

Colorado River Board of California

Board Meeting—January 9, 2019



Public Comment



Administration

- Consideration & Approval of Meeting Minutes, December 12, 2018 (ACTION)



Colorado River Basin Water Report



January 9, 2019



Reservoir Storage

<u>Reservoir</u>	<u>MAF</u>	<u>Elev. In Feet</u>	<u>% of Capacity</u>
Lake Powell	9.97	3,580.33	41
Lake Mead	10.20	1,082.21	39
Total Sys. Storage	26.99 MAF		45
Sys. Storage Last Yr.	31.99 MAF		54

(As of January 7, 2019)



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Precipitation

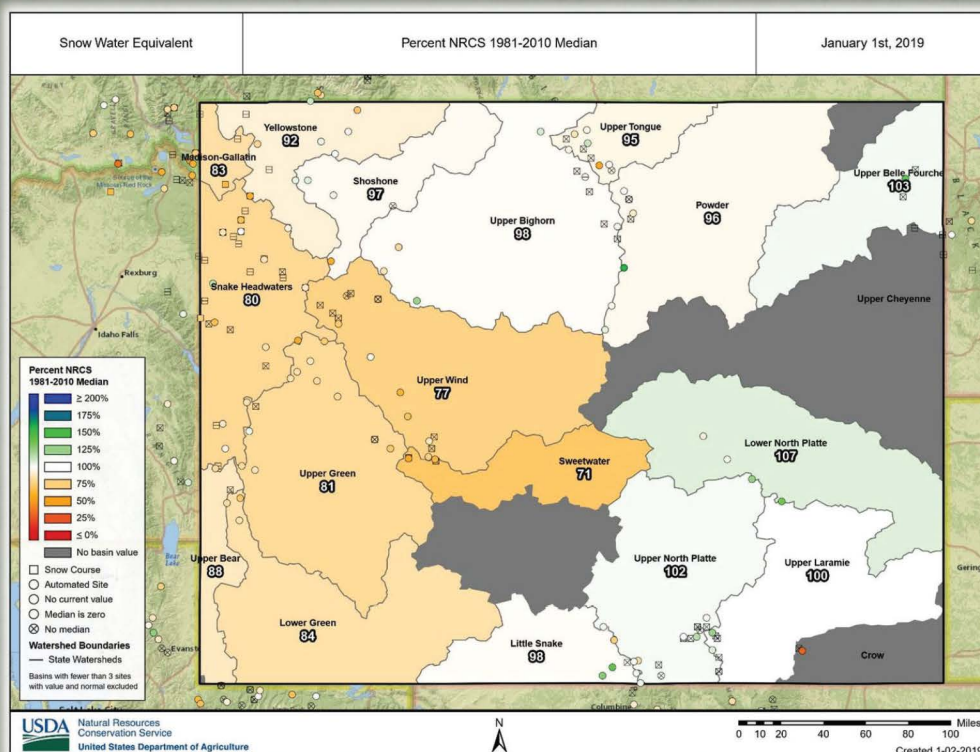
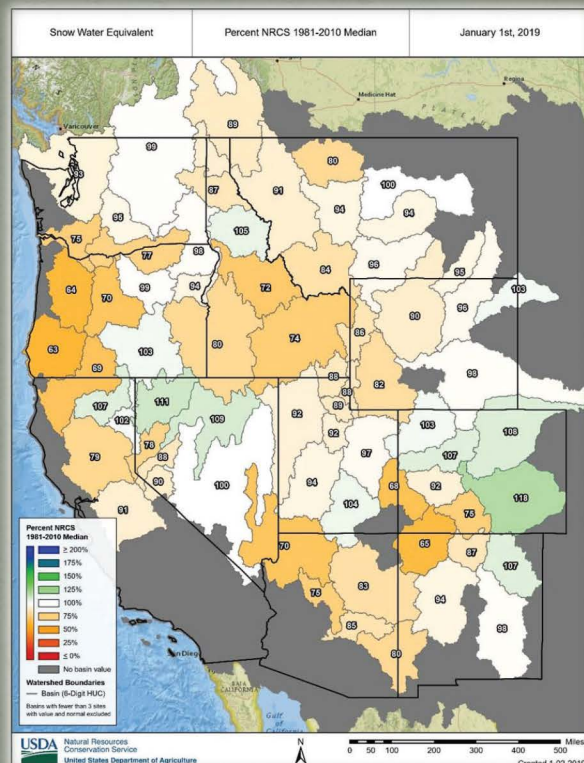
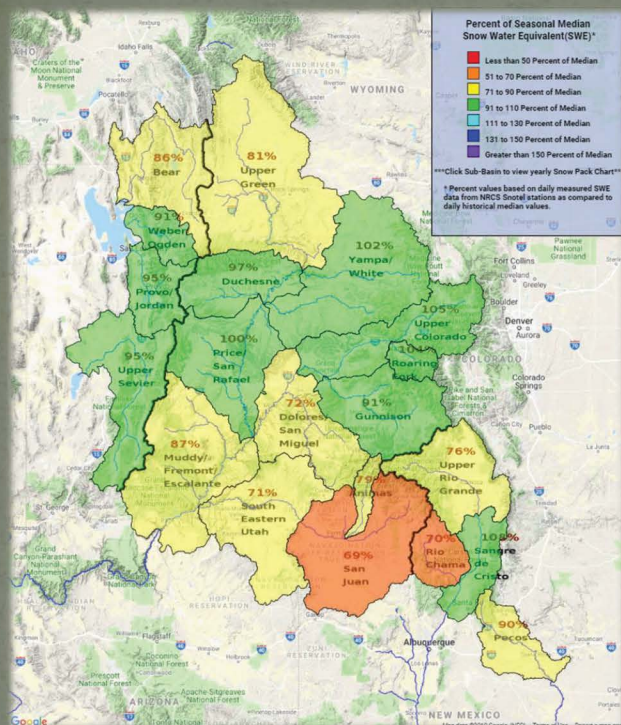
- Forecasted WY-2019 Lake Powell inflow = 6.98 MAF (64% of normal)
- Forecasted April – July 2019 = 4.55 MAF (64% of normal)
- December Observed Inflow= 0.23 MAF (63% of normal)
- January Inflow Forecast = 0.24 MAF (65% of normal)
- WY-2019 precipitation to date= 95%
- Current Basin Snowpack = 87%

