MONTHLY REPORT TO THE COLORADO RIVER BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

October 25, 2021

COLORADO RIVER BASIN WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS REPORT

October 1st marked the start of Water Year 2022. As of October 25th, the surface water elevation at Lake Powell was 3,544.41 feet with 7.19 million-acre feet (MAF) of storage, or 30% of capacity. The surface water elevation at Lake Mead was 1,067.37 feet with 8.99 MAF of storage, or 34% of capacity. As of October 24th, the total system storage was 22.6 MAF, or 38% of capacity, which is about 5.75 MAF less than the total system storage at this same time last year.

As of October 17th, the Upper Basin reservoirs, excluding Lake Powell, were 68% of capacity at Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming; 78% of capacity at Flaming Gorge Reservoir in Wyoming and Utah; 95% of capacity at Morrow Point, and 26% of capacity at Blue Mesa Reservoir in Colorado; and 53% of capacity at Navajo Reservoir in New Mexico.

As of October 18th, the preliminary observed inflow into Lake Powell for Water Year (WY) 2021 is 3.50 MAF (32% of normal), representing the second lowest inflow on record. The observed April through July 2021 runoff into Lake Powell for Water Year-2021 is 1.83 MAF (26% of normal). For WY-2021 the September observed Lake Powell inflow was 0.16 MAF (39% of normal), and for WY-2022 the October Lake Powell inflow forecast is 0.26MAF (56% of normal). To date, WY-2022 precipitation is 151% of normal in the Upper Colorado River Basin.

Overview of the 1991 – 2020 Normal Period and Model Impacts

On October 18th the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) held a joint webinar with the Colorado Basin River Forecast Center (CBRFC) to discuss the CBRFC effort to recalibrate its forecast model and explain the shift to the new 30-year climate normal of 1991 – 2020, and how that shift affects the unregulated inflow into reservoirs in the Upper Basin. For example, the average annual unregulated inflow into Lake Powell was 10.8 MAF for the 1981-2010 period and was 9.6 MAF for the 1991-2020 period, 11.3% decrease.

The CBRFC update of the "climate normal" conforms with World Meteorological Organization standards and acknowledges and incorporates recent trends. The 1991-2020 climate normals

include the driest 20 years of the Colorado River Basin and are more representative of the current drier conditions being experienced in the Basin.

The CBRFC compared the monthly averages of observed unregulated streamflow volumes of the climate normals periods between 1981–2010 and 1991–2020 and found that streamflow volumes during the latter period declined and the magnitude of the decreases increased from north to south within the Colorado River Basin. The CBRFC plans to schedule an outreach session to provide more detailed information about its recalibration efforts.

October 24-Month Study Webinar

Reclamation presented an overview of WY-2021 precipitation conditions, noting that the summer monsoonal activity made a significant difference to soil moisture levels. The Upper Colorado River above Lake Powell snowpack peaked on March 30, 2021, at 89% of median; but because of antecedent dry soil conditions and elevated temperatures, the preliminary observed inflow into Lake Powell for WY-2021 was 3.50 MAF, just 32% of average.

Reclamation also discussed its effort to incorporate the 30-year climate normal period of 1991 – 2020 into its operations and statistical reporting. The new period will provide projections that are more reflective of drier and hotter conditions experienced in the basin over the last two decades.

Reclamation provided a summary of the Upper Basin Drought Response Operations Agreement (DROA) efforts to date, emphasizing the 181 KAF DROA releases from Flaming Gorge, Blue Mesa and Navajo reservoirs that began in July 2021 to protect Lake Powell's elevation from declining below 3,525 feet.

As of October 4th, the CBRFC forecast for the projected inflow into Lake Powell for WY-22 is 7.4 MAF (77% of average). The October 2021 24-Month Study Report projects that the most probable elevation for Lake Powell at the end of Calendar Year (CY) 2021 and 2022 is 3,536.36 feet (27% full) and 3,528.08 feet (25% full), respectively. For Lake Mead, the October 24-Month Study projects that the most probable elevation for Lake Mead at the end of CY-2021 and CY-2022 is 1,066.06 feet (34% full) and 1,050.63 feet (30% full), respectively.

COLORADO RIVER BASIN PROGRAM UPDATES

Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program

Program Implementation

The Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum Work Group held its summer meeting on September 20 and 21, 2021, in Salt Lake City, Utah. This was the first Work Group meeting with an option for in-person attendance since February 2020. During the two days of meetings Work Group members received updates from federal agencies on program funding, studies, and project implementation.

Reclamation provided an update on modeling associated with expected impacts of lower reservoir levels on salinity conditions in Lake Powell and Lake Mead. The Work Group is working with Reclamation to receive regular updates on the salinity conditions in these reservoirs. Reclamation reported a declining rate of seismic activity in the Paradox Valley, which is an important condition to restarting the Paradox Valley Salinity Control Project. However, Reclamation also reported that it could be late 2023 before a decision is made to restart PVU operations pending results of an engineering risk assessment being prepared at the behest of Reclamation.

Work Group representatives from the states of Utah and Colorado described efforts to improve the implementation of habitat replacement projects required under the Salinity Control Act. The Work Group is developing a technical memorandum describing current habitat replacement challenges and identifying potential options that will be shared with the Forum in a future meeting.

