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September 28, 2012

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COLORADO RIVER BOARD**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to the call of the Chairperson, Dana B. Fisher, Jr., by the undersigned, the Acting Executive Director of the Colorado River Board of California, that a regular meeting of the Board Members is to be held as follows:

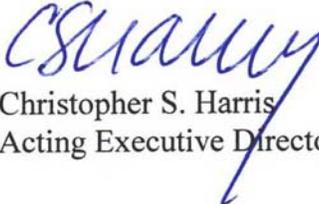
Date: October 10, 2012, Wednesday
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Vineyard Room Holiday Inn Ontario Airport 2155 East Convention Center Way Ontario, CA 91764-4452 TEL: (909) 212-8000, FAX: (909) 418-6703

The Colorado River Board of California welcomes any comments from members of the public pertaining to items included on this agenda and related topics. Oral comments can be provided at the beginning of each Board meeting; while written comments may be sent to Mr. Dana B. Fisher, Jr., Chairperson, Colorado River Board of California, 770 Fairmont Avenue, Suite 100, Glendale, California, 91203-1068.

An Executive Session may be held in accordance with provisions of Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code and in accordance with Sections 12516 and 12519 of the Water Code to discuss matters concerning interstate claims to the use of Colorado River System waters in judicial proceedings, administrative proceedings, and/or negotiations with representatives from other states or the federal government.

Requests for additional information may be directed to: Christopher S. Harris, Acting Executive Director, Colorado River Board of California, 770 Fairmont Avenue, Suite 100, Glendale, CA 91203-1068, or 818-500-1625. A copy of this Notice and Agenda may be found on the Colorado River Board's web page at [www.crb.ca.gov](http://www.crb.ca.gov).

A copy of the meeting agenda, showing the matters to be considered and transacted, is attached.

  
Christopher S. Harris  
Acting Executive Director

attachment: Agenda

Regular Meeting  
COLORADO RIVER BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
October 10, 2012, Wednesday  
10:00 a.m.

Vineyard Room  
Holiday Inn Ontario Airport  
2155 East Convention Center Way  
Ontario, CA 91764-4452

**A G E N D A**

At the discretion of the Board, all items appearing on this agenda, whether or not expressly listed for action, may be deliberated upon and may be subject to action by the Board. Items may not necessarily be taken up in the order shown.

1. Call to Order
2. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board (Limited to 5 minutes)  
As required by Government Code, Section 54954.3(a)
3. Administration
  - a. Minutes of the Meeting Held August 15, 2012, Consideration and Approval (**Action**)
  - b. Minutes of the Teleconference Special Meeting Held September 4, 2012,  
Consideration and Approval (**Action**)
4. Agency Managers Meetings
5. Protection of Existing Rights
  - a. Colorado River Water Report  
Report on current reservoir storage, reservoir releases, projected water use, forecasted river flows, scheduled deliveries to Mexico, and salinity
  - b. State and Local Water Reports  
Reports on current water supply and use conditions
  - c. Colorado River Operations
    - Reclamation's Appointment of Dr. Terry Fulp as Lower Colorado Regional Director
    - Final Accounting of the Southern Nevada Water Authority Interstate Account for Calendar Year 2011
    - Meetings with Reclamation Commissioner Michael Connor at the 2012 National Water Resources Association Annual Conference, San Diego, California
    - Final Consultation on the 2013 Annual Operating Plan
    - Status of the Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study Report
    - Status of Reclamation's Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy and Procedures
  - d. Basin States Discussions
    - Status of U.S./Mexico Binational Discussions

## Agenda (continued)

- e. Colorado River Environmental Issues
  - Status of Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan (LTEMP) EIS Process

### 6. Executive Session

An Executive Session may be held by the Board pursuant to provisions of Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code and Sections 12516 and 12519 of the Water Code to discuss matters concerning interstate claims to the use of Colorado River system waters in judicial proceedings, administrative proceedings, and/or negotiations with representatives from other states or the federal government.

### 7. Other Business

- a. Next Board Meeting: Regular Meeting  
November 14, 2012, Wednesday, starting 10:00 a.m.  
Holiday Inn Ontario Airport  
2155 East Convention Center Way  
Ontario, CA 91764-4452  
TEL: (909) 212-8000, FAX: (909) 418-6703

3.a - Approval August 15, 2012, Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
COLORADO RIVER BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
Wednesday, August 15, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Colorado River Board of California (Board) was held in the Vineyard Room, at the Holiday Inn Ontario Airport, at 2155 E. Convention Center Way, Ontario, California, Wednesday, August 15, 2012.

Board Members and Alternate Present

Dana B. Fisher, Jr., Chairman  
John V. Foley  
W. D. 'Bill' Knutson  
David R. Pettijohn

John Palmer Powell, Jr.  
  
Jeanine Jones, Designee  
Department of Water Resources

Board Members and Alternate Absent

Terese Maria Ghio  
James Cleo Hanks  
Henry Merle Kuiper  
James B. McDaniel

John Pierre Menvielle  
  
Christopher G. Hayes, Designee  
Department of Fish and Game

Others Present

Autumn Ashurst  
Steven B. Abbott  
James H. Bond  
James M. Barrett  
John P. Carter  
J.C. Jay Chen  
Dan Denham  
Mitch Dion  
Leslie M. Gallagher  
William J. Hasencamp  
Lindia Y. Liu  
Jan P. Matusak

Carrie Oliphant  
Glen Peterson  
Tom J. Ryan  
Jack Seiler  
Ed W. Smith  
Joanna Smith  
Catherine M. Stites  
Gary E. Tavetian  
Joseph A. Vanderhorst  
Mark Van Vlack  
Bill D. Wright  
Gerald R. Zimmerman

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Fisher announced the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Chairman Fisher asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to address the Board on items on the agenda or matters related to the Board. Hearing none, Chairman Fisher moved to the next agenda item.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### Approval of Minutes

Chairman Fisher requested the approval of the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Mr. Knutson requested that a correction be made to the attendance list (Mr. John Pierre Menville's name was missing from the absent list). Ms. Jeanine Jones moved that the June 13<sup>th</sup> minutes be approved with the correction to the absent list. Mr. Foley seconded the motion. Unanimously carried, the Board approved the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

### Closed Executive Session

Chairman Fisher informed the audience that the Board would be moving into Closed Executive Session. The Board entered into Closed Executive Session at 10:10 a.m.

### Board Meeting Reconvened

Chairman Fisher reconvened the Board meeting into open session at 10:22 a.m. Chairman Fisher reported that pursuant to Section 11126(a)(1) of Government Code, the Board selected Ms. Tanya Trujillo as Executive Director by Board's choice and recommended her to the Governor's office for appointment. Chairman Fisher thanked the search committee and congratulated them on their 18-month search. Board staff is directed to submit necessary documentation to the Department of Personnel Services (DPS) to accomplish this process. Chairman Fisher requested a motion for approval of the selection of Ms. Trujillo as Executive Director and directed staff to submit documentation to DPS to accomplish the appointment process. Upon the motion of Mr. Knutson, seconded by Mr. Foley, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the selection of Ms. Tanya Trujillo as Executive Director, and directed staff to recommend her to the Governor's office for appointment, and submit the necessary documents to accomplish the appointment process.

## **AGENCY MANAGERS' MEETING**

Mr. Zimmerman requested that the Agency Managers meet following the conclusion of the Colorado River Authority meeting in preparation for the Basin States meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Zimmerman reported that the Basin States are interested in the current status of the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) and have some questions about the ability of California to meet the 2012 benchmark contained in the 2007 Guidelines.

## PROTECTION OF EXISTING RIGHTS

### Colorado River Water Report

Mr. Zimmerman reported that precipitation within the Basin from October 1, 2011 to August 13<sup>th</sup>, was 79 percent of normal (ten percent greater than last month's 69 percent of normal). This is still well below normal and most of the precipitation won't be reaching the river and simply contributes to soil moisture content. The snowpack in the headwaters regions has largely melted. The projected April through July unregulated inflow into Lake Powell was 2.06 maf, or 29 percent of normal. The projected water year inflow (October 1<sup>st</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>) was 5.15 maf, or 48 percent of normal.

Mr. Zimmerman reported that June was a very dry month with precipitation throughout most of the Basin at less than 50 percent of normal, where July was greater than normal, with some of the desert regions of Arizona and Utah at above 150 percent of normal.

Mr. Zimmerman reported that as of August 12<sup>th</sup>, Lake Powell storage was about 14.46 million acre-feet (maf), or 59 percent of capacity. The water surface elevation of Lake Powell was 3,626.5 feet above sea level. Lake Mead storage was 13.24 maf, or 51 percent of capacity, and a water elevation of 1,116.3 feet above sea level. Total System storage was 35.07 maf, or 59 percent of capacity. Last year at this time, the total System storage was 39.27 maf, or 66 percent of capacity.

Mr. Zimmerman added that Reclamation's projected consumptive use (CU) for the State of Nevada is under its entitlement of 300,000 acre-feet (i.e., 269,000 acre-feet); for Arizona, the CU is projected to be slightly over its basic entitlement of 2.8 maf (i.e., 2.823 maf); and, for California, the CU is also projected to be slightly over its basic apportionment of 4.4 maf (i.e., 4.49 maf). Currently, the total projected CU in the Lower Basin is expected to be about 7.511 maf.

### State and Local Water Reports

Ms. Jeanine Jones, of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), reported that California's summer weather is typically hot and dry with little rain, however, in the desert regions of California, thunderstorm monsoonal events in July have practically doubled the annual rainfall total, causing localized flooding in some areas of Imperial County.

Ms. Jones reported that as of August 2012, most of the reservoirs of the State Water Project are up except that the San Luis reservoir was about 45 percent of capacity. State Water Project storage north of the Delta is about 72 percent of average, and south of the Delta, storage is about 62 percent of average. The Table A allocation is currently 65 percent of entitlements.