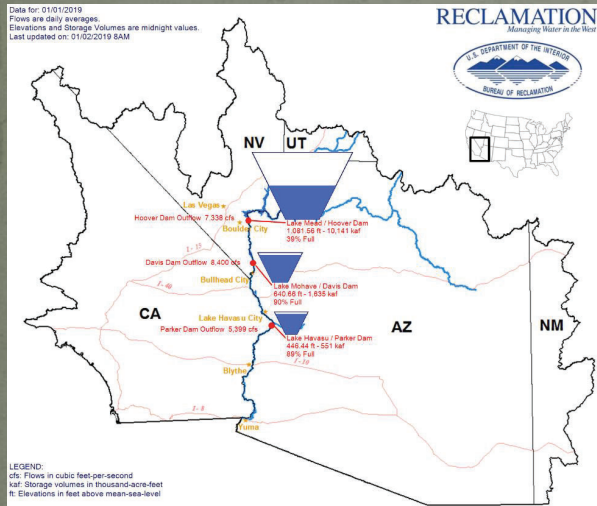
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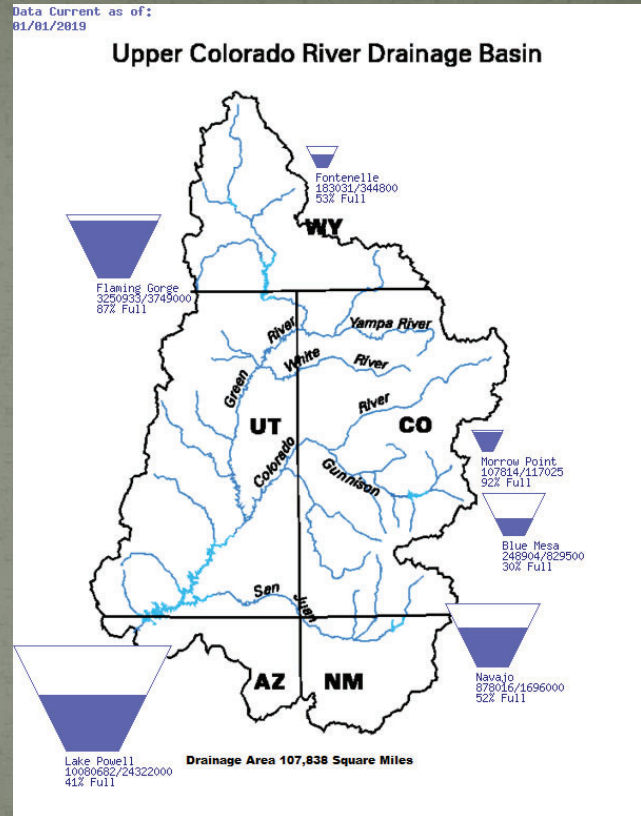
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Regulatory Storage and Excess Flows