The USGS provided an update on technical work they have done to evaluate how base flow in the Colorado River Basin tributaries might be impacted by a changing climate. The USGS also reported on successful data collection activities to evaluate the impact of monsoonal flows on salinity conditions in tributaries to the Colorado River.

The Fall meetings of the Forum Work Group, Forum, Advisory Council, and are scheduled for October 25, and 27-28, 2021 respectively in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Work Group meeting is virtual participation only, while the Forum and Advisory Council meetings will allow hybrid in-person / remote participation.

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program

The Secretary of the Interior determined that a High Flow Experiment (HFE) will not be implemented this fall. HFEs are designed to utilize fine sediment brought into the Grand Canyon by tributaries to achieve ecological benefits and the rebuilding of sandbars. Monsoonal rains resulted in sufficient sediment inputs below Glen Canyon Dam to trigger a potential HFE this fall. In determining whether or not to implement an HFE, potential impacts to resources identified in the Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan (LTEMP) were evaluated. The Secretary's decision not to implement an HFE in the fall of 2021 was based on a lack of consensus by both the Leadership Team and the Planning and Implementation Team of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program. Both teams relayed concerns regarding unacceptable adverse impacts to resources, including the potential for the level of Lake Powell to be below the critical elevation of 3525 feet for an increased number of days.

The Technical Work Group for the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program meeting was held via webinar on October 13-14.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Seven Basin States plus Reclamation Technical Staff Meetings

Reclamation initiated discussions on modeling improvements with technical staff from the seven basin states with webinars on October 7th, 14th, 19th, and 22nd, 2021. These webinars have focused on necessary technical improvements to address three key priorities outlined by Reclamation:

- 1. Any modeling or technical questions regarding the September 2021, 2- and 5-year probabilistic projections.
- 2. Any modeling or technical questions regarding the ongoing implementation of DROA planning and the anticipated 1030' consultation in the Upper and Lower Basins, respectively.
- 3. Any modeling or technical questions regarding model preparation/development for the development of post-2026 operations.

Reclamation is working with the technical staff from the seven basin states to prepare a presentation and task schedule for the October 26th seven states principals meeting. The presentation will highlight specific technical tasks to be accomplished to support three modeling priorities identified above (i.e., 2- and 5-year projections, DROA and 1030' consultation, and post 2026 operations). Tasks will be scheduled through January 2022 to support the January 5-year

probabilistic projections, through April 2022 to support the April 5-year probabilistic projections, and longer-term tasks beyond April 2022. Finally, discussions are continuing in both basins regarding (1) development of a CY-2022 DROA operational plan by Reclamation and the Upper Basin states; and (2) the Lower Basin states continue to explore options to further protect Lake Mead critical elevation 1,020 feet in calendar-years 2022 and 2023.

<u>OpenET</u>

On October 21st, a consortium of governmental and non-governmental entities, which includes NASA, the Desert Research Institute and Environmental Defense Fund, with support from Google Earth Engine, announced the release of OpenET. OpenET is an online water data management platform that uses information generated from satellites to estimate water consumed by vegetation. The aim of OpenET is to make satellite-based water management data more accessible. The OpenET platform can be accessed at: <u>https://openetdata.org/</u>.

Drought Early Warning System (DEWS) Strategic Plan

The National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) recently released the 2021-2025 Intermountain West Drought Early Warning System (DEWS) Strategic Action Plan addressing the current needs and gaps of the drought early warning system. The Plan included the input gathered during a series of stakeholder meetings which focused on the needs of various sectors, such as Colorado River management, recreation, tourism, and fire management. The Plan will serve as a "living document" with the goal of evolving to address the needs of stakeholders in the Intermountain West. The 2021-2025 DEWS Plan can be accessed at:

https://www.drought.gov/documents/intermountain-west-drought-early-warning-systemstrategic-action-plan-2021-2025.

Washington, D.C. Report

Drought Response Measures House Water, Oceans Wildlife Subcommittee Hearings, October 15, and 20, 2021

On October 15th and 20th, the House Natural Resources Committee's Water, Oceans and Wildlife Subcommittee held two days of virtual hearings focused on Colorado River drought conditions and response measures. Witnesses testifying on October 15th included Interior Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Tanya Trujillo, and representatives of the Jicarilla Apache Nation and Colorado River Indian Tribes and the seven Colorado River Basin States, including Board Chairman Peter Nelson. On October 20th, the subcommittee heard from an additional panel of witnesses including MWD General Manager Adel Hagekhalil and IID General Manager Henry Martinez. Generally, all of the witnesses emphasized the impacts of the current Millennium Drought on the water supply conditions in the Basin and storage in the reservoir system. Witnesses also highlighted the need for collaborative and consensus-based solutions in implementing additional water conservation, reuse, and augmentation activities and programs and emphasized the need for federal participation and funding in support of these efforts. Witnesses also emphasized the need for "an all-hands on deck" approach involving water users and stakeholders across the Basin, including the Tribes and Mexico.

For your information, the written testimony provided to the House Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee by Assistant Secretary Trujillo, Chairman Nelson, and the general managers of IID and MWD is being included in the distribution with this monthly report.

Climate and Water Observation in the West

In an attempt to improve insight into the relationship between air, land, and water, the U.S. Department of Energy is using observational tools to better analyze the Colorado River headwaters. The Surface Atmosphere Integrated Field Laboratory (SAIL) project, after investigating aerosols, clouds, precipitation, heat fluxes, and other factors, aims to produce better models of the physical world and therefore more accurate forecasts of water availability. Data collection will begin in September in Crested Butte, Colorado, and continue for nearly two years, through June 2023.