Ms. Jones discussed a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) map depicting pasture and range land drought classifications, indicating that 95 percent of California was classified as either poor or very poor in terms of drought conditions. Ms. Jones reported that an additional slide didn't make it into the final presentation that showed the latest USDA Drought Disaster Designations listing all but five counties in California that have become

eligible for drought disaster assistance. If the current trend continues, the five counties not designated (Sacramento, Yolo, Solano, Napa, and Lake) may end up being included in the next round of updates.

Mr. Foley, of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), reported that as of August 1<sup>st</sup>, storage in the main southern California reservoirs was about 956,600 acre-feet, or 92 percent of capacity. Diamond Valley Lake was about 770,600 acre-feet, or 95 percent of capacity. Lake Mathews was about 148,300 acre-feet, or 81 percent of capacity. Lake Skinner was 37,700 acre-feet, or 86 percent of capacity. Total water delivery through the end of June was less than the ten year average by about 17 percent. Integrated water management, system efficiencies and conservation measures have decreased the consumptive use of the member agencies.

Mr. Pettijohn, of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, reported that the 2012 water year is essentially over for the Eastern Sierra and water deliveries from the LA Aqueduct are below average. The precipitation from the Eastern Sierras varies from year to year. Last year was a wet year in the Eastern Sierras and little if any supplemental water was needed. However, this year, water deliveries for the city are scheduled to be met with supplemental water supplies purchased from MWD.

### Colorado River Operations

#### *Draft 2013 Annual Operating Plan for the Colorado River*

Mr. Zimmerman reported that the current draft of the 2013 Annual Operating Plan (2013 AOP) was held via webinar on July 26<sup>th</sup>. The 2013 AOP includes the following Secretarial determinations:

- The “Upper Level Balancing Tier” will govern releases from Lake Powell and total releases from Glen Canyon Dam are to be at least 8.23 maf;
- Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) Condition will govern releases from Lake Mead and ICS may be created and delivered in 2013;
- No unused apportionment is anticipated;
- The Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy will be in effect during 2013;
- The Draft 2013 AOP is available on Reclamation’s Upper and Lower Colorado Regions’ webpage: [http://www.usbr.gov/uc/water/rsvrs/ops/aop/AOP13\\_draft.pdf](http://www.usbr.gov/uc/water/rsvrs/ops/aop/AOP13_draft.pdf); and
- The Final 2013 AOP consultation is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas, Nevada.

#### *Status of the Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study Report*

Mr. Zimmerman reported that the Project Team members and Consultants met in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 26-27, 2012 to refine and finalize the Options Characterizations and development of portfolios. The Consultants plan to move on to modeling of proposed portfolios. On August 16<sup>th</sup> the Options and Strategies Workgroup is scheduled to meet via conference call. The Project Team and Consultants are scheduled to meet on August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in Las Vegas at the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) offices to continue their work on finalizing the options characterizations. A final draft of the Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study Report is expected to be published in September 2012.

Mr. Zimmerman reported that the final report is expected to be similar to Interim Report No. 1, including: Technical Reports A through G; a summary report encompassing the technical reports; an Executive Summary; Technical Report E – Approach to Develop and Evaluate Opportunities to Balance Supply and Demand; Technical Report F – Development of Options and Strategies; and Technical Report G – System Reliability Analysis and Evaluations of Options and Strategies.

*2013 Plans for Creation of Intentionally Created Surplus for Imperial Irrigation District, Metropolitan Water District, and Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA)*

Mr. Zimmerman reported that the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) has proposed to create up to 25,000 acre-feet of ICS from its on-farm fallowing program and/or Main Canal Seepage Interception System, subject to transfer obligations and 2011 Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy (IOPP). MWD proposes to create up to 200,000 acre-feet by (1) the forbearance and fallowing program with the Palo Verde Irrigation District, (2) its water conservation program with IID, (3) its desalination program, and (4) from the Lower Colorado Water Supply Project (LCWSP). Mr. Zimmerman reported that the SNWA proposes to create up to 46,000 acre-feet from three sources: Coyote Springs groundwater; Muddy River and Virgin River tributary water.

Mr. Zimmerman reported that Reclamation's Lower Colorado Regional Office distributed the proposed ICS creation plans from IID, MWD and SNWA for review and comment in July 2012. Chairman Fisher reported that some questions had been raised regarding whether all programs qualify for ICS creation and whether ICS should be allowed if IOPP balances remain. Mr. Hasencamp reported that California's implementation of ICS is in accord with the Forbearance Agreement that was signed in 2007. Mr. Hasencamp reported that further discussion among the interested stakeholders is anticipated before each of the proposed ICS creation plans is approved by Reclamation.

Chairman Fisher commented that the implementation of these new management tools and their future benefit for Colorado River stakeholders was possibly one of Mr. Dennis Underwood's last great ideas before he passed away.

Basin States Discussion

Mr. Zimmerman reported that a Seven Basin States Principals meeting is scheduled on August 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the SNWA offices in Las Vegas, Nevada. Mr. Zimmerman reported that the current agenda includes: status of the ongoing Binational negotiation process; status of the Long Term Experimental and Management Plan (LTEMP) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); California's water use issues (e.g., the 2007 Guidelines 2012 Benchmark Reporting requirement, status of the QSA, and 2012 consumptive use and inadvertent overrun accounting).

*Status of Binational Discussions between the U.S. and Mexico*

Mr. Zimmerman reported that progress in negotiating Minute 319 is occurring at the Technical and Projects Small Group levels. Binational workshops were held by the Technical Group: May 29<sup>th</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup>; June 20<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>; and July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. A

fourth workshop is scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Zimmerman reported that the Technical Group has been charged with the following: (1) identify the linkages among the elements of Minute 319 that benefit both nations; (2) attempting to reach tentative agreement on potential elements of Minute 319; and (3) effectively document points of tentative agreement (POTAs) of a proposed Minute 319.

Mr. Zimmerman reported that the Technical Group is not negotiating the specifics of Minute 319, rather the focus has been on documenting these potential areas of agreement. During the Technical Group discussions it became apparent that a key element was to identify a proposed “binational project”. A Projects Small Group was formed and met on July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, and via webinar on August 13<sup>th</sup>. The Projects Small Group identified a proposed Pilot Project with four elements: (1) lining of the federal Canal Reforma; (2) lining of Module 18, a lateral off of the Canal Reforma; (3) fallowing; and (4) Minute 318 water. Lining projects would not make water immediately available. Fallowing water purchased by ConAgua and/or Minute 318 water could be made available on relatively short notice if desired. The proposed Pilot Project would be used to test the following concepts and mechanisms: (1) binational investment in infrastructure, conservation and system management; (2) creation of ICMA from a binational project that is used for various purposes; (3) conversion of ICMA to ICS and the various associated taxes; (4) legal, financial and water accounting frameworks; (5) provide a pathway for a long-term agreement; and (6) establish a process for future projects. Mr. Zimmerman reported that the Projects Small Group is scheduled to report out to the Technical Group on August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, Mr. Zimmerman reported that the Salinity Small Group is still working to validate the appropriate equation to be used in calculating the Minute 242 salinity differential and how to deal with constraints on creation and delivery of ICMA that may need to be imposed so as not to affect normal system operations and/or water quality conditions in the United States.

### Colorado River Environmental Issues

#### *Status of the Long Term Experimental Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement for Glen Canyon Dam*

Mr. Zimmerman reported that Reclamation and the National Park Service (NPS) are continuing with their Long Term Experimental and Management Plan (LTEMP) process. The LTEMP is to include scientific knowledge gained through the Adaptive Management Program (AMP) since the original Record of Decision in 1996. The implementation of the LTEMP is expected to guide Glen Canyon Dam operations and the AMP for the next 15-20 years. The Basin States have prepared a suggested alternative to be included in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the LTEMP. The Basin States Alternative was submitted to the co-leads on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Zimmerman reported that the Basin States Alternative would accomplish the following: (1) implement management actions to benefit key resources (i.e., humpback chub, sediment resources, benefit the aquatic foodbase, and manage trout); (2) use scientific experimentation and research to further identify and develop future management actions (i.e.,

utilize the principles of adaptive management); (3) balance research and learning with improvements to key resources; 4) address the full-range of possible future hydrologic and reservoir conditions; (5) adhere to and conform with the 2007 Interim Guidelines; and (6) recognize and incorporate provisions of recently issued Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the High Flow Experimental Protocol for Non-Native Fish Control Environmental Assessments (EAs).

Mr. Zimmerman reported that on June 29<sup>th</sup> the Basin States representatives met with Reclamation and NPS and made a formal presentation of the Basin States Alternative. During the presentation the Basin States made the point that all of the elements of the Alternative are inter-related and inter-dependent. The Basin States representatives affirmed their desire to work closely with Reclamation and the NPS during the alternatives analysis and evaluation process.

Mr. Zimmerman reported that on July 13<sup>th</sup> a small group of Basin States representatives met and provided a briefing on the Basin States' proposed LTEMP Alternative for Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Anne Castle, in Denver, Colorado. A series of public presentations associated with the LTEMP are expected to be held in the next few months. A scheduled August workshop on the LTEMP alternatives was canceled, and may be rescheduled later this fall. Reclamation and the NPS anticipate issuance of the draft LTEMP EIS in February or March 2013 for a sixty-day review and comment period.

