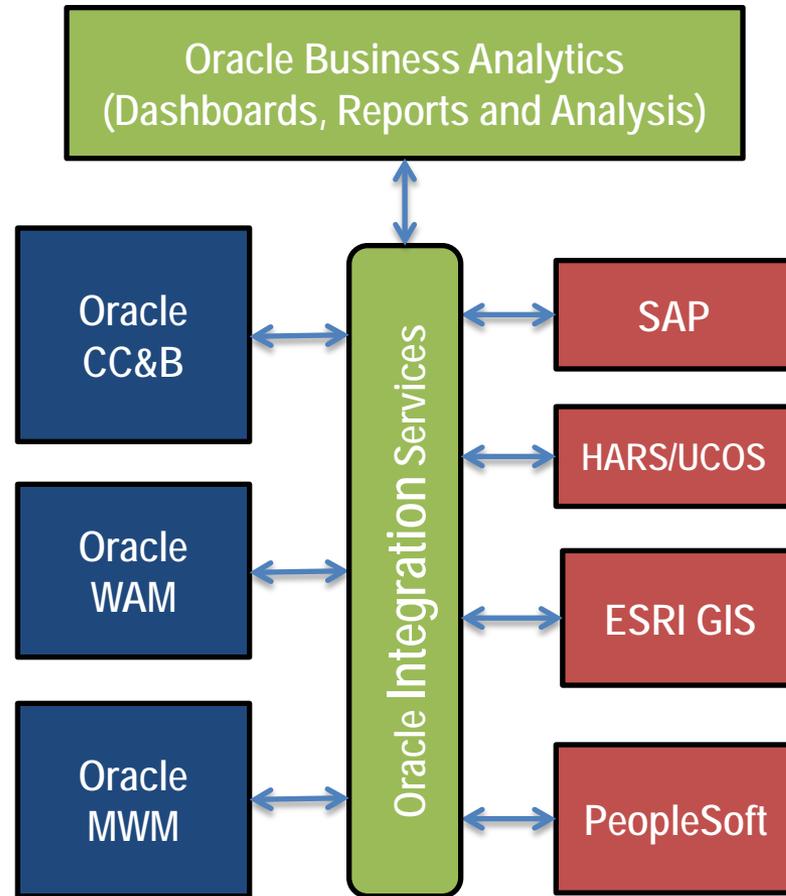
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# Balancing Goals and Cost