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LOWER COLORADO WATER SUPPLY REPORT

River Operations

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Questions: BCOOWaterops@usbr.gov				
(702) 293-8373				
http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/weekly.pdf				
		Content	Elev. (Feet	7-Day
	PERCENT	1000	above mean	Release
CURRENT STORAGE	FULL	ac-ft (kaf)	sea level)	(CFS)
LAKE POWELL	30%	7,192	3,544.41	7,900
* LAKE MEAD	34%	8,992	1,067.37	11,100
LAKE MOHAVE	81%	1,462	634.09	10,600
LAKE HAVASU	94%	583	448.15	6,500
TOTAL SYSTEM CONTENTS **	38%	22,604		
As of 10/24/2021				
SYSTEM CONTENT LAST YEAR	48%	28,357		
*Percent based on capacity of 26,120 kaf or **Total System Contents includes Upper & Low	elevation 1,219.6 Wer Colorado River	feet. Reservoirs, less Lak	e Mead exclusive f	lood control space.
Salt/Verde System	70%	1,594		
Painted Rock Dam	0%	0	530.00	0
Alamo Dam	10%	98	1,112.64	25
SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER SYSTEM OTHERS				221 26
			4 255	
METRODOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF CA	TTEODNEA		4,555	1 075
TOPICATION DISTRICT OF CA	MIFORNIA			1,073
OTHERS				5,205
OTHERS				17
ARIZONA			2,442	
CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT				1,368
OTHERS				1,074
TOTAL LOWER BASIN USE				7,044
DELIVERY TO MEXICO - 2021 (Mexico S	cheduled Delivery -	+ Preliminary Yearly	Excess)	1,492
OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION				
UNREGULATED INFLOW INTO LAKE POWELL -	OCTOBER MID-MON	TH FORECAST DATED	10/18/2021	
		MILLION	I ACRE-FEET	% of Normal
PRELIMINARY OBSERVED WATER YEAR 202	21 ²		3.502	32%
OBSERVED APRIL-JULY 2021 ²			1.834	26%
SEPTEMBER OBSERVED INFLOW ²			0.159	39%
OCTOBER INFLOW FORECAST ³			0.255	56%
		Upper Colora	do Basin Sal	lt/Verde Basin
WATER YEAR 2022 PRECIP TO DATE ^{3,4}		151% (2	.6")	202% (1.6")
CURRENT BASIN SNOWPACK		NA% (N	A)	NA% (NA)

¹Delivery to Mexico forecasted yearly excess calculated using year-to-date observed and projected excess.

WY 2021 statistics are based on the 30-year period from 1981-2010 $\,$

 $^3\mathrm{WY}$ 2022 statistics are based on the 30-year period from 1991-2020

⁴Precipitation values may vary significantly from week-to-week early in the water year.

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ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, MEXICO

FORECAST OF END OF YEAR CONSUMPTIVE USE FORECAST BASED ON USE TO DATE AND APPROVED ANNUAL WATER ORDERS ¹

(ACRE-FEET)

WATER USE SUMMARY	Use To Date <u>CY 2021</u>	Forecast Use CY 2021	Approved Use ² CY 2021	Excess to Approval CY 2021
ARIZONA CALIFORNIA NEVADA	2,084,841 3,776,454 219,489	2,442,413 4,353,499 246,359	2,440,705 4,353,499 246,359	1,708 0 0
STATES TOTAL ³	6,080,784	7,042,271	7,040,563	1,708
TOTAL DELIVERIES MEXICO IN SATISFACTION OF TREATY REQUIREMENTS ⁴ CREATION OF MEXICO'S RECOVERABLE WATER SAVINGS ⁵ CREATION OF MEXICO'S WATER RESERVE ⁶ DELIVERY OF MEXICO'S WATER RESERVE ⁷ TOTAL TO MEXICO IN SATISFACTION OF TREATY REQUIREMENTS ⁸ TO MEXICO IN EXCESS OF TREATY ⁹ WATER BYPASSED PURSUANT TO IBWC MINUTE NO. 242 ¹⁰	1,289,933 23,207 36,994 (34,182) 1,315,952 28,294 93,530	1,456,683 41,000 37,340 (35,023) 1,500,000 35,500 115,248		
TOTAL LOWER BASIN & MEXICO ''	7.492.541	8.649.702		

Incorporates 80 daily reporting stations which may be revised after provisional data reports are distributed by the USGS

Use to date has been updated through July for users reporting monthly and estimated for users reporting annually. These values reflect adjusted apportionments. See Adjusted Apportionment calculation on each state page.

Includes unmeasured returns based on estimated consumptive use/diversion ratios by user from studies provided by Arizona

Department of Water Resources, Colorado River Board of California, and Reclamation.

Includes deliveries to Mexico at the Northerly International Boundary (including delivery from Mexico's Water Reserve), Southerly International Boundary, Limitrophe, and Diversion Channel Discharge; and diversions at Parker Dam for Emergency Delivery to Tijuana;

does not include Creation of Mexico's Water Reserve or Creation of Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings.