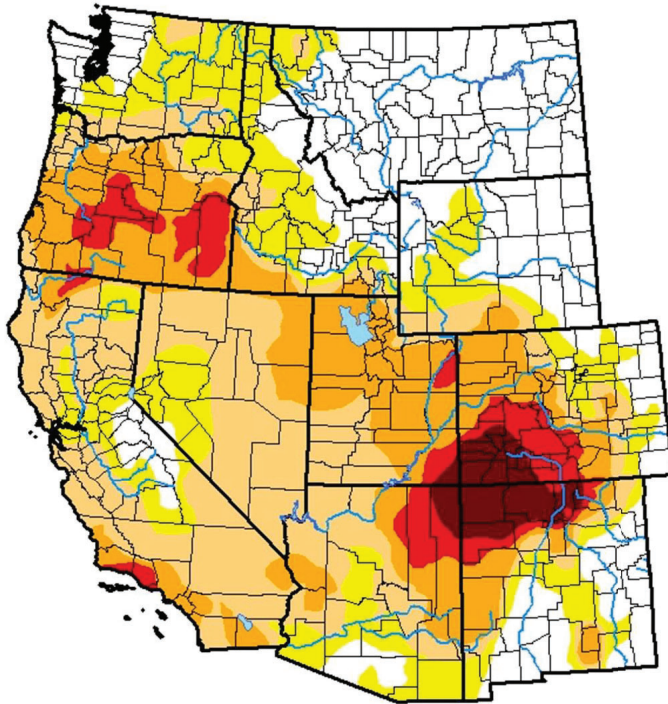
- Brock Reservoir:**
 Storage: 1,635 AF (through 1/3/19)
 Storage: 159,835 AF (2018 Preliminary Observed Value)
- Senator Wash:**
 Storage: 1,823 AF (through 1/3/19)
 Storage: 76,066 AF (2018 Preliminary Observed Value)
- Excess Flows to Mexico:**
 304 AF (through 1/7/19)
 7,035 AF (2018 Preliminary Observed Value)
- Bypassed to Cienega:** 102,089 AF through January 2nd

(Calendar Year data)



U.S. Drought Monitor West

January 1, 2019
(Released Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	28.03	71.97	53.25	27.22	8.35	2.88
Last Week 12-25-2018	25.32	74.68	54.37	27.84	8.48	2.92
3 Months Ago 10-02-2018	14.15	85.85	59.29	38.88	17.58	4.36
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2019	28.03	71.97	53.25	27.22	8.35	2.88
Start of Water Year 09-25-2018	13.91	86.09	59.57	39.68	18.15	4.36
One Year Ago 01-02-2018	48.76	51.24	29.03	8.60	1.52	0.00

Intensity:

D0 Abnormally Dry D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought D4 Exceptional Drought
D2 Severe Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

2019 Annual Operating Plan

- Final Draft 2019 AOP has still not been approved in Secretary's Office
- Posted on USBR webpages; and
- Proposed 2019 Operations—
 - Upper Elevation Balancing Tier governs Powell operations
 - ICS Surplus Condition will govern Mead releases; and
 - Volume of 1.5 MAF will be available to be scheduled for release to Mexico.