#### *Status of the Farm Bill*

Mr. Zimmerman reported that the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum Executive Director, Mr. Don Barnett, issued a Memorandum on August 7<sup>th</sup> reporting the current status of the 2012 Farm Bill. The Senate version included \$1.65 billion in annual funding under EQIP. The House Agricultural Subcommittee included \$1.75 billion in funding under EQIP. The Farm Bill stalled on the floor of the House. The Agricultural Disaster Assistance Act of 2012 (H.R. 6233) was brought forward for a House floor vote and passed. The Senate may not be receptive to the House legislation and Congress will be in recess till early September. There are only a few working days left in the federal fiscal year before the authorities under the Farm Bill expire.

#### *Grand Canyon Trust Lawsuit*

Mr. Tavetian reported that on August 13<sup>th</sup>, Judge Gould of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued the Court's opinion, ruling in the favor of Reclamation and the Fish and Wildlife Service. A key element in the Court's ruling was that the AOP is not subject to the analysis and consultation provisions of NEPA or the Endangered Species Act.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### Next Board Meeting

Chairman Fisher announced that the next meeting of the Colorado River Board will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., at the Holiday Inn Ontario Airport, 2155 East Convention Center Way, Ontario, California.

There being no further items to be brought before the Board, Chairman Fisher asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Knutson moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Mr. Foley seconded the motion, and with unanimous approval, the Board meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m. on August 15, 2012.

Christopher S. Harris  
Acting Executive Director

3.b. - Approval September 4, 2012, Teleconference Special Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Teleconference Special Meeting  
COLORADO RIVER BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
Tuesday, September 4, 2012

A Teleconference Special Meeting of the Colorado River Board of California (Board) was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

Board Members and Alternate Present

Dana B. Fisher, Jr., Chairman  
John V. Foley  
W. D. "Bill" Knutson  
Henry Merle Kuiper  
John Pierre Menvielle  
David R. Pettijohn

John Palmer Powell, Jr.  
  
Christopher G. Hayes, Designee  
Department of Fish and Game

Board Members Absent

Terese Marie Ghio  
James B. McDaniel

Jeanine Jones, Designee  
Department of Water Resources

Others Present

Steven B. Abbott  
James H. Bond  
John Penn Carter  
J.C. Jay Chen  
Leslie M. Gallagher  
Christopher S. Harris  
Thomas E. Levy

Jan P. Matusak  
Halla Razak  
Jessie Silva  
Joanna Smith  
Gary E. Tavetian  
Joseph A. Vanderhorst  
Bill D. Wright

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. and asked the participants on the telephone call to identify themselves when they speak, make motions and/or vote.

Roll Call

Chairman Fisher had the Acting Executive Director, Mr. Christopher S. Harris, conduct a roll call. Mr. Harris determined that there were seven members and one alternate participating in the call. Chairman Fisher announced the presence of a quorum.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Chairman Fisher asked anyone wanted to address the Board regarding items on the agenda or other matters related to the Board. Hearing none, Chairman Fisher moved to the next item on the agenda.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### Appointment of Executive Director

Chairman Fisher reported that since the August 15, 2012, Board meeting, Board staff had talked to the California Department of Human Resources (CDHR). The CDHR informed staff that the appointment of the Executive Director does not need to go to the Governor's office and that the Board simply appoints the Executive Director and then submits the appropriate paperwork to CDHR. CDHR then processes the paperwork and provides the Board with the authorization to hire the new Executive Director.

Chairman Fisher reported that the Colorado River Board of California after a nationwide search for more than 18 months: (1) reviewed the candidates for the position of Executive Director of the Board and the recommendation of its Chairman and believes that one candidate, Tanya Trujillo, is very well qualified for that position based on her education in law and her experience working for a Colorado River Basin state, the United States Senate and the Department of the Interior on water issues including Colorado River issues; and (2) appoints Ms. Trujillo as the Executive Director of the Colorado River Board of California. To accomplish this, Board staff is directed to submit the necessary documents to the Department of Human Resources. This action supersedes the Board's action on August 15, 2012.

Chairman Fisher requested that the Board approve appointment of Ms. Tanya M. Trujillo as the Executive Director. Mr. Kuiper moved the appointment be approved. Mr. John Foley seconded the motion. After conducting a roll call vote, and with the abstention of the Department of Fish and Game representative, the remaining Board members unanimously approved the appointment of Ms. Tanya M. Trujillo as Executive Director by majority vote.

#### Authorization of Relocation Expenses for the Selected Executive Director

Chairman Fisher mentioned that he had not discussed moving expenses with Ms. Trujillo. But he thinks that the Board may want to reserve the authority to pay for some moving expenses. In response to Mr. Knutson's question, Chairman Fisher noted that Ms. Trujillo is moving from the Washington, D.C. area to southern California.

Chairman Fisher reported that The Colorado River Board of California needs to authorize him to approve reasonable relocation expenses incurred in conjunction with Ms. Trujillo becoming the Board's Executive Director.

Chairman Fisher requested the approval of the Board to approve reasonable relocation expenses for Ms. Trujillo. Mr. Foley moved the relocation expenses be approved. Mr. Kuiper seconded the motion. After Mr. Harris' roll call, the Board unanimously approved the motion to authorize Chairman Fisher to approve for paying Ms. Tanya Trujillo's relocation expenses.

Mr. Knutson asked when Ms. Trujillo would likely be joining the Board? Chairman Fisher answered that she indicated that she would be starting in the new position on October 1, 2012.

Mr. Bond ask if there were any state guidelines for paying reimbursement of moving expenses? Mr. Gary Tavetian of the Attorney General's Office offered to research that issue for the Board.

Finally, Mr. Foley asked whether there was any dispute regarding her proposed salary? Chairman Fisher answered that Ms. Trujillo's proposed salary is a few dollars more than her current salary based upon the impact of the state's current furlough program.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### Next Board Meeting

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There being no further items to be brought before the Board, Chairman Fisher asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kuiper moved the Board meeting be adjourned. Mr. Menvielle seconded the motion. One roll call vote was unanimous, the Board meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m. on September 4, 2012.

Christopher S. Harris  
Acting Executive Director

3.c. - Resolution in Memory of Mr. Steven B. Robbins

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
COLORADO RIVER BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN MEMORY OF**

**STEVEN B. ROBBINS  
OF THE  
COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the water and power resources of the Colorado River are vital to the State of California and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado River Board of California has the responsibility of protecting the rights and interests of the State of California, its agencies and citizens in the water and power resources of the Colorado River System; and

WHEREAS, the optimum use of the resources of the Colorado River System by California's Colorado River water and power using agencies, consistent with the "Law of the River," depends upon coordination, cooperation, and effective communication in all matters associated with Colorado River issues; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steven B. Robbins, who served as the General Manager-Chief Engineer for Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) since 2003, passed away on September 27, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Steven B. Robbins, a native of California, was employed with CVWD for a total of 25 years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as General Manager-Chief Engineer, Mr. Steven B. Robbins helped guide the operations of the CVWD with professionalism, dedication, and leadership and participated in the development and implementation of several programs and activities vital to California's continued use of its Colorado River water and power resources. Some of these important programs and activities included:

- Development and implementation of California's Colorado River Water Use Plan;
- Development and implementation of the 2001 Interim Surplus Guidelines;
- Development and implementation of the Quantification Settlement Agreement;
- Development and implementation of the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program;
- Completion of the All-American Canal Lining Project, and the Coachella Canal Branch;
- Development and implementation of programs to augment the Colorado River's water supply, such as weather modification, and Salt Cedar and Russian Olive tree removal programs; and
- Development and implementation of the 2007 Guidelines for the Coordinated Operation of Lakes Powell and Mead.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Colorado River Board of California recognizes Mr. Steven B. Robbins for his professional achievements, for his genuine contributions in resolving intrastate and interstate Colorado River issues, and for the leadership and professionalism that he exercised during his years of outstanding public service;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Colorado River Board of California and its staff extend their condolences and very best wishes to the family and friends of Mr. Steven B. Robbins.

Unanimously adopted on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012.

Attest:

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Dana B. Fisher, Jr., Chairman

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W.D. "Bill" Knutson, Vice-Chairman



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## News Releases

September 28, 2012

### CVWD General Manager Steve Robbins passes away at age 59

Steve Robbins, the well-respected general manager whose innovative leadership enabled Coachella Valley Water District to weather some of the most daunting challenges in CVWD's history, died Thursday, September 27, after a battle with leukemia. He was 59.

Mr. Robbins was surrounded by friends and family when he died at The City of Hope in Duarte. The long-time La Quinta resident had been a patient at the world-renowned cancer-treatment center, preparing for a bone marrow transplant.

"I share with water district employees and others who knew Steve Robbins the deep sorrow that comes from losing a really good friend," said CVWD Board President Peter Nelson.

"Steve's leadership locally, regionally and in the water industry throughout California will be missed. He helped shape CVWD into one of the most widely recognized water agencies in the great southwest, benefitting the Coachella Valley in immeasurable ways."

Because he was so widely respected and influential within the water industry, Mr. Robbins involvement in statewide agencies included productive terms as president of the State Water (Project) Contractors and as a regional board chairman of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA).

Mr. Robbins' dedicated community involvement included service as a La Quinta planning commissioner, past president and member of the La Quinta chapter of Rotary International and membership in the Building Industry Association. His contributions in La Quinta were recognized by the city when he was named as a Pillar of the Community.

When his illness was made public, there was an outpouring of compassionate support from friends, co-workers and others in the community during a well-publicized drive that registered more than 275 potential bone marrow donors.

Despite his poor health, Mr. Robbins visited the district's administrative building in Palm Desert to thank those who were participating in the drive, and in media interviews encouraged others to become potential bone

#### Media Gallery



Steve Robbins, General Manager-Chief Engineer

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marrow donors.

A match with excellent prospects was found for Mr. Robbins from among existing donors, but the native of Port Hueneme succumbed to his cancer before a transplant could be performed.