Water deferred by Mexico pursuant to Section IV of IBWC Minute 323 and the Joint Report of the Principal Engineers with the Implementing Details of the Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan in the Colorado River Basin, dated July 11, 2019. (Mexico's required

Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan Contribution). Water deferred by Mexico pursuant to Section V of IBWC Minute 323.

Delivery from Mexico's Water Reserve pursuant to Section V.E.13 of IBWC Minute 323. Pursuant to Sections VIII.A and VIII.B of IBWC Minute 323, this water is being delivered for environmental purposes within Mexico.

In accordance with the procedure documented in USIBWC's letter to the Mexican Section of the IBWC dated July 25, 2017 regarding the the calculation process applied when accounting for the quantity and quality of the volumes of Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings during creation and delivery, "Total Delivery to Mexico in Satisfaction of Treaty Requirements" adds in Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings creation and subtracts out Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings creation and subtracts out Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings creation and subtracts out Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings creation and subtracts out Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings creation and subtracts out Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings creation and subtracts out Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings creation and subtracts out Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings creation and subtracts out Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings creation and subtracts out Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings creation and subtracts out Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings creation and subtracts out Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Water Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings delivery.

Mexico excess forecast is based on the 5-year average for the period 2015-2019.

Bypass forecast is based on the average for the period 1990-2019.

Includes States Total, Deliveries to Mexico in Satisfaction of Treaty, To Mexico in Excess of Treaty, and Water Bypassed Pursuant IBWC Minute 242.



Graph notes: January 1 forecast use is scheduled use in accordance with the Annual Operating Plan's state entitlements, available unused entitlements, and over-run paybacks. A downward sloping line indicates use at a lower rate than scheduled, upward sloping is above schedule, and a flat line indicates a use rate equal to schedule. Lower priority users such as CAP, MWD, and Robt B. Griffith may adjust use rates to meet state entitlements as higher priority use deviates from schedule. Abrupt changes in the forecast use line may be due to a diversion schedule change or monthly updating of provisional realtime diversions.











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Italics. • Water users with a consumptive use entitlement - Excess to Estimated Use column indicates overnu/underrun of entitlement. Dash in this column indicates water user has a diversion entitlement. • Water user with a diversion entitlement - Excess to Approved Diversion column indicates overnu/underrun of entitlement. Dash in this column indicates water user has a consumptive use entitlement.

ARIZONA WATER LISERS

FORECAST OF END OF YEAR CONSUMPTIVE USE FORECAST BASED ON USE TO DATE AND APPROVED ANNUAL WATER ORDERS

oric Use Records (Water Ac nting Reports)

	Use To Date	Forecast Use	Estimated Use	Estimated Use	Diversion To Date	Forecast Diversion	Approved Diversion	Approv Diversi
WATER USER	CY 2021	CY 2021	CY 2021	CY 2021	CY 2021	CY 2021	CY 2021	CY 20
ARIZONA PUMPERS	14,077	15,828	15,828		21,658	24,351	24,351	
LAKE MEAD NRA, AZ - Diversions from Lake Mead	183	220	220		183	220	220	
DAVIS DAM PROJECT	2	2	2		15	17	17	
BULLHEAD CITY	6,679	8,098	8,163		10,422	12,637	12,720	-
MOHAVE WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT	601	676	676		898	1,010	1,010	
	11 860	323 14 056	323 15 932		21 963	26 025	29 503	-3.4
FORT MOJAVE INDIAN RESERVATION, AZ	33,805	36,819	44,550		62,602	68,183	82,500	-14,3
GOLDEN SHORES WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT	254	286	286		380	427	427	
HAVASU NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE	3,808	4,044	3,564		31,734	34,503	41,835	-7,3
LAKE HAVASU CITY CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT	6,738	8,258	9,021		10,868	13,320	14,550	-1,2
TOWN OF PARKER	475	530	430		714	854	917	-
COLORADO RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION, AZ	211,485	217,804	226,280		434,957	495,735	509,647	-13,9
EHRENBURG IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION	206	232	232		289	325	325	
CIBOLA VALLEY ¹	13,931	14,350	15,618		19,484	20,072	21,843	-1,7
	13,403	14,264	14,264	0	21,618	23,005	23,005	10
IMPERIAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE BI M PERMITEES (PARKER DAM to IMPERIAL DAM)	751	2,605	3,799	-1,194	3,097	4,200	1 200	-1,9
CHA CHA, LLC	809	985	1,365		1,100	1,515	2,100	-5
BEATTIE FARMS	475	567	722		731	875	1,110	-2
YUMA PROVING GROUND	464	513	516		464	513	516	
	3,821	4,506	5,273	44 757	6,867	8,091	9,156	-1,0
BLM PERMITEES (BELOW IMPERIAL DAM)	241,060	200,243	278,000 74	-11,757	350,960	405,601	423,333	-17,7
CITY OF YUMA	11.149	14.020	16.201	-2.181	20.548	25.615	27.500	-1.8
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA	1,072	1,258	1,320		1,072	1,258	1,320	-
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD	21	25	29		39	48	48	
	882	1,017	1,050		882	1,017	1,050	-
YUMA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT DESERT LAWN MEMORIAL	106	120	150		144	1/1	200	-
NORTH GILA VALLEY IRRRIGATION DISTRICT	8.209	9.223	11.563		37.578	44.007	44.200	-1
YUMA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	32,264	37,547	37,835		62,027	72,404	69,900	2,5
YUMA MESA I.D.D.	117,781	136,267	150,455		199,037	231,392	242,080	-10,6
UNIT "B" IRRIGATION DISTRICT	15,924	17,968	20,816		23,502	26,647	29,400	-2,7
FORT YUMA INDIAN RESERVATION	1,329	1,494 241 606	1,494		2,045	2,299	2,299	-14.0
COCOPAH INDIAN RESERVATION	583	882	1.686		749	1.207	2,585	-1.3
RECLAMATION-YUMA AREA OFFICE	202	227	227		202	227	227	
RETURN FROM SOUTH GILA WELLS								
TOTAL ARIZONA	2.084.841	2.442.413	2.500.784		2.758.764	3.264.673	3.357.929	
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	1,119,235	1,368,527	1 121 204			1,368,527	1 000 400	
ALL UTHERS YUMA MESA DIVISION, GILA PROJECT	965,606	1,073,886	1,131,284	-16.816		1,896,146	1,988,429	
TOWA WEST DIVISION, GLAT ROJECT	150,254	105,057	133,033	-10,010		547,005		
ARIZONA ADJUSTED APPORTIONMENT CALCULATION								
Arizona Basic Apportionment		2,800,000						
System Conservation Water - Pilot System Conservation Program 2		(360)						
System Conservation Water - Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) 3		(50,000)						
System Conservation Water - Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (FMYN)		(13,933)						
System Conservation Water - Mohave Valley I.D.D. (MVIDD)		(6,925)						
System Conservation Water - Gila River Indian Community (GRIC)		(40,000)						
Creation of Extraordinary Conservation ICS - CRIT (Estimated)		(4,685)						
Arizana DCB Contribution 10		(40,000)						
Anzona DCP Contribution		(203,392)						
Finance to Total State Adjusted Apparticement		2,440,705						
Excess to Total State Adjusted Apportionment		1,708						
Estimated Allowable Use for CAP		1,366,527						
¹ Includes the following water users within the Cibola Valley: Cibola Valley IDD. At	izona Game and	f Fish Commissi	ion. GSC Farms	Red River Lar	d Co., Western	Nater, and the	Hopi Tribe	