RECLAMATION Managing Water in the West

DRAFT Annual Operating Plan for Colorado River Reservoirs 2019



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State & Local Agency Water Reports

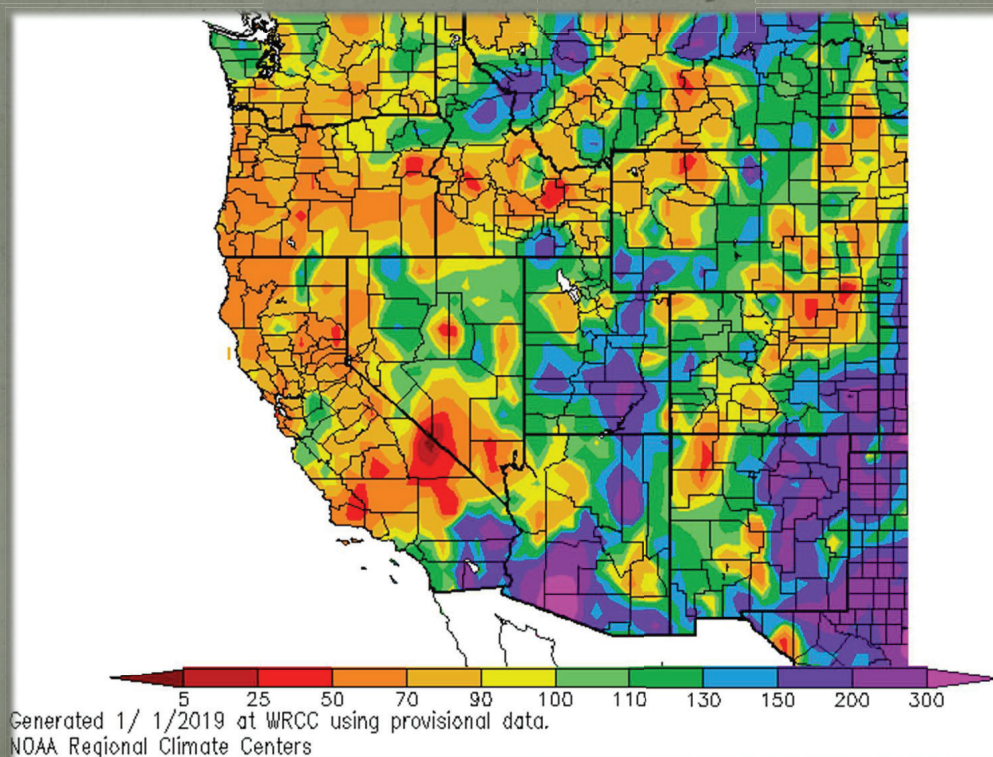


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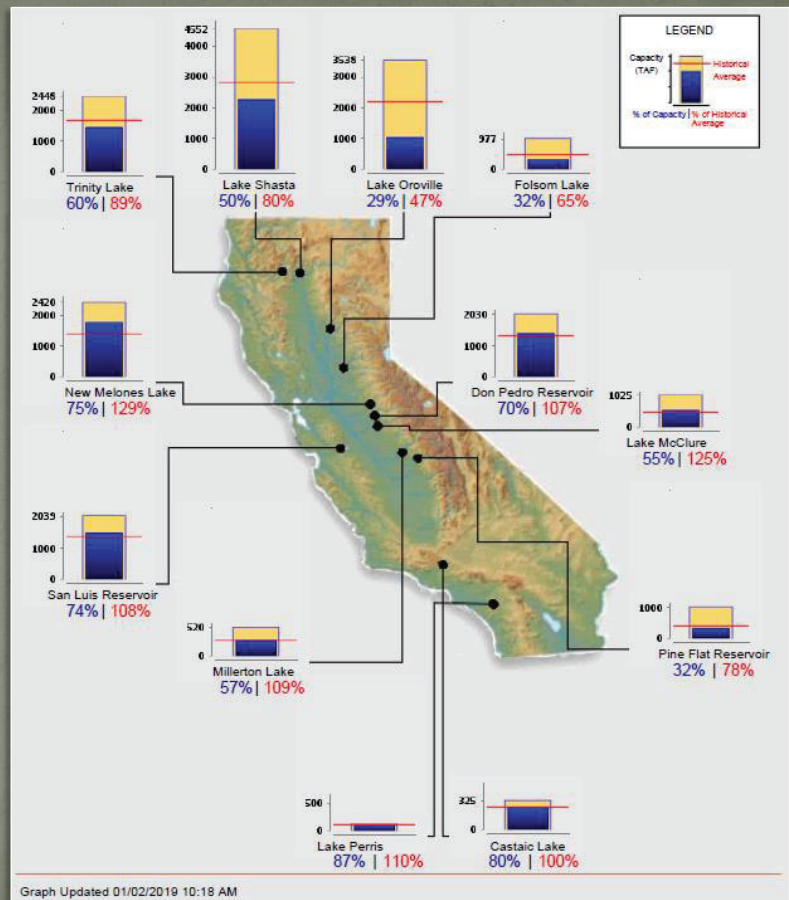


Percent of Average Precipitation (%)