Mr. Robbins is survived by Karen, his wife of more than 25 years, daughters Ashley, Kristyn and Kirklyn, son-in-law Corry Hunter, grandsons Rhys and Brock, a brother, Craig, and his parents, Bob and Esther.

A graduate of UCLA, his employment with CVWD totaled 25 years in an engineering career that included a break of several years from public service when he ventured into the private sector. He was the general manager-chief engineer for nearly a decade and only the third person since 1956 to serve as CVWD's chief administrator.

During Mr. Robbins tenure as general manager-chief engineer since 2003, CVWD:

- Survived a potentially devastating reduction in agricultural irrigation water.
- Finalized an historical “agriculture-to-urban” water transfer that protected the Coachella Valley's supply of imported water while obtaining additional Colorado River water for groundwater replenishment.
- Initiated an elaborate domestic conservation program that encouraged customers to reduce water consumption through rebates, tiered rates and other incentives.
- Substantially increased the district's entitlement to State Water Project water, further ensuring that there is a reliable, affordable supply of water now and for generations to come.
- Built projects to maximize the use of recycled water for golf courses and other landscape irrigation, which alleviates aquifer overdraft.
- Endured some of the most austere fiscal circumstances in the district's history without layoffs, furloughs or salary cuts, while keeping rate hikes to a minimum.

Services are pending.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that donations can be made to City of Hope, 1500 East Duarte Road, Duarte, CA 91010, 1-800-826-4673, [www.cityofhope.org](http://www.cityofhope.org).

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5.a. - Colorado River Water Report

**SUMMARY WATER REPORT  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN  
October 1, 2012**

RESERVOIR STORAGE (as of September 30)	September 10, 2012					
	MAF	ELEV. IN FEET	% of Capacity	MAF	ELEV. IN FEET	% of Capacity
<b>Lake Powell</b>	13.929	3,621.6	<b>57</b>	14.079	3,623.0	<b>58</b>
<b>Flaming Gorge</b>	3.030	6,021.4	<b>81</b>	3.047	6,021.9	<b>81</b>
<b>Navajo</b>	1.035	6,032.6	<b>61</b>	1.075	6,036.5	<b>63</b>
<b>Lake Mead</b>	13.135	1,115.2	<b>51</b>	13.196	1,115.8	<b>51</b>
<b>Lake Mohave</b>	1.606	639.6	<b>89</b>	1.682	642.4	<b>93</b>
<b>Lake Havasu</b>	0.561	447.0	<b>91</b>	0.589	448.5	<b>95</b>
<b>Total System Storage</b>	<b>34.023</b>		<b>56</b>	<b>34.454</b>		<b>58</b>
<b>System Storage Last Year</b>	<b>38.680</b>		<b>65</b>	<b>38.872</b>		<b>65</b>

	September 10, 2012	
WY 2012 Precipitation (Basin Weighted Avg) 10/01/11 through 9/17/12	<b>73 percent (23.9")</b>	<b>74 percent (21.2")</b>
WY 2012 Snowpack Water Equivalent (Basin Weighted Avg) on day of 9/17/12 (Above two values based on average of data from 116 sites.)	<b>N/A(N/A)</b>	<b>N/A(N/A)</b>
	September 4, 2012	
September 17, 2012 Forecast of Unregulated Lake Powell Inflow	MAF % of Normal	MAF % of Avg.
2012 April through July unregulated inflow forecast	2.063 <b>29 %</b>	2.063 <b>29%</b>
2012 Water Year forecast	4.908 <b>45 %</b>	5.004 <b>46%</b>

USBR Forecasted Year-End 2012 and 2011 Consum. Use, October 1, 2012 a.		MAF	
		<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
	Diversion - Return =	Net	
Nevada (Estimated Total)	0.469	0.211	0.258
Arizona (Total)	3.640	0.860	2.780
CAP Total			1.605
<i>Az. Water Banking Authority</i>			0.134
OTHERS			1.174
California (Total) b./	5.063	0.653	4.410
MWD			0.737
3.85 Agriculture			
IID c./	<u>Total</u>	<u>Conserved</u>	<u>Forecasted</u>
CVWD d./	3.186	-0.306	2.880
PVID	0.357	-0.031	0.326
YPRD	0.373	0	0.373
Island e./	0.048	0	0.048
Total Ag.	0.007	0	0.007
Others	3.971	-0.337	3.634
PVID-MWD following to storage (to be determined)			0.039
<b>Arizona, California, and Nevada Total f./</b>	<b>9.171</b>	<b>1.723</b>	<b>7.448</b>
			<b>7.321</b>

- a./ Incorporates Jan.-Aug. USGS monthly data and 75 daily reporting stations which may be revised after provisionz data reports are distributed by USGS. Use to date estimated for users reporting monthly and annually.
- b./ California 2012 basic use apportionment of 4.4 MAF has been adjusted to 4.175 MAF for creation of Intentionally Created Surplus Water by IID (-25,000 AF), and Creation of Extraordinary Conservation (ICS) by MWD (-200,000 AF).
- c./ In 2012, 0.105 MAF being conserved by IID-MWD Agreement as amended in 2007: 112,500 AF being conserved for SDCWA under the IID-SDCWA Transfer Agreement as amended, 90,000 AF of which is being diverted by MWD; 21,000 AF being conserved for CVWD under the IID-CVWD Acquisition Agreement, 67,700 AF being conserved by the All American Canal Lining Project.
- d./ In 2012, 30,850 AF conserved by the Coachella Canal Lining Project(may be ammended by 4,850 AF for mitigation).
- e./ Includes estimated amount of 6,660 acre-feet of disputed uses by Yuma Island pumpers and 653 acre-feet by Yuma Project Ranch 5 being charged by USBR to Priority 2.
- f./ Includes unmeasured returns based on estimated consumptive use/diversion ratios by user from studies provided by Arizona Dept. of Water Resources, Colorado River Board of California, and Reclamation.

**SUMMARY WATER REPORT  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN  
September 10, 2012**

RESERVOIR STORAGE (as of September 10)	August 6, 2012					
	MAF	ELEV. IN FEET	% of Capacity	MAF	ELEV. IN FEET	% of Capacity
<b>Lake Powell</b>	14.079	3,623.0	<b>58</b>	14.596	3,627.7	<b>60</b>
<b>Flaming Gorge</b>	3.047	6,021.9	<b>81</b>	3.083	6,022.9	<b>82</b>
<b>Navajo</b>	1.075	6,036.5	<b>63</b>	1.167	6,044.9	<b>69</b>
<b>Lake Mead</b>	13.196	1,115.8	<b>51</b>	13.225	1,116.1	<b>51</b>
<b>Lake Mohave</b>	1.682	642.4	<b>93</b>	1.724	643.9	<b>95</b>
<b>Lake Havasu</b>	0.589	448.5	<b>95</b>	0.600	449.0	<b>97</b>
<b>Total System Storage</b>	<b>34.454</b>		<b>58</b>	<b>35.273</b>		<b>59</b>
<b>System Storage Last Year</b>	<b>38.872</b>		<b>65</b>	<b>39.305</b>		<b>66</b>

	August 6, 2012	
WY 2012 Precipitation (Basin Weighted Avg) 10/01/11 through 9/10/12	<b>73 percent (22.8")</b>	<b>74 percent (21.2")</b>
WY 2012 Snowpack Water Equivalent (Basin Weighted Avg) on day of 9/10/12 (Above two values based on average of data from 116 sites.)	<b>N/A(N/A)</b>	<b>N/A(N/A)</b>
	August 1, 2012	
September 4, 2012 Forecast of Unregulated Lake Powell Inflow	MAF % of Normal	MAF % of Avg.
2012 April through July unregulated inflow forecast	2.063 <b>29 %</b>	2.064 <b>29%</b>
2012 Water Year forecast	5.004 <b>46 %</b>	5.154 <b>48%</b>

USBR Forecasted Year-End 2012 and 2011 Consum. Use, September 7, 2012 a.				
	MAF			
	2012		2011	
	Diversion	- Return =	Net	
Nevada (Estimated Total)	0.471	0.207	0.264	0.221
Arizona (Total)	3.665	0.838	2.827	2.785
CAP Total			1.618	1.625
<i>Az. Water Banking Authority</i>			0.134	0.134
OTHERS			1.208	1.160
California (Total) b./	5.072	0.653	4.419	4.315
MWD			0.740	0.699
3.85 Agriculture			<u>Forecasted</u>	<u>Estimated</u>
IID c./	<u>3.187</u>	<u>-0.306</u>	2.881	2.916
CVWD d./	0.363	-0.031	0.332	0.309
PVID	0.375	0	0.375	0.320
YPRD	0.045	0	0.045	0.048
Island e./	0.007	0	0.007	0.007
Total Ag.	3.977	-0.337	3.640	3.600
Others			0.039	0.016
PVID-MWD following to storage (to be determined)				<u>0</u>
<b>Arizona, California, and Nevada Total f./</b>	<b>9.208</b>	<b>1.698</b>	<b>7.510</b>	<b>7.321</b>

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Figure 1. Total Colorado River Basin Storage as of October 2012