² The estimated amount of System Conservation Water that will be created by the City of Bullhead City pursuant to System Conservation Implementation Agreement (SCIA) No. 15-XX-30-W0587, as amended. This System Conservation Water will remain in Lake Mead to benefit system storage.

³ System Conservation Water to be created by CRIT pursuant to the Agreement Among the United States of America, Through the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, the State of Arizona,

Voluntary Water Conservation and Reductions in use During Calendar Years 2020-2022. This System Conservation Water will remain in Lake Mead to benefit system storage.

⁴ CAP water being conserved by FMYN pursuant to SCIA No. 20-XX-30-W0688, which will remain in Lake Mead to benefit system storage. In accordance with this SCIA and Section 3.b of the Drought Contingency Plan Agreement annum or more of Colorado River System water to contribute to conservation of water supplies in Lake Mead and other Colorado River reservoirs in the Lower Basin.

⁵ System Conservation Water to be created by MVIDD pursuant to SCIA No. 20-XX-30-W0686, which will remain in Lake Mead to benefit system storage. In accordance with this SCIA and Section 3.b of the LB DCP Agreement, Reclamation intends to apply this water towards the Secretary's commitment to create or conserve 100,000 AF per annum or more of Colorado River System water to contribute to conservation of water supplies in Lake Mead and other Colorado River reservoirs in the Lower Basin.

⁶ CAP water being conserved by GRIC pursuant to SCIA No. 21-XX-30-W0713, which will remain in Lake Mead to benefit system storage. In accordance with this SCIA and Section 3.b of the LB DCP

of water supplies in Lake Mead and other Colorado River reservoirs in the Lower Basin.

⁷ CRIT has been approved to create up to 4.685 AF of Extraordinary Conservation (EC) ICS in 2021. The actual amount of EC ICS created by CRIT will be based on final accounting and verification. ⁸ CAP water being conserved by GRIC in 2021 to create EC ICS. The actual amount of EC ICS created by GRIC will be based on final accounting and verification.

⁹ When combined with the approved EC ICS creation amounts of other ICS Creators in the state of Arizona, the total amount of EC ICS approved for creation in the state of Arizona is 110,185 AF, which exceeds the state's annual creation limit set forth in Section XI.G.3.B.4 of the 2007 Interim Guidelines. In accordance with Section XI.G.3.B.4 and Section IV.B of the *Lower Basin Drought Contingency Operations* (LBOps), the total amount of EC ICS that may be created by the states of Arizona is Of Arizona's California, and Nevada in 2021 will be limited to 625,000 AF. Additionally, the total amount accumulated in Arizona's ICS accounts will be limited in accordance with Section IV.C. of LBOps.

10 In accordance with Sections III B 1 a and III E 4 of LBOps, the state of Arizona is required to make a DCP Contribution in the total amount of 203,392 AF in 2021. This includes the annual contribution motoclashe with the data and heavier of the state's 2020 DCP Contribution Deficiency amount of 11,392 AF, as shown in Table 23 in the 2020 Colorado River Accounting and Water Use Report. In accordance with the Agreement Regarding Lower Basin Drought Contrigency Plan Obligations, it is currently anticipated that the required DCP Contribution will be made by the

has been approved to create up to 60,500 AF of EC ICS in 2021. The actual amount of EC ICS created by CAWCD and credited toward the DCP Contribution will be based on final accounting and verification

NOTES: Click on Arizona Schedules and Approvals above for incoming diversion schedules and approvals.