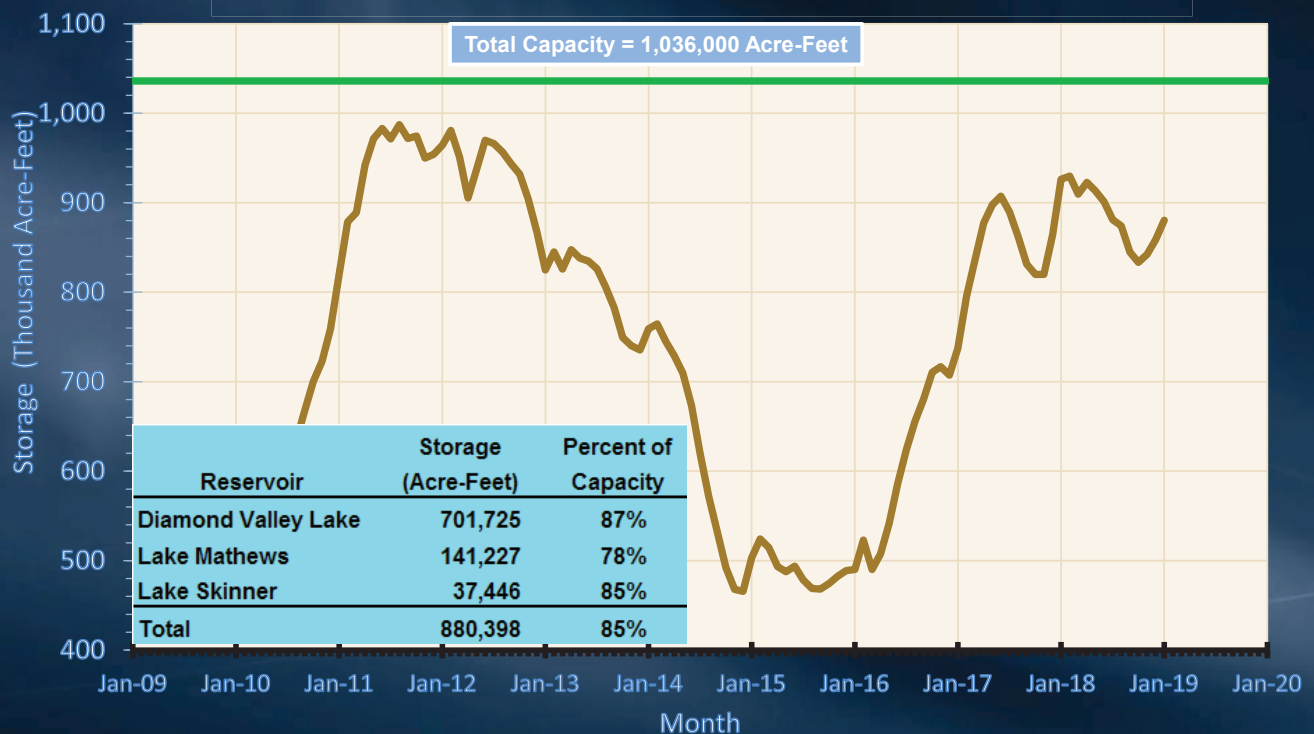
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