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# ....*FUTURE STATE*

## FULL SYSTEM INTEGRATION



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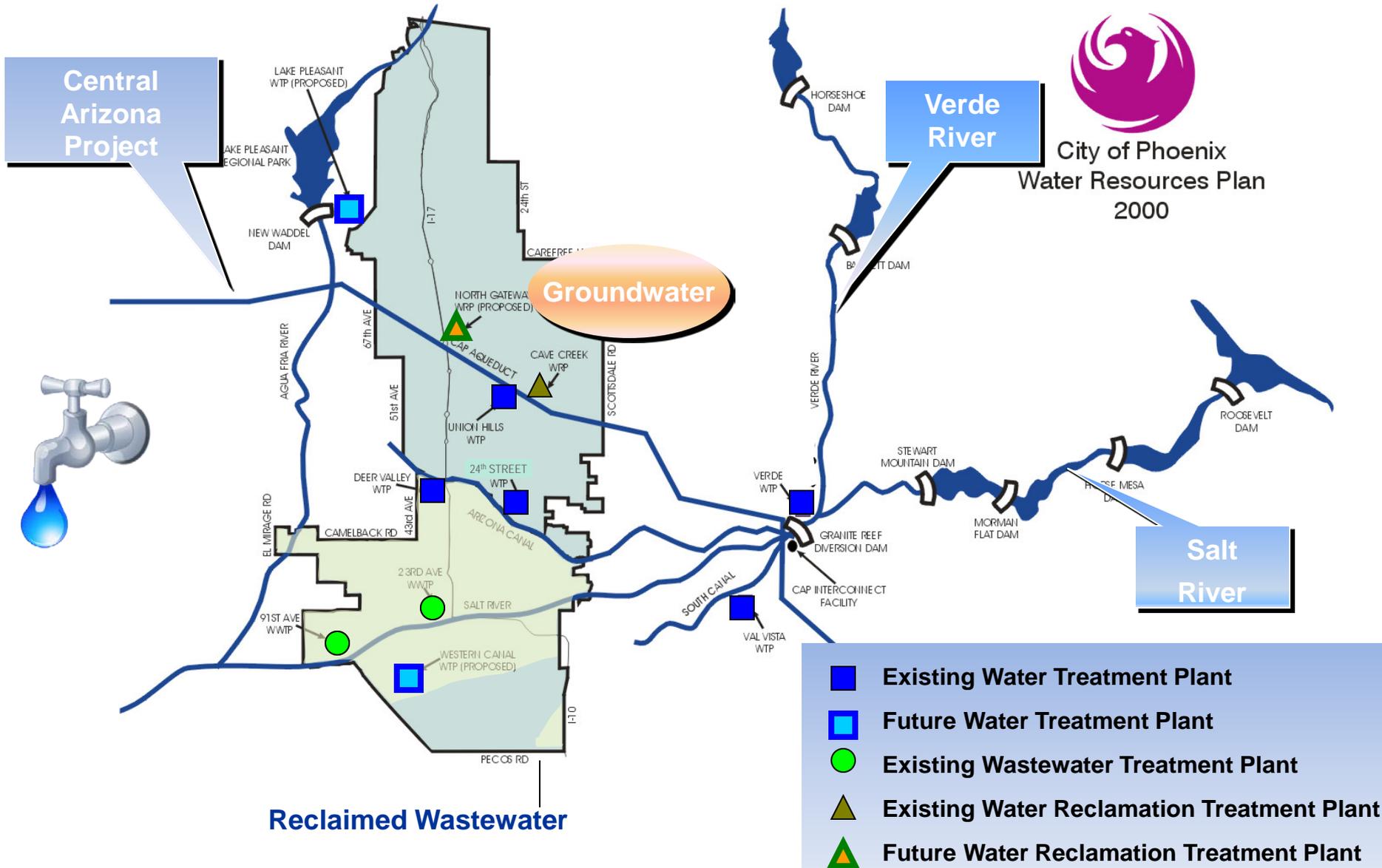
# Background

- Population Served – 1,507,899 over 540 Sq. miles
- Plants
  - Water Production - 5
  - Wastewater Treatment – 2
- Miles of Linear Infrastructure
  - Water – 6,953
  - Wastewater – 4,984
- Assets
  - Water – 1,570,000
  - Wastewater – 670,000
  - Hydrants – 54,001

# Phoenix Area Water Sources



City of Phoenix  
Water Resources Plan  
2000



Central Arizona Project

Verde River

Groundwater

Salt River

Reclaimed Wastewater



- Existing Water Treatment Plant
- Future Water Treatment Plant
- Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant
- ▲ Existing Water Reclamation Treatment Plant
- ▲ Future Water Reclamation Treatment Plant

# Preliminary Observations

## *Organizational*

- No single individual or organizational unit responsible for work and asset management oversight
- Division-level organizations to support Work and Asset Management (WAM) are inconsistent
- System administration and enhancement support for “WAM” is minimal
- Most interviewed employees want change

# Preliminary Observations

## *Work Process*

- Many “WAM” processes are disjointed
  - Service request and work order coordination
  - After-the-fact work orders; duplicate data entry
  - Condition assessments separate from work order management
- Asset Inventory is not complete or consistently applied
- Asset Hierarchy is geography-based and may not facilitate desired queries or reporting
- Work orders are not labor-costed
- Limited coordination of CIP/R&R planning and “WAM” processes

# Preliminary Observations

## *Information Systems*

- Current users OK with Oracle WAM
- Very little attachment to legacy work order systems
- Many special purpose, obsolete software tools
- Very little automatic integration of major systems
- Software ease of use a big current and future issue

# How did we do it...

## Phase 1 – completed 9/26/12

Collection and Distribution

Develop Core Team and Roles

Build full two way integration points with our GIS system

Integration with other major systems, SAP and PeopleSoft

Rollout of mobile solution for the field staff

## Phase 2 – currently ongoing

Water Treatment and Production plants conversion to the new system

Integration with process control (UCOS) for runtime

Reconcile phase 1 decision and improve business processes

## Phase 3 – Start 2013

Build integration points with the Oracle Utility suite MWM and CC&B

Implement full business analytics application

# Demo



Work Order Task 1028968 Task 01

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- Results
- Work Order Task
- Views
  - Notes\*
  - Attachments\*
  - Asset Data
  - Asset List
  - Cost Summary
  - CU Location (List)
  - CU Location (Detail)
  - Location Worksheet
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- Actions
  - Print Attachments
  - Print WO w/Documents
  - Task Account Log
  - View GIS Map