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CALIFORNIA WATER USERS

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California Schedules and Approvals

Historic Use Records (Water Accounting Reports)

				Excess to				Excess to
	Use	Forecast	Estimated	Estimated	Diversion	Forecast	Approved	Approved
	To Date	Use	Use	Use	To Date	Diversion	Diversion	Diversion
WATER USER	CY 2021							
CALIFORNIA PUMPERS	1,302	1,464	1,464		2,353	2,646	2,646	0
FORT MOJAVE INDIAN RESERVATION, CA	6,417	7,287	8,996		11,930	13,547	16,720	-3,173
CITY OF NEEDLES (includes LCWSP use)	1,010	1,241	1,605	-364	1,654	1,979	2,261	-282
METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT	861,258	1,074,956			863,592	1,077,753		
COLORADO RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION, CA	4,459	5,014	5,014		7,388	8,307	8,307	0
PALO VERDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT	332,577	335,662	343,672		696,701	770,346	774,000	-3,654
YUMA PROJECT RESERVATION DIVISION	31,080	37,477	46,687		64,151	78,640	90,394	-11,754
YUMA PROJECT RESERVATION DIVISION - INDIAN UNIT					34,950	41,829	45,384	-3,555
YUMA PROJECT RESERVATION DIVISION - BARD UNIT					29,201	36,811	45,010	-8,199
YUMA ISLAND PUMPERS	1,574	1,770	1,770		2,845	3,199	3,199	0
FORT YUMA INDIAN RESERVATION - RANCH 5	1,122	1,273	938		2,031	2,303	1,696	607
IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT	2,228,195	2,525,613	2,622,800	-97,187	2,302,646	2,621,372	2,694,973	
SALTON SEA SALINITY MANAGEMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	306,749	360,943	379,000	-18,057	329,415	387,788	390,812	
OTHER LCWSP CONTRACTORS	469	527	527		820	922	922	0
CITY OF WINTERHAVEN	56	63	63		81	91	91	0
CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN RESERVATION	186	209	209		10,086	11,340	11,340	0
TOTAL CALIFORNIA	3,776,454	4,353,499			4,295,693	4,980,233	5,075,574	
CALIFORNIA ADJUSTED APPORTIONMENT CALCULATION								
California Basic Apportionment		4 400 000						
System Conservation Water Pilot System Conservation Program 2		(145)						
System Conservation Water - DVID Fallowing Program 3		(143)						
System Conservation water - PVID Failowing Program	4	(12,650)						
IID Creation of Extraordinary Conservation ICS - Stored in Lake Mead (Est	imated)	(1,579)						
MWD Creation of Extraordinary Conservation ICS (Estimated) ³	_	(32,127)						
Total State Adjusted Apportionment		4,353,499						
Excess to Total State Adjusted Apportionment		0						
Estimated Allowable Use for MWD		1,107,083						

¹ As shown here, IID's Approved Diversion and Estimated Use values reflect the maximum amount of Colorado River water available to IID in 2021.

² System Consevation Water to be conserved by the City of Needles pursuant to System Conservation Implementation Agreement No. 15-XX-30-W0596, executed under the Pilot System Conservation Program. This water will remain in Lake Mead to benefit system storage.

³The estimated amount of System Conservation Water that will be created pursuant to Funding Agreement No. 21-XX-30-W0714 (Funding Agreement). This System Conservation Water will remain in Lake Mead to benefit system storage. In accordance with the Funding Agreement, the Bureau of Reclamation intends to apply 50 percent this water towards the Secretary of the Interior's commitment to create or conserve 100,000 AF or more per annum of System Conservation Water pursuant to Section 3.b of the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan Agreement .

⁴ IID has been approved to create up to 62,000 AF of "Additional Conserved Water" in 2021 for purposes including, but not limited to, the creation of ICS. Due to limitations set forth in the California ICS Agreement, IID may currently only store up to 1,579 AF in its Lake Mead ICS Account. Should ID elect to use "Additional Conserved Water" to create and credit EC ICS to the ICS account of another California contractor through application of Section XI.G.3.B.8 of the 2007 Interim Guidelines, IID must first obtain written agreement of the contractor. The actual amount of "Additional Conserved Water" created by IID in 2021 will be based on final accounting and verification.

⁵ MWD has been approved to create up to 450,000 AF of EC ICS in 2021, less the amount of EC ICS created by IID, and further limited to the amount that, when added to the EC ICS created by the states of Arizona and Nevada, does not exceed 625,000 AF. The actual amount of EC ICS created by MWD will be based on final accounting and verification.





NOTE:

 Diversions and uses that are pending approval are noted in red italics.
Water users with a consumptive use entitlement - Excess to Estimated Use column indicates overrun/underrun of entitlement.

Dash in this column indicates water user has a diversion entitlement. • Water user with a diversion entitlement - Excess to Approved Diversion column indicates overrun/underrun of entitlement. Dash in

this column indicates water user has a consumptive use entitlement.