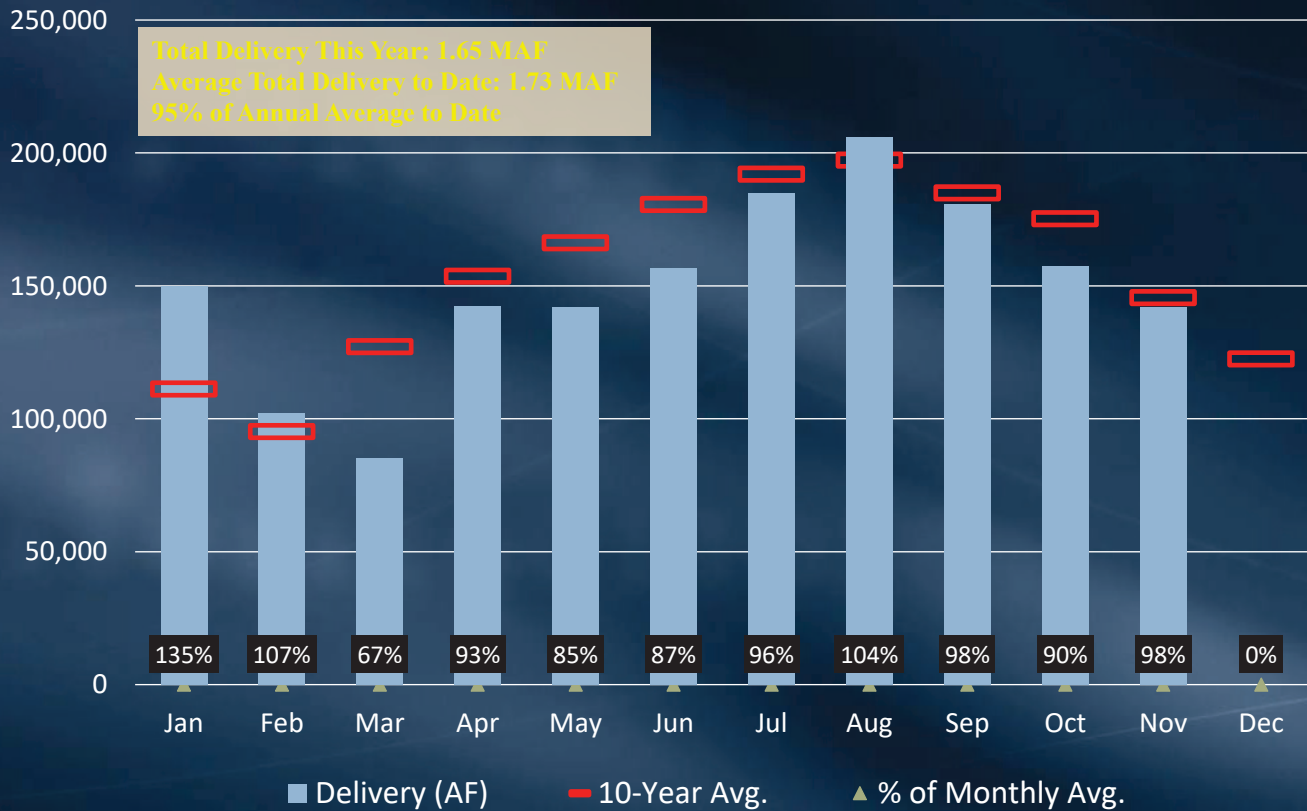
Current Reservoir Conditions January 2, 2019