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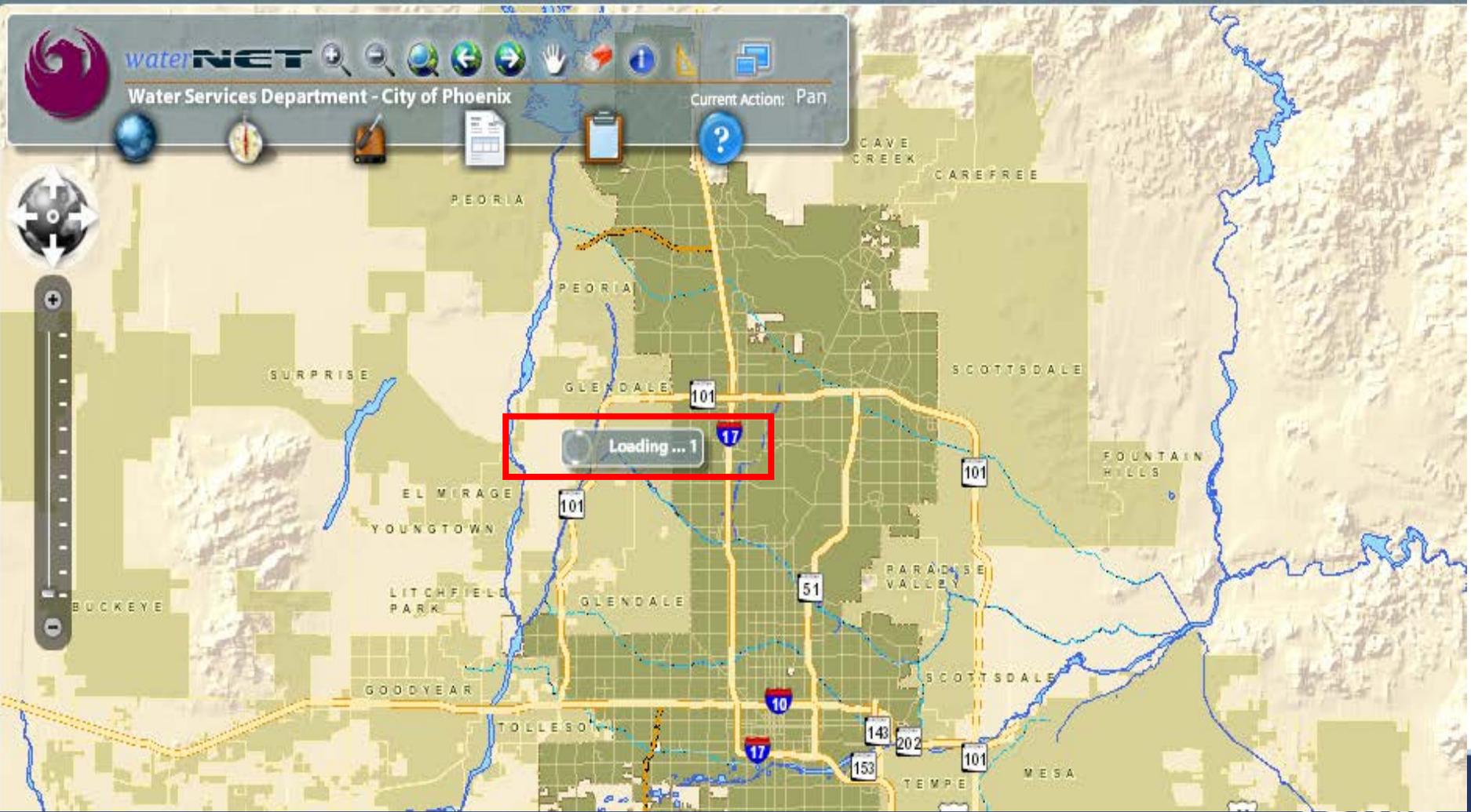