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NEVADA WATER USERS

FORECAST OF END OF YEAR CONSUMPTIVE USE

FORECAST BASED ON USE TO DATE AND APPROVED ANNUAL WATER ORDERS

Nevada Schedules and Approvals

Historic Use Records (Water Accounting Reports)

	Use To Date	Forecast Use	Estimated Use	Excess to Estimated Use	Diversion To Date	Forecast Diversion	Approved Diversion	Excess to Approved Diversion
WATER USER	CY 2021	CY 2021	CY 2021	CY 2021	CY 2021	CY 2021	CY 2021	CY 2021
ROBERT B. GRIFFITH WATER PROJECT (SNWS)	390,459	452,105	452,709	-604	390,224	451,870	452,709	-839
LAKE MEAD NRA, NV - Diversions from Lake Mead	476	712	1,500		476	712	1,500	-788
LAKE MEAD NRA, NV - Diversions from Lake Mohave	202	278	500		202	278	500	-222
BASIC MANAGEMENT INC.	4,579	6,118	8,208		4,579	6,118	8,208	-2,090
CITY OF HENDERSON (BMI DELIVERY)	8,945	12,616	15,878		8,945	12,616	15,878	-3,262
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE	10	12	12	0	864	1,101	1,000	
PACIFIC COAST BUILDING PRODUCTS INC.	782	942	928		782	942	928	14
BOULDER CANYON PROJECT	153	172	172		267	300	300	0
BIG BEND WATER DISTRICT	1,502	2,199	4,733		3,123	4,708	10,000	-5,292
FORT MOJAVE INDIAN TRIBE	2,526	2,833	4,020		3,772	4,230	6,000	-1,770
LAS VEGAS WASH RETURN FLOWS	-190,145	-231,628	-221,394					
TOTAL NEVADA	219,489	246,359	267,266	-604	413,234	482,875	497,023	-14,249
SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER SYSTEM (SNWS)	200,314	220,477				451,870		
ALL OTHERS	19,175	25,882				31,005		
NEVADA USES ABOVE HOOVER	215,461	241,327				473,937		
NEVADA USES BELOW HOOVER	4,028	5,032				8,938		
Tributary Conservation (TC) Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS)								
Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) Creation of TC ICS (Approved) ¹		43,000						
NEVADA ADJUSTED APPORTIONMENT CALCULATION								
Nevada Basic Apportionment		300,000						
SNWA Creation of Extraordinary Conservation (EC) ICS (Estimated) ²		(53,641)						
Total State Adjusted Apportionment		246,359						
Excess to Total State Adjusted Apportionment		0						

¹ SNWA has been approved to create up to 43,000 AF of TC ICS in 2021. The actual amount of TC ICS created by SNWA will be based on final accounting and verification. ² SNWA has been approved to create up to 100,000 AF of EC ICS in 2021. The actual amount of EC ICS created by SNWA will be based on final accounting and verification. The total amount accumulated in Nevada's ICS accounts will be limited in accordance with Section IV.C. of the *Lower Basin Drought Contingency Operations*.





NOTES: Click on Nevada Schedules and Approvals above for incoming diversion schedules and approvals.

Upper Colorado Region Water Resources Group

River Basin Tea-Cup Diagrams

Data Current as of: 10/17/2021

Upper Colorado River Drainage Basin



Lower Colorado River Teacup Diagram



NOAA National Weather Service Monthly Precipitation Map August and September 2021

Monthly Precipitation - September 2021 Averaged by Basin

Prepared by NOAA, Colorado Basin River Forecast Center Salt Lake City, Utah, www.cbrfc.noaa.gov

Water Year Precipitation, October 2020 - September 2021

Prepared by NOAA, Colorado Basin River Forecast Center Salt Lake City, Utah, www.cbrfc.noaa.gov

U.S. Drought Monitor West

October 19, 2021

(Released Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021) Valid 8 a.m. EDT

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)						
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4	
Current	2.40	97.60	91.86	80.42	58.32	20.21	
Last Week 10-12-2021	2.55	97.45	91.86	80.50	57.66	21.21	
3 Month s Ago 07-20-2021	0.88	99.12	95.25	85.75	65.42	28.03	
Start of Calendar Year 12-29-2020	13.52	86.48	75.49	<mark>63.25</mark>	4 5.40	23.76	
Start of Water Year 09-28-2021	1.32	98.68	93.35	81.07	58.72	21.77	
One Year Ago	8.06	91.94	74.54	53.77	38.41	5.04	

Intensity:

D2 Severe Drought D3 Extreme Drought D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx

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October 2021 24-Month Study Projections Lake Powell and Lake Mead: End of Month Elevation Charts

Explanation of Hydrologic Scenarios

In addition to the October 2021 24-Month Study based on the Most Probable inflow scenario, Reclamation has conducted model runs in October to determine a possible range of reservoir elevations under Probable Minimum and Probable Maximum inflow scenarios. The Probable Minimum inflow scenario reflects a dry hydrologic condition which statistically would be exceeded 90% of the time. The Most Probable inflow scenario reflects a median hydrologic condition which statistically would be exceeded 50% of the time. The Probable Maximum inflow scenario reflects a wet hydrologic condition which statistically would be exceeded 50% of the time. The Probable Maximum inflow scenario reflects a wet hydrologic condition which statistically would be exceeded 10% of the time. The Probable Maximum inflow scenario reflects a wet hydrologic condition which statistically would be exceeded 10% of the time. There is approximately an 80% probability that a future elevation will fall inside the range of the minimum and maximum inflow scenarios. Additionally, there are possible inflow scenarios that would results in reservoir elevations falling outside the ranges indicated in these reports.