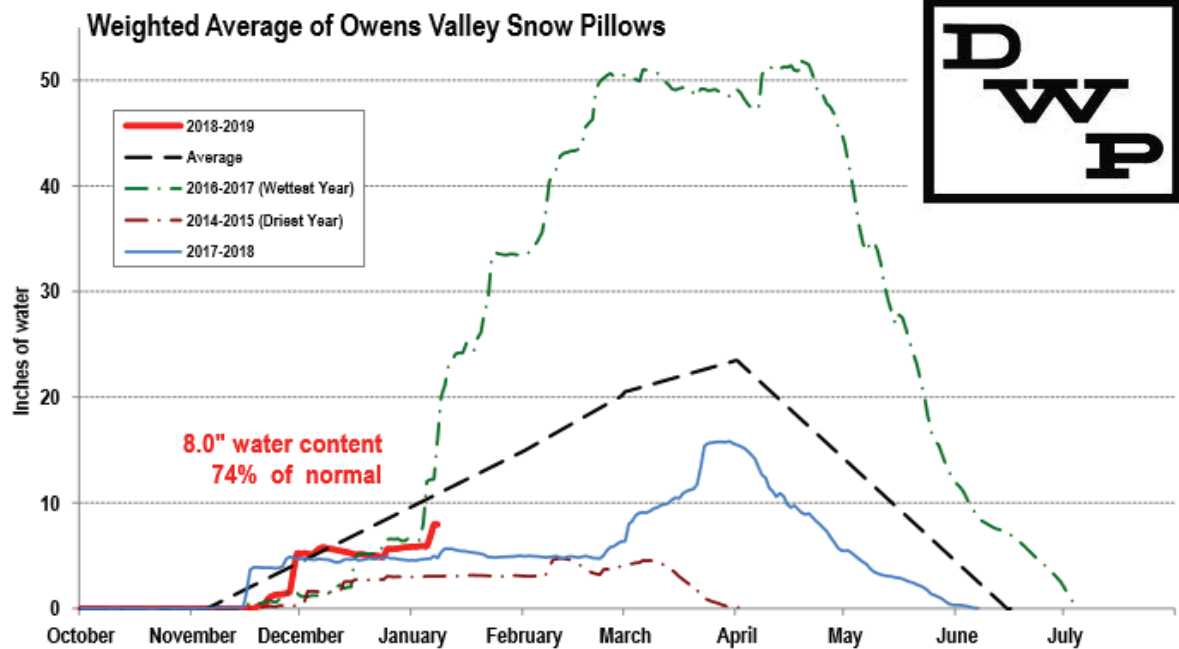
MWD's Combined Reservoir Storage as of January 1, 2019 Lake Skinner, Lake Mathews, and Diamond Valley Lake



2018 Water Deliveries to Agencies (AF)



EASTERN SIERRA CURRENT PRECIPITATION CONDITIONS January 8, 2019



Status of Programs & Activities



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Drought Contingency Planning

- Agencies in Arizona, California and Nevada in various stages of seeking approvals for the LB DCP package;
- Agreements being considered include:
 - Seven States/U.S. Companion Agreement;
 - LB DCP Agreement and its operational elements;
 - Intrastate and interagency DCP contribution agreements;
 - Interstate ICS-Sharing Agreement;
 - Amended California ICS Agreement; and
 - New ICS Exhibits to the 2007 Forbearance Agreement
- It is expected that individual agency approvals processes for the LB DCP package of agreements should be completed by early-2019.