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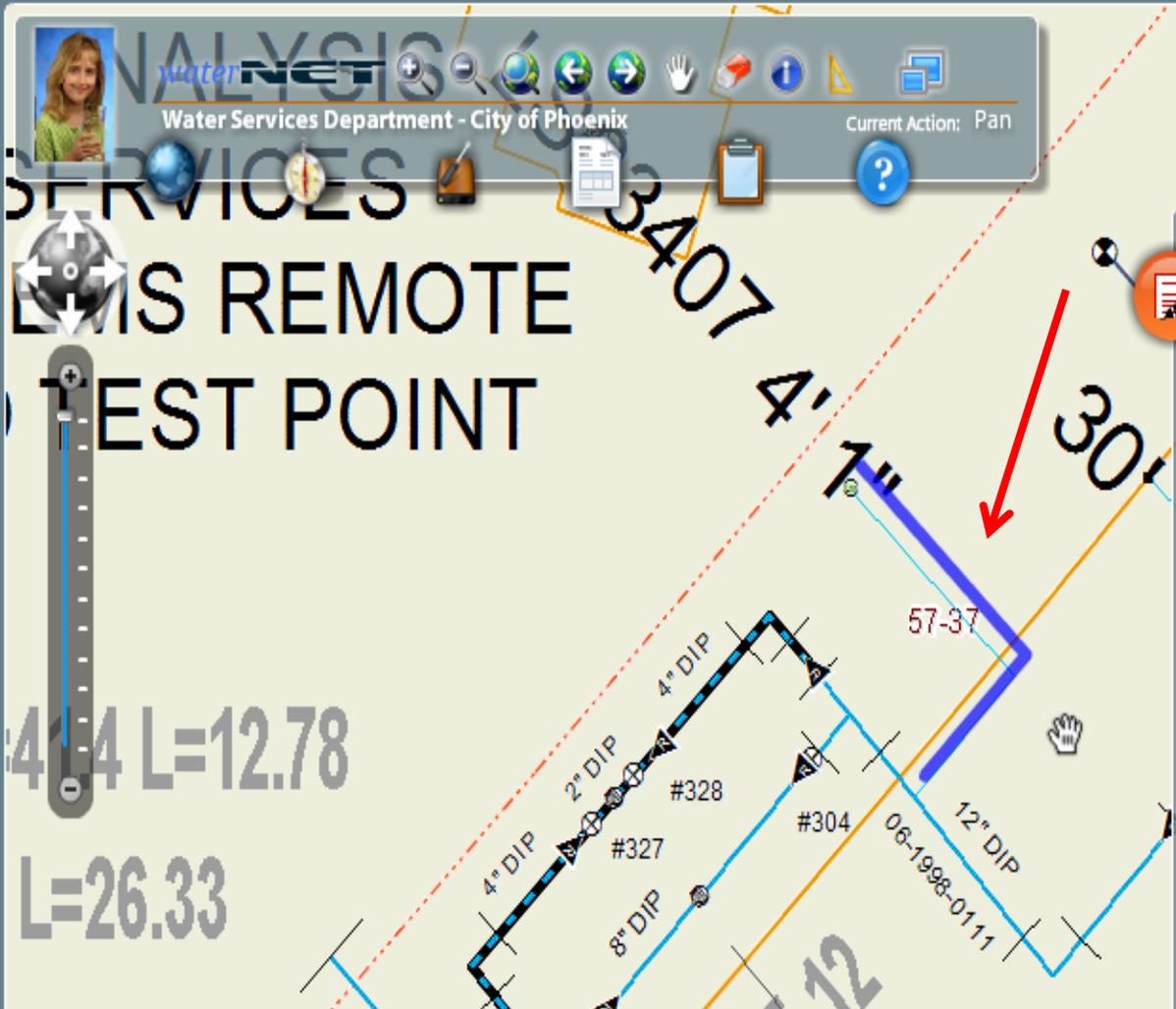