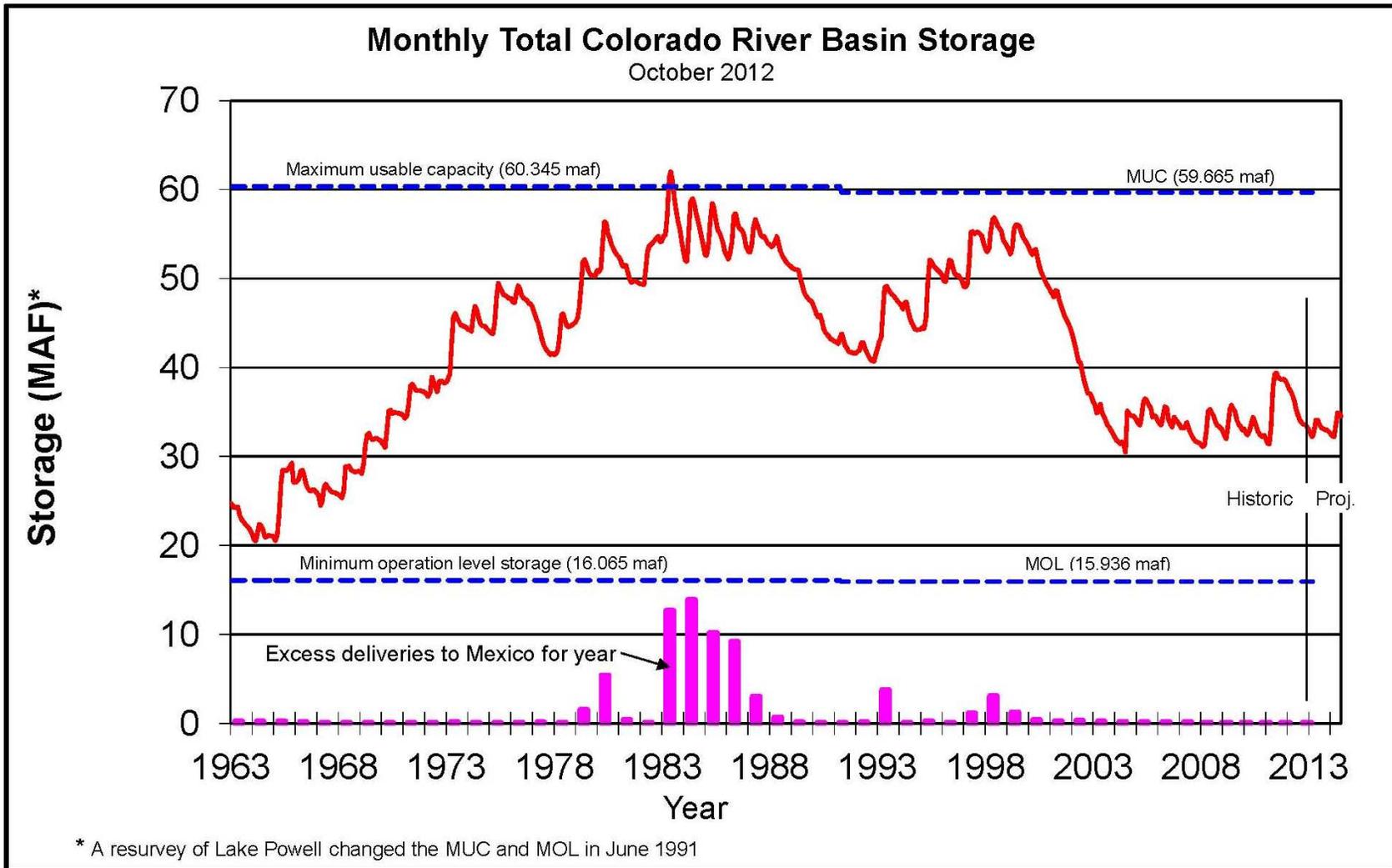


Figure 2. Lakes Powell and Mead Monthly Pool Elevation Levels

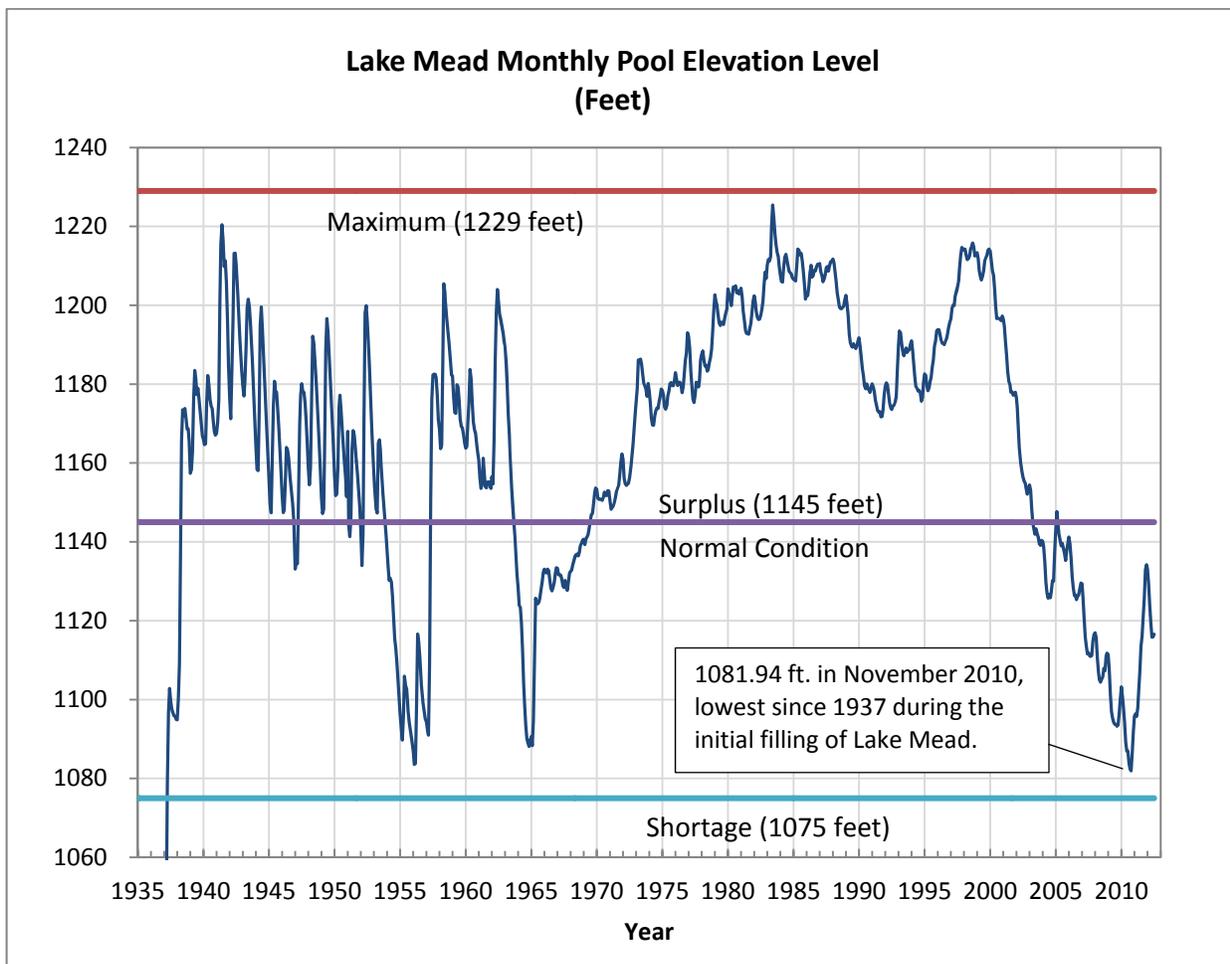
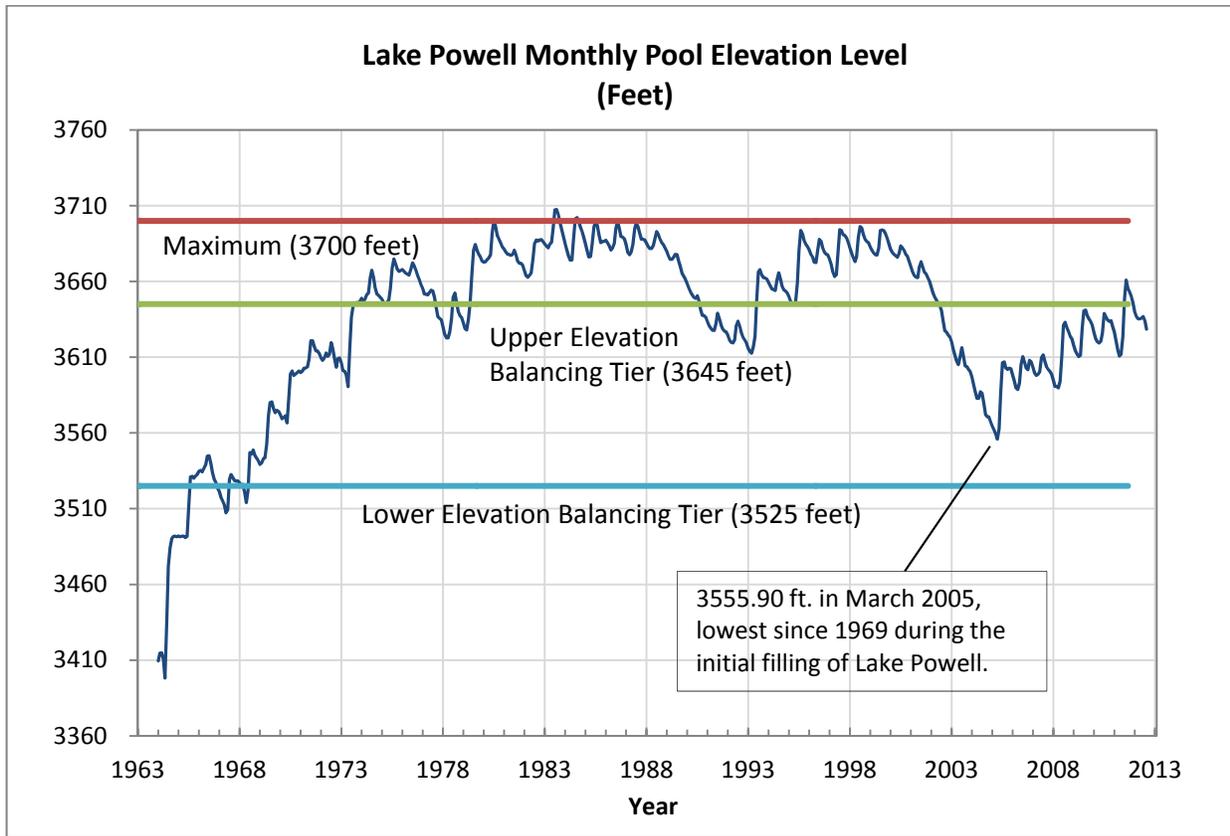