Consistent with the Upper Basin DROA provisions to protect a target elevation at Lake Powell of 3,525 feet, these October 2021 24-Month scenarios include releases from the upstream initial units of the Colorado River Storage Project Act to deliver an additional 181 thousand acre-feet (kaf) to Lake Powell by the end of December 2021 and is included in all three model runs described above. The additional releases began in July and will continue to be implemented on the following schedule:

	Jul (kaf)	Aug (kaf)	Sep (kaf)	Oct (kaf)	Nov (kaf)	Dec (kaf)	Total (kaf)
Flaming Gorge Reservoir	13	42	43	27	0	0	125
Blue Mesa Reservoir	0	14	18	4	0	0	36
Navajo Reservoir	0	0	0	0	10	10	20
Total	13	56	61	31	10	10	181

Upper Basin Drought Response Operations Releases

The releases detailed above are in addition to the already established releases determined by operational plans for each of the identified facilities. The additional delivery of 181 kaf is equivalent to Lake Powell's elevation of approximately three feet.

October 2021 Probable Minimum 24-Month Study¹

The water year 2022 unregulated inflow in the Probable Minimum inflow scenario is 4.00 million acre-feet (maf), or 42% of average. Consistent with the Interim Guidelines, the October Probable Minimum 24-Month Study includes a release volume from Glen Canyon Dam of 7.48 maf in water year 2022 and 7.00 maf in water year 2023. Under the probable minimum scenario, Lake Powell's elevation is projected to be 3,482.53 feet on December 31, 2022. With intervening flows between Lake Powell and Lake Mead of 0.764 maf in calendar year 2022, Lake Mead's elevation is projected to be 1,047.86 feet on December 31, 2022.

October 2021 Most Probable 24-Month Study¹

The water year 2022 unregulated inflow into Lake Powell in the August Most Probable inflow scenario is 7.40 maf, or 77% of average. Consistent with the Interim Guidelines, the October Probable Minimum 24-Month Study includes a release volume from Glen Canyon Dam of 7.48 maf in water year 2022 and 7.82 maf in water year 2023. Under the most probable scenario, Lake Powell's elevation is projected to be 3,528.08 feet on December 31, 2022. With intervening flows between Lake Powell and Lake Mead of 0.875 maf in calendar year 2022, Lake Mead's elevation is projected to be 1,050.63 feet on December 31, 2022.

October 2021 Probable Maximum 24-Month Study¹

The water year 2022 unregulated inflow in the Probable Maximum inflow scenario is 15.60 maf, or 162% of average. Consistent with the Interim Guidelines, the October Probable Minimum 24-Month Study includes a release volume from Glen Canyon Dam of 7.48 maf in water year 2022 and 9.00 maf in water year 2023. Under the probable maximum scenario, Lake Powell's elevation is projected to be 3,608.84 feet on December 31, 2022. With intervening flows between Lake Powell and Lake Mead of 0.994 maf in calendar year 2022, Lake Mead's elevation is projected to be 1,061.17 feet on December 31, 2022.

The 2021 AOP is available online at: The Draft 2022 AOP is available online at: The Interim Guidelines are available online at: The Colorado River DCPs are available online at: The Upper Basin Hydrology Summary is available online at: https://www.usbr.gov/uc/water/rsvrs/ops/aop/AOP21.pdf. https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/AOP2022/2022%20AOP_2021-08-26_Consultation-3.pdf. https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/strategies/RecordofDecision.pdf. https://www.usbr.gov/dcp/finaldocs.html. https://www.usbr.gov/uc/water/crsp/studies/24Month_10_ucb.pdf.

¹ This October 2021 24-Month Study includes the Colorado Basin River Forecast Center shift to the 1991-2020 period of record. All statistics shown in the study refer to this new 30-year period of record.

From Oct	ober 1,	2020 to Septemb	oer 30, 20)21
	Precip	itation in inches		
			Average	Percent of
Station	Sept	Oct 1 to Sept 30	to Date	Average
San Luis Obispo	0.00	8.32	22.44	37%
Santa Barbara	0.00	5.96	17.78	34%
Los Angeles	0.01	6.07	15.31	40%
San Diego	0.50	5.12	10.15	50%
Blythe	0.03	1.18	3.81	31%
Imperial	0.00	0.00	2.83	0%

		2020 Sto	orage	2021 Storage		
		(acre-t	eet) % of	(acre-te	eet) % of	
Reservoir	Capacity	Oct 1	Cap.	Oct 1	Cap.	
Frenchman	55,475	36,225	65%	26,914	49%	
Lake Davis	84,371	53,906	64%	40,698	48%	
Antelope Oroville	22,564 3,553,405	16,406 1,626,252	73% 46%	13,685 787.633	61% 22%	
TOTAL North	3,715,815	1,732,789	47%	868,930	23%	
Del Valle San Luis	39,914 2,027,835	32,457 972,963	81% 48%	37,072 246,750	93% 12%	
Pyramid	169,901	167,179	98 %	165,270	97%	
Castaic	319,247	290,850	91 %	90,108	28%	
Silverwood	74,970	69,960	93%	68,011	91%	
Perris	132,614	123,102	93%	110,160	83%	
TOTAL South	2,764,481	1,656,511	60%	717,371	26%	