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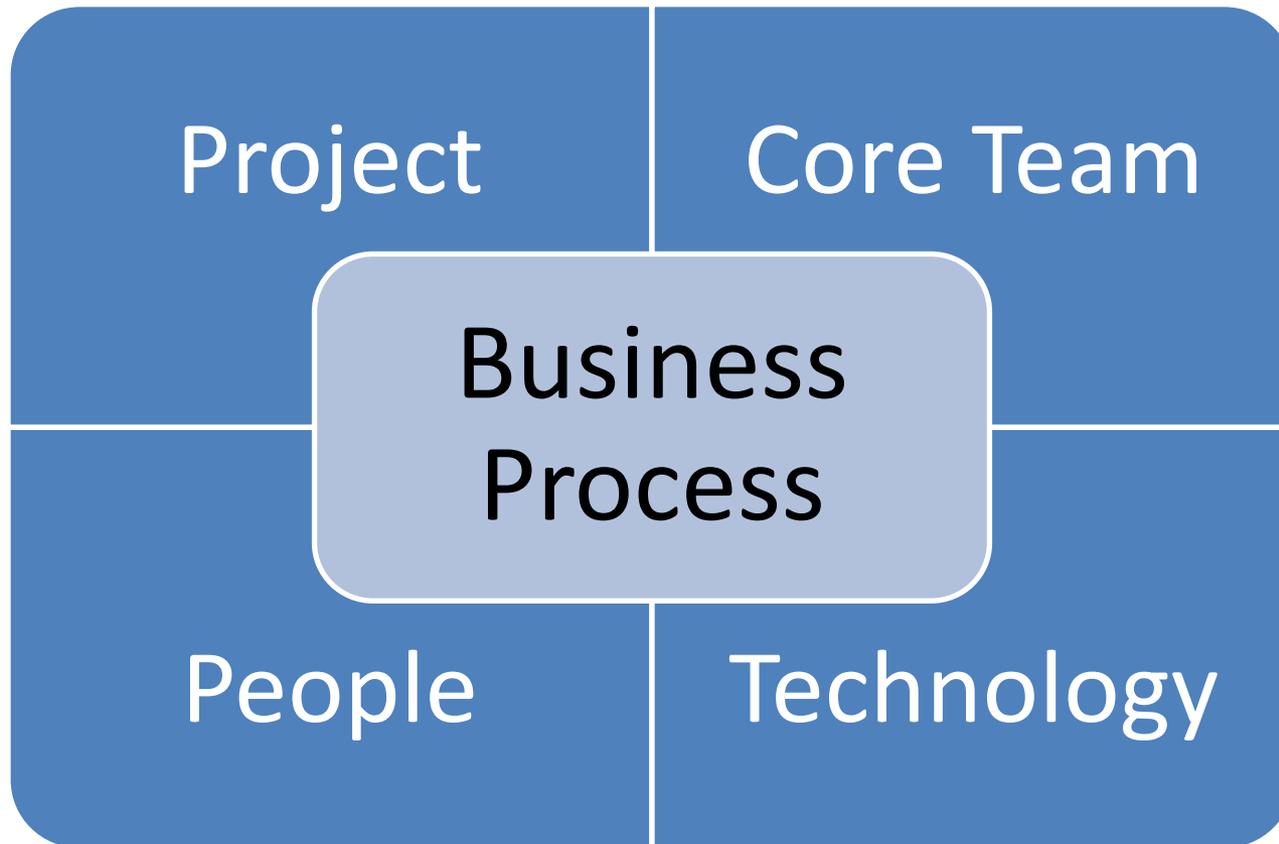