Figure 3. NOAA National Weather Service Monthly Precipitation Maps for August and September 2012

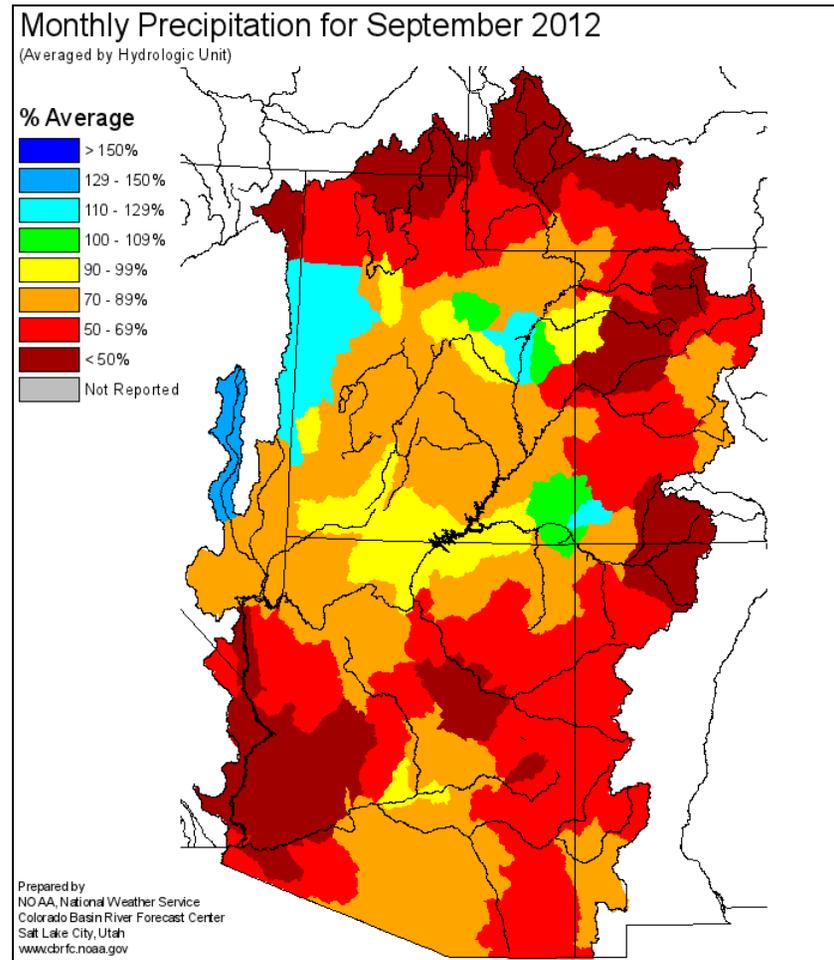
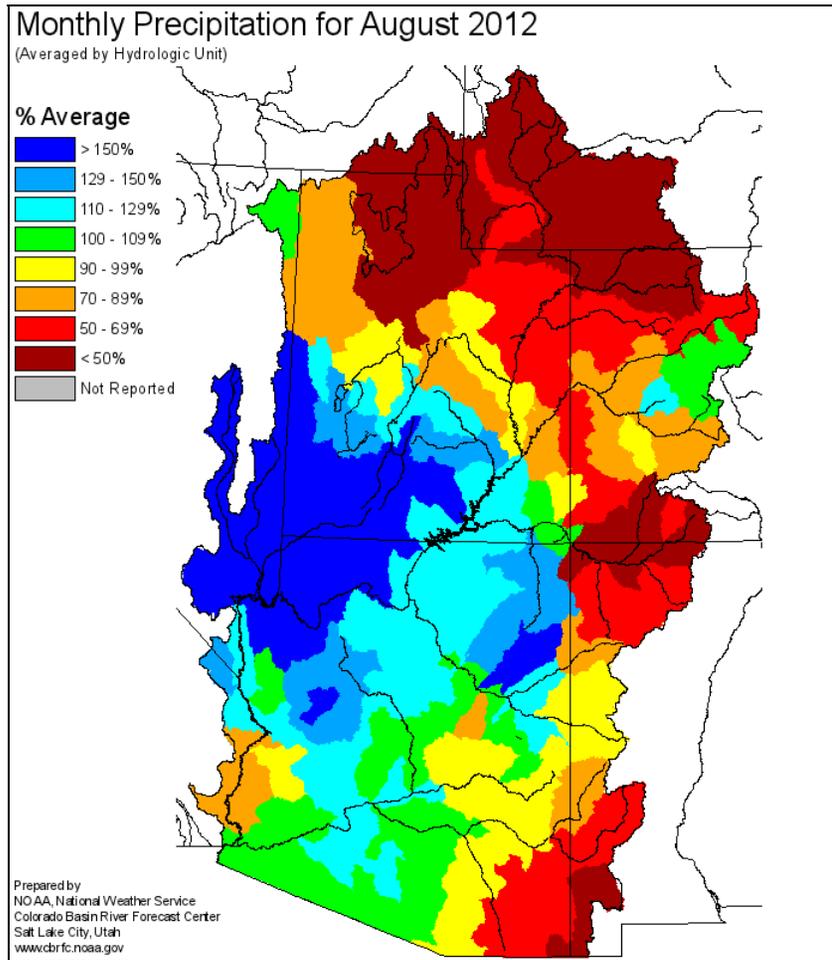


Figure 4. Westside SNOTEL basin snow water equivalent (SWE) as a percent of average