Drought Contingency Planning

- In late-December 2018, ADWR and CAWCD released a series of agreements and draft ICS exhibits for public review and comment
- The draft intrastate agreement and proposed ICS exhibits are intended to help provide a path forward for Arizona's participation in the LC DCP;
- The Draft Arizona Framework Agreement is between the U.S. and Arizona and CAWCD, and describes the terms and conditions for creation of ICS within Arizona that can be utilized to help meet its DCP contribution obligations pursuant to the LB DCP;
- The proposed Arizona ICS exhibits include exhibits from CAWCD, CRIT, GRIC, MVIDD and WMIDD
- Documents can be accessed on ADWR's webpage



Drought Contingency Planning

- Reclamation currently working with contractors who are developing proposed new ICS exhibits to the 2007 Forbearance Agreement;
- California contractors submitting new ICS exhibits include CVWD, IID and MWD;
- SNWA has also submitted a new exhibit;
- Reclamation and the LB states will meet to review and discuss all of the submitted new ICS exhibits;
- It is expected that final approvals can be sought and obtained for the new ICS exhibits in February 2019; and
- Approvals will be needed from all of the signatories to 2007 Forbearance Agreement.



Salinity Control Program

- Paradox Valley Unit EIS Schedule pushed out by three to six months to provide additional information regarding Visual Resources, Cultural Resources and Air Quality —
 - Draft EIS in winter of 2019/2020
 - Final EIS in summer of 2020
 - Record of Decision in summer/fall of 2020
- Work Group to meet on February 20-22, 2019, in Phoenix, Arizona;
- Forum and Advisory Council to meet in spring 2019 in Denver, Colorado for 100th meeting of the Forum.



Minute No. 323 Implementation

- The Environmental Work Group will meet January 23-24 in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico;
- The group will discuss its proposed 2019 plans for restoration, monitoring, and water delivery.



Upcoming GCD AMP & LCR MSCP Meetings

- Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program
 - Annual Reporting Meeting and Technical Work Group Meeting will be held February 12-14 in Phoenix, AZ
 - Adaptive Management Work Group to meet March 6-7
- Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program
 - Colorado River Terrestrial and Riparian research meeting will be held January 29-31 in Laughlin, NV
 - Financial Work Group will meet via teleconference on February 21st



Announcements



Washington D.C. Updates

■ Government Shut-Down—

- With adjournment of the 115th Congress and the commencement of the 116th Congress on Thursday, January 3rd, the federal government remains in a partial shutdown
- The House has proposed two separate bills - one to reopen eight departments including the EPA and the Department of the Interior through September 2019, another to reopen the Department of Homeland Security through February 8th;
- The Administration has not signaled support for either proposal without border wall funding;



Washington D.C. Updates (cont.)

■ 116th Congressional Leadership

- California Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi was elected to be Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- California Congressman Kevin McCarthy will assume his new role as House Minority Leader;
- Senator Mitch McConnell will continue his tenure as Majority Leader in the Senate, as will Senator Chuck Schumer as minority leader;
- Energy, infrastructure and climate issues are expected to be a focus in the House this Congress.



Washington D.C. Updates (cont.)

116th Congress Committee Assignments

U.S. Senate:

Agriculture:

Chairman: Sen. Pat Roberts (R-KS)

Ranking Member: Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)

Appropriations:

Chairman: Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL)

Ranking Member: Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT)

Energy and Natural Resources:

Chairwoman: Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

Ranking Member: Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV)

U.S. House of Representatives

Agriculture:

Chairman: Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN)

Ranking Member: Rep. Mike Conaway (R-TX)

Appropriations:

Chairwoman: Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY)

Ranking Member: Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX)

Natural Resources:

Chairman: Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ)

Ranking Member: Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT)



Washington D.C. Updates (cont.)

■ Secretary of the Interior Resignation—

- Ryan Zinke resigned at the end of the year, and Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt is the Acting Secretary of the Interior; and
- Replacements could include Acting Secretary Bernhardt, former Nevada Senator Dean Heller, former California Congressman Jeff Denham or others.



NEXT BOARD MEETING

February 13, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Sheraton Ontario
Airport Hotel
Ontario, California