Query WAM Database

Asset Work Order

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ADDRESS	33575 DOVE LAKES DR
AREA	CC
ASSETDESC	SMART NUMBER: PTS7-37-:
ASSETID	2511249
ASSETRECORDTYPE	I
ASSETSTATUS	ACTIVE
ASSETTYPE	SERV LINE
CRITICALITY	5
CROSSSTREET	48TH ST & WESTLAND RD
DEPARTMENT	WD
LOCATIONBASIS	ADDRESS

# Real Outcomes



# Project

- Phased projects will need to be reconciled after completed implementation
- Survey your users often
- Don't treat your vertical assets like linear assets
- Listen to the SME in “your” organization
- Start your change management early in the project

# Core Team

- Created the role of Asset Manager
  - With the duties of *Business Process Optimization*
  - Asset Organization Linear vs. Vertical
  - Asset specifications consistency and QA/QC
  - Role is similar to a Business Analyst with the focus on Assets
- Larger support staff after go live than you think (consider 24x7)

# People

- Steep learning curve for the end users
- Slow adoption to new business processes
- Continuous QA/QC is really necessary
- Continuous training
- Face time with the field staff at their location
- Share your reporting with the users, as well as management

# Technology

- Valuable integration with GIS
- Saved duplicate data entry with interface with financial system
- Field use of laptop has reduced travel time
- Easy access to GIS and live system data has provided increased productivity
- Document management
- Keeping vanilla has its drawbacks

# Business Processes

- Standardized business processes across the department for asset management and WO processing
- Increase accountability for inventory
- “Real” costing for assets maintenance
- Asset work history is more complete

# Goals Report Card

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# Financial Outcome

- ❑ Operating saving will be \$2.7 million dollars over the first five years of this consolidation.

# Financial Outcome

- **Comparison of Four Maintenance Programs :**
  - ✓ **Reactive Maintenance (Breakdown or Run-to-Failure Maintenance):** Cost: \$18/hp/yr
  - ✓ **Preventive Maintenance (Time-Based Maintenance):** Cost: \$13/hp/yr
  - ✓ **Predictive Maintenance (Condition-Based Maintenance):** Cost: \$9/hp/yr
  - ✓ **Reliability Centered Maintenance (Pro-Active or Prevention Maintenance):** Cost: \$6/hp/yr

Reference: Piotrowski, J. April 2, 2001. *Pro-Active Maintenance for Pumps, Archives, February 2001* .

# More reasons we will be more efficient in the future

- ❑ Proactive vs. Reactive Maintenance  
(increased system reliability)
- ❑ Reduced Asset Maintenance Costs
- ❑ Increased Accuracy of Future CIP Planning
- ❑ Single System Asset Information and History

# Final Reason for Success

## -----Business Analytics-----

- Management level reports
- Ability to drill down to details
- Speed to develop reports
- Ad-hoc reporting needs
- Ability to mash-up data sources
- Provide end user data analysis
- Fast user adoption
- Mobility

# Answering key questions on performance for everyone



Asset



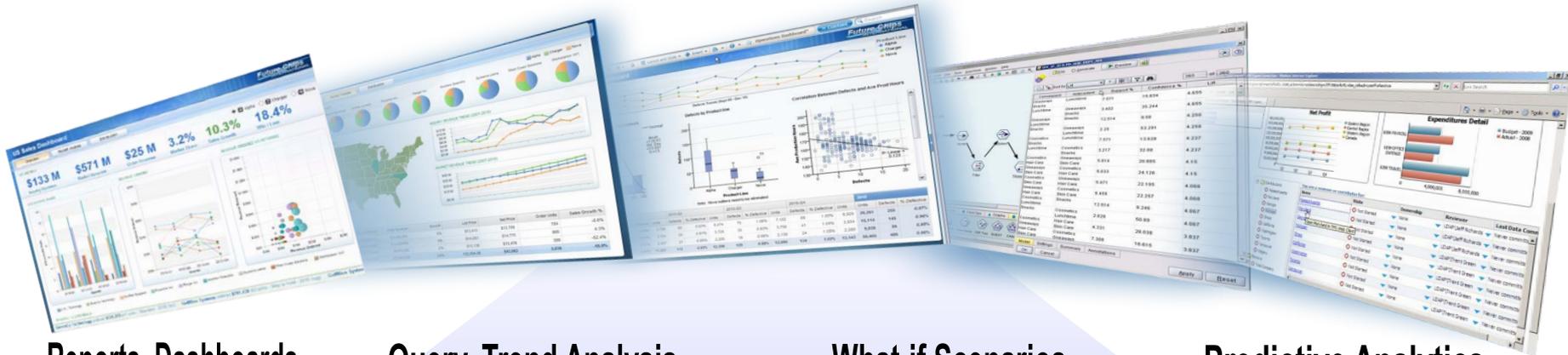
Programs & Services



Budgeting & Finance



Operations/Readiness



Reports, Dashboards, Scorecards...

Query, Trend Analysis, Statistical Analysis...

What-if Scenarios, Plans, Budgets, Forecasts...

Predictive Analytics, Predictive Models...

**For Smarter Decision-Making & Better Outcomes**

What happened?

Why?

What should we be doing?

# Questions/Comments?

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