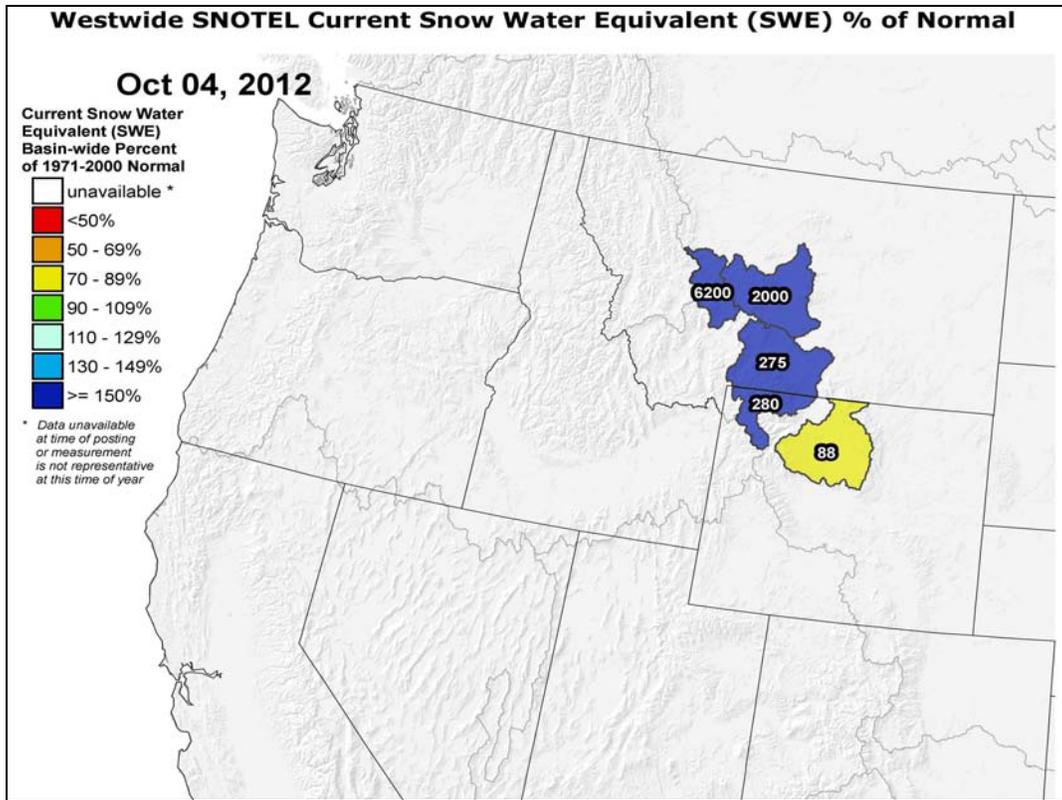


Figure 5. SNOTEL Water-Year-To-Date (WYTD) SWE for the CO headwaters basin

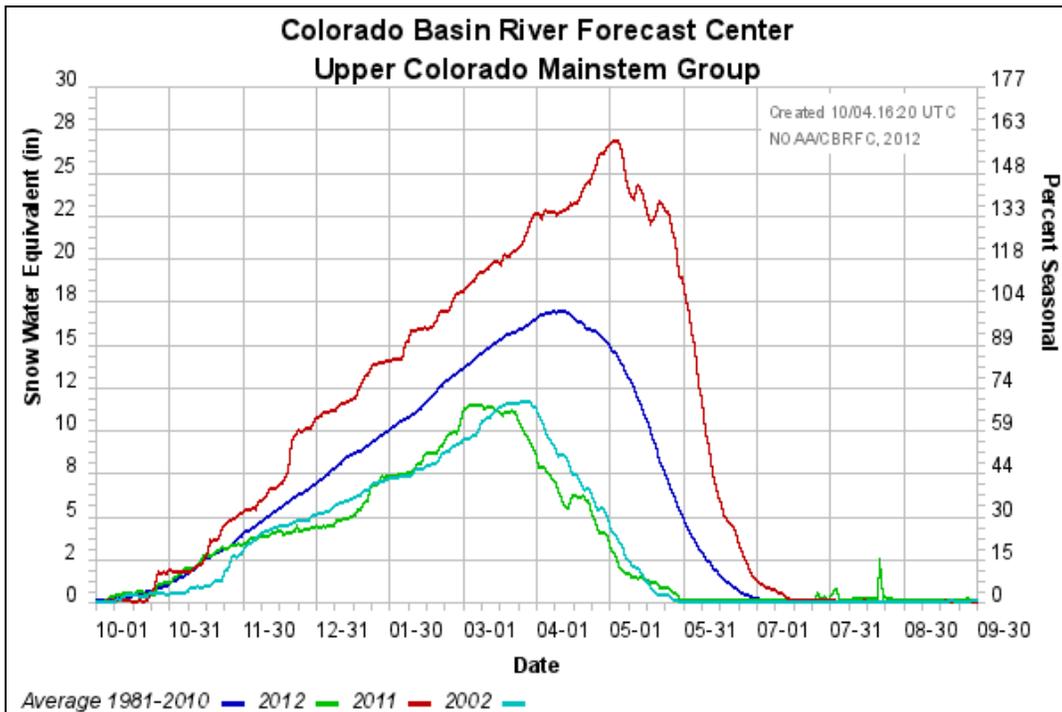
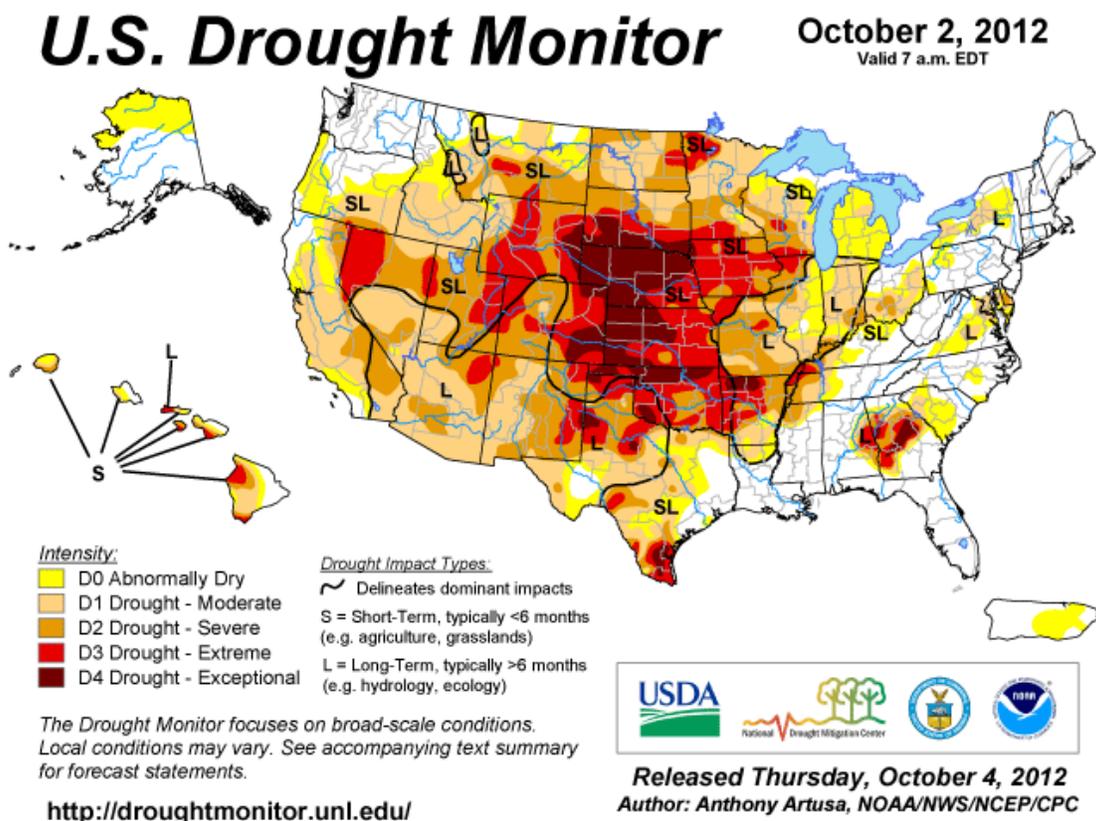


Figure 6. USDA United States Drought Monitor Map



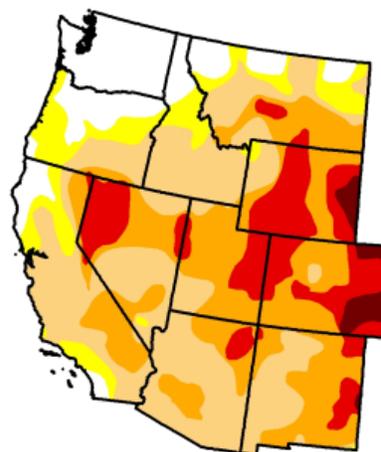
# U.S. Drought Monitor

## West

October 2, 2012  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	13.61	86.39	77.12	43.47	16.27	2.14
Last Week (09/25/2012 map)	15.12	84.88	77.15	43.65	16.85	1.77
3 Months Ago (07/03/2012 map)	22.87	77.13	64.15	46.88	14.70	0.48
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	48.49	51.51	20.05	12.22	2.67	0.78
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	15.12	84.88	77.15	43.65	16.85	1.77
One Year Ago (09/27/2011 map)	66.72	33.28	19.04	14.99	9.30	3.81



**Intensity:**

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

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

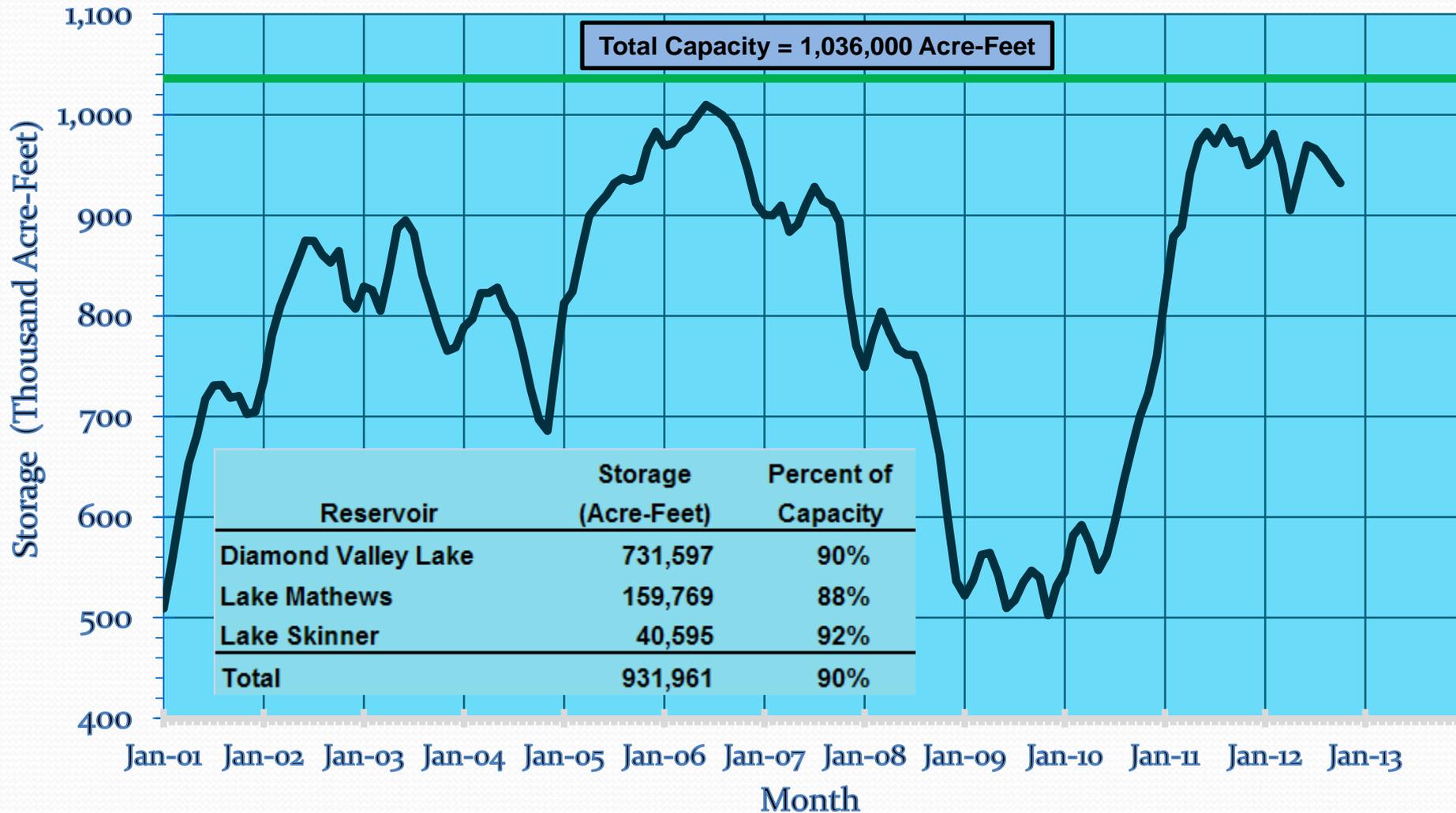
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Anthony Artusa, NOAA/NWS/NCEP/CPC

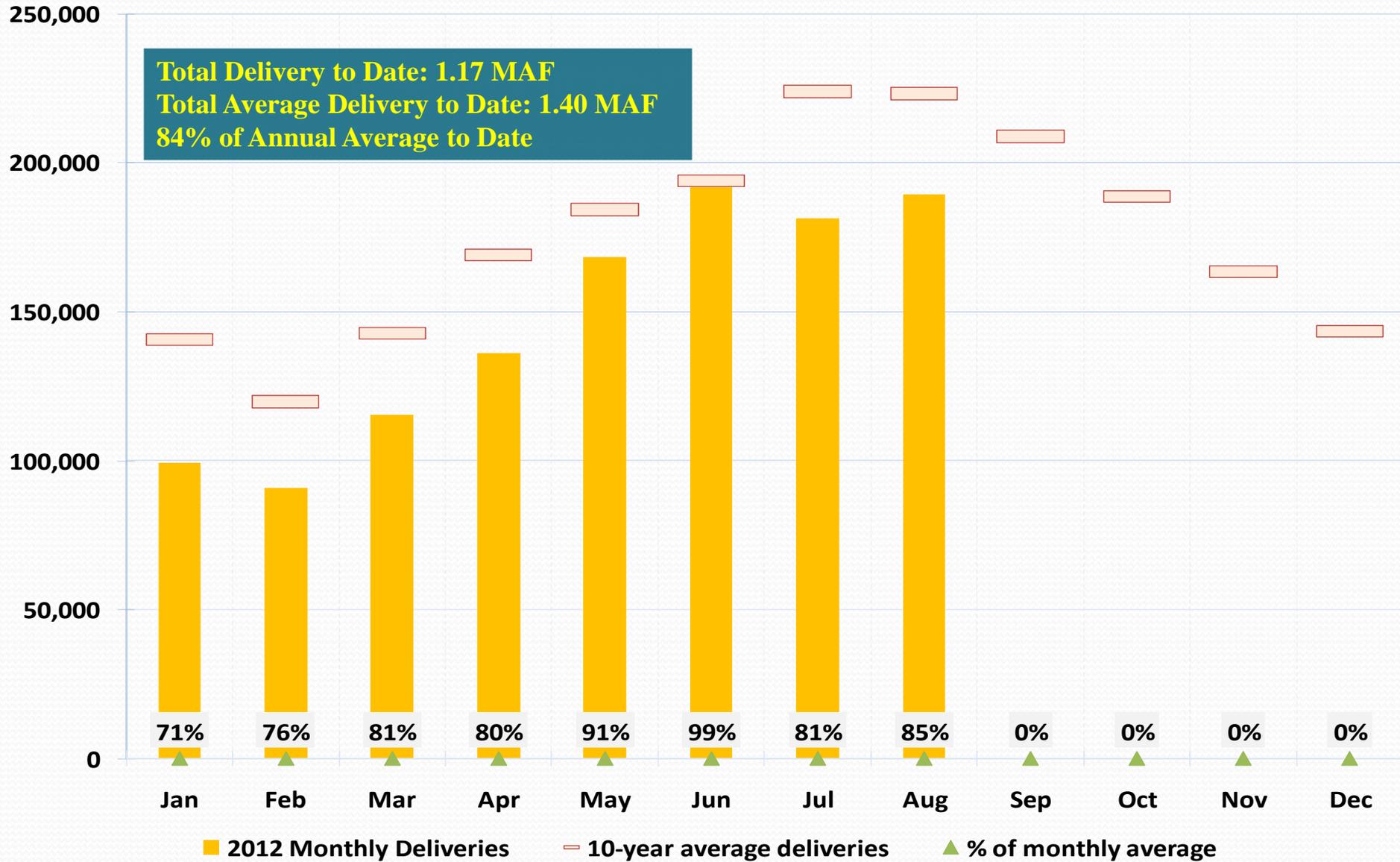
5.b. - State and Local Water Reports

# MWD's Combined Reservoir Storage as of October 1, 2012

## Lake Skinner, Lake Mathews, and Diamond Valley Lake



# 2012 Water Deliveries to Member Agencies (AF)



5.c. - Colorado River Operations



# United States Department of the Interior

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September 10, 2012

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## MEMORANDUM

To: All Bureau of Reclamation Employees

From: David G. Murillo \s\  
Deputy Commissioner - Operations

Subject: Selection of the New Lower Colorado Regional Director

It is my pleasure to announce the selection of Terry Fulp as the Lower Colorado Regional Director. As you know, Terry has been the Deputy Regional Director since March 2008 and has held the acting Regional Director position for part of the time since Lorri Lee transferred to the Pacific Northwest Region 11 months ago.

Terry has the depth of knowledge and breadth of experience with the complex and challenging issues involved on the Colorado River to be an effective leader of the LC Region. The collaborative working relationships he has built during his tenure as Deputy Regional Director have prepared him to step into the responsibilities of this position.

Terry has been part of the Reclamation family since 1989 and served his entire tenure in the Lower Colorado Region. During that time, he has been actively involved in Colorado River operations and management issues, working closely with other federal and state agencies and stakeholders. He served as Area Manager of the Boulder Canyon Operations Office, where he led the successful basin-wide effort to develop additional operational guidelines for Lake Powell and Lake Mead to address the impacts of long-term drought in the basin. Prior to his tenure as Area Manager, he served as Reclamation's principal investigator for the Department of the Interior's Watershed and River Systems Management Program.

Terry holds a doctorate in mathematical and computer sciences from the Colorado School of Mines, two master's degrees, one in civil engineering from the University of Colorado and one in geophysics from Stanford University and a bachelor's in earth sciences from the University of Tulsa.

The Commissioner and I look forward to continuing to work with Terry Fulp on the important and challenging water issues that face the Southwest. Please join us in congratulating him on his new position as LC Regional Director.

# Arizona Water Banking Authority

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The Honorable Steve Pierce

The Honorable Andy Tobin

August 30, 2012

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Lower Colorado River Regional Office  
Mr. Terry Fulp, Acting Regional Director  
P.O. Box 61470  
Boulder City, Nevada 89006

Dear Mr. Fulp:

In accordance with sub-article 3.4.2 of the Storage and Interstate Release Agreement, the Arizona Water Banking Authority submits the enclosed final verified accounting of the Southern Nevada Water Authority Interstate Account for calendar year 2011.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at (602) 771-8491.

Sincerely,

Virginia O'Connell, Manager  
Arizona Water Banking Authority

cc: w/enc Patricia Mulroy, SNWA  
John Entsminger, SNWA  
McClain Peterson, CRCN  
Sandra Fabritz-Whitney, ADWR  
David Modeer, CAWCD  
Christopher Harris, CRBC  
Roger Patterson, MWD  
Paul Matuska, USBR

# Annual Accounting of the Southern Nevada Water Authority Interstate Account 2011

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Beginning Balance of Long-Term Storage Credits as of January 1, 2011 (AF)	600,651
Volume of Colorado River water delivered for storage by AWBA on behalf of SNWA (AF)	0
Number of Long-term Storage Credits Assigned/Transferred-IN (AF)	0
Number of Long-term Storage Credits Assigned/Transferred-OUT (AF)	0
Number of Long-Term Storage Credits Assigned/Transferred for Purposes of Development of Intentionally Created Unused Apportionment (AF)	0
Number of Long-Term Storage Credits Earned in 2011 <sup>1</sup> (AF)	0
Total Number of Long-Term Storage Credits (AF)	600,651
Total Number of Long-Term Storage Credits to Determine Compliance with sub-article 3.3.1 (AF)	550,651

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<sup>1</sup>Calculated by taking water delivered for storage through December 31, 2011 minus operational and evaporation losses minus the mandatory 5% cut to the aquifer.



# United States Department of the Interior

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Lower Colorado River Water Users

Subject: Meetings with the Commissioner at the 2012 National Water Resources Association (NWRA) Annual Conference (Action by September 28, 2012)

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Commissioner Michael Connor of the Bureau of Reclamation will attend this year's Annual NWRA Conference in San Diego, California. The conference will be held October 31 to November 2, 2012, at the Hotel Del Coronado.

As in past years, the Commissioner will be available for short meetings. The meetings will be scheduled in 15-minute increments throughout the day on Thursday, November 1, and the morning of Friday, November 2. There are a limited number of spaces available and we encourage you to let us know as soon as possible if you would like to meet with the Commissioner.

If you are interested in scheduling a meeting with the Commissioner, please fill out the enclosed form and return to Ms. Cynthia McLeod by fax at 702-293-8333 or [cmcleod@usbr.gov](mailto:cmcleod@usbr.gov) prior to September 28, 2012. For questions, contact Ms. McLeod at 702-293-8412. We look forward to seeing you in San Diego.

Sincerely,

Terrance J. Fulp  
Regional Director

Enclosure

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

MEETING REQUEST FORM FOR  
MEETINGS WITH THE  
COMMISSIONER AT NWRA  
NOVEMBER 1 and 2, 2012

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Name/Phone Number at Meeting Location: \_\_\_\_\_

List of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
(use separate sheet if needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Topics you wish to discuss:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Special requests (i.e. specific times you cannot meet due to prior commitments)

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Lower Colorado Region



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# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

**2013 Colorado River Annual  
Operating Plan  
Colorado River Management Work Group  
(CRMWG)  
Final Consultation  
September 12, 2012**



U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Reclamation

# 2013 Colorado River AOP Final Consultation Meeting

- Welcome and Introductions – *Larry Walkoviak / Terry Fulp*
- Upper Basin Hydrology and Operations – *Katrina Grantz*
- Lower Basin Hydrology and Operations – *Dan Bunk*
- 2013 AOP Review Process – *Malcolm Wilson / Steve Hvinden*
- Review of Draft 2013 AOP - *CRMWG*
- Conclusion and Wrap-up

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# Upper Colorado River Basin

