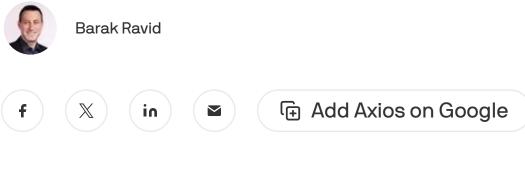
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In a shift, White House says no plan for Trump-Putin summit





The White House has halted its work on a second summit between President Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin, U.S. officials said.

Why it matters: The change of plans is an acknowledgment by the White House that the gulf between Russia and Ukraine is too wide to reach a deal to end the war.

future," a White House official said. The latest: In a conversation with reporters in the Oval Office on Tuesday Trump said he hasn't

• "There are no plans for President <u>Trump</u> to meet with President Putin in the immediate

• "I don't want to have a wasted meeting and a wasted time, so I will see what happens", he said.

made a final determination regarding a possible meeting with Putin.

made clear he wants both Russia and <u>Ukraine</u> to stop the war.

more preparations are needed.

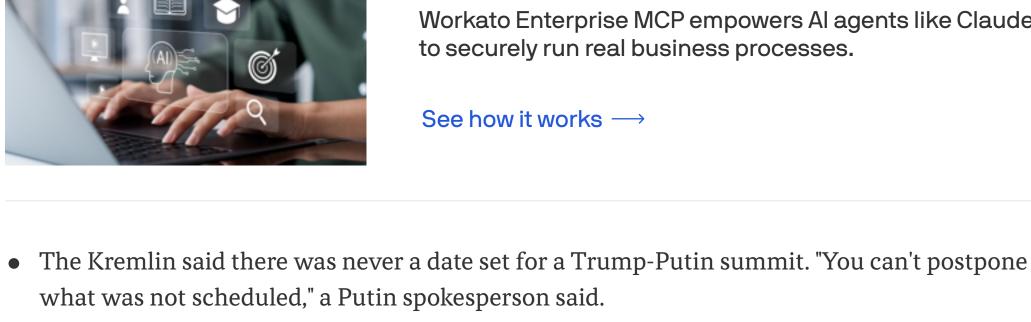
Driving the news: Trump said last week that he would meet with Putin in Budapest within two weeks.

• U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio was also expected to meet within days with his Russian counterpart, Sergei Lavrov, ahead of the leaders summit.

• A day later Trump held a tense meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and

- A phone call between Rubio and Lavrov on Monday ended with no agreement on a meeting or progress toward a summit between Putin and Trump.
- "Secretary Rubio and Foreign Minister Lavrov had a productive call. Therefore, an additional in-person meeting between the secretary and foreign minister is not necessary," a White House official said.
- The other side: Earlier on Tuesday, the Kremlin and the Russian Foreign Ministry downplayed the prospect for a leaders summit or even for a meeting between Rubio and Lavrov, stressing

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Tuesday that Ukraine agreed to Trump's proposal to stop the fighting according to the current line of contact, but stressed Russia rejected it.

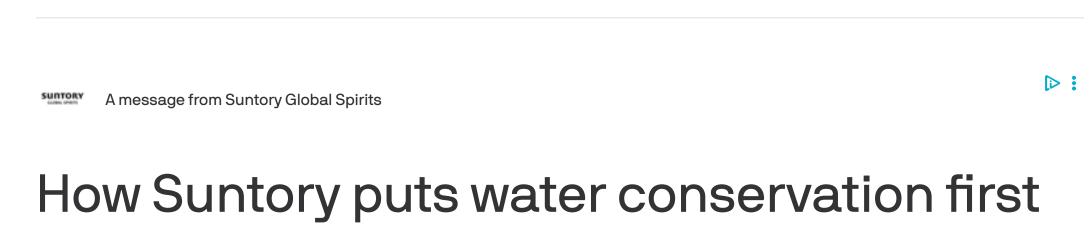
The big picture: Zelensky, who is going to meet with European leaders later this week, said on

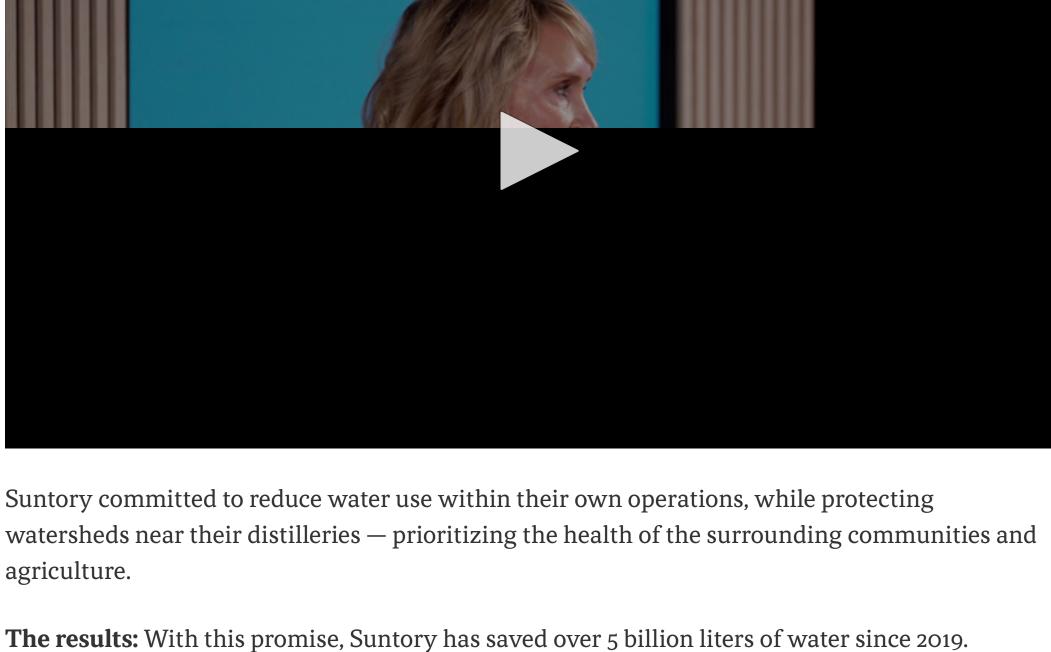
• "Russia is again doing everything to avoid diplomacy," he said. • Zelensky has claimed that supplying Ukraine with long-range weaponry, like Tomahawk missiles, could force Putin to the negotiation table.

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Editor's note: This article has been updated with comment from President Trump.





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missiles in "tough" meeting

President <u>Trump</u> announced following a call with Vladimir Putin on Thursday that he and the

Russian leader had agreed to meet in Hungary in the coming weeks to discuss how to end the

Split screen: The two-hour call took place a day before Trump will host Ukrainian President

Volodymyr Zelensky at the White House. Trump and Zelensky will discuss the possibility of

Zelensky meets Trump at the White House. Photo: Andrew Harnik/Getty Images

he thinks providing Tomahawks could undermine it, the sources say.

briefed on the meeting tell Axios. Why it matters: Zelensky hoped to leave Washington with commitments around new weapons for Ukraine, but found Trump in a totally different state of mind a day after he held a lengthy call with Russian president Vladimir Putin. Trump made clear his priority now is diplomacy, and

President <u>Trump</u> told Ukrainian President <u>Volodymyr Zelensky</u> in a tense meeting on Friday

that he doesn't intend to provide long-range **Tomahawk missiles**, at least for now, two sources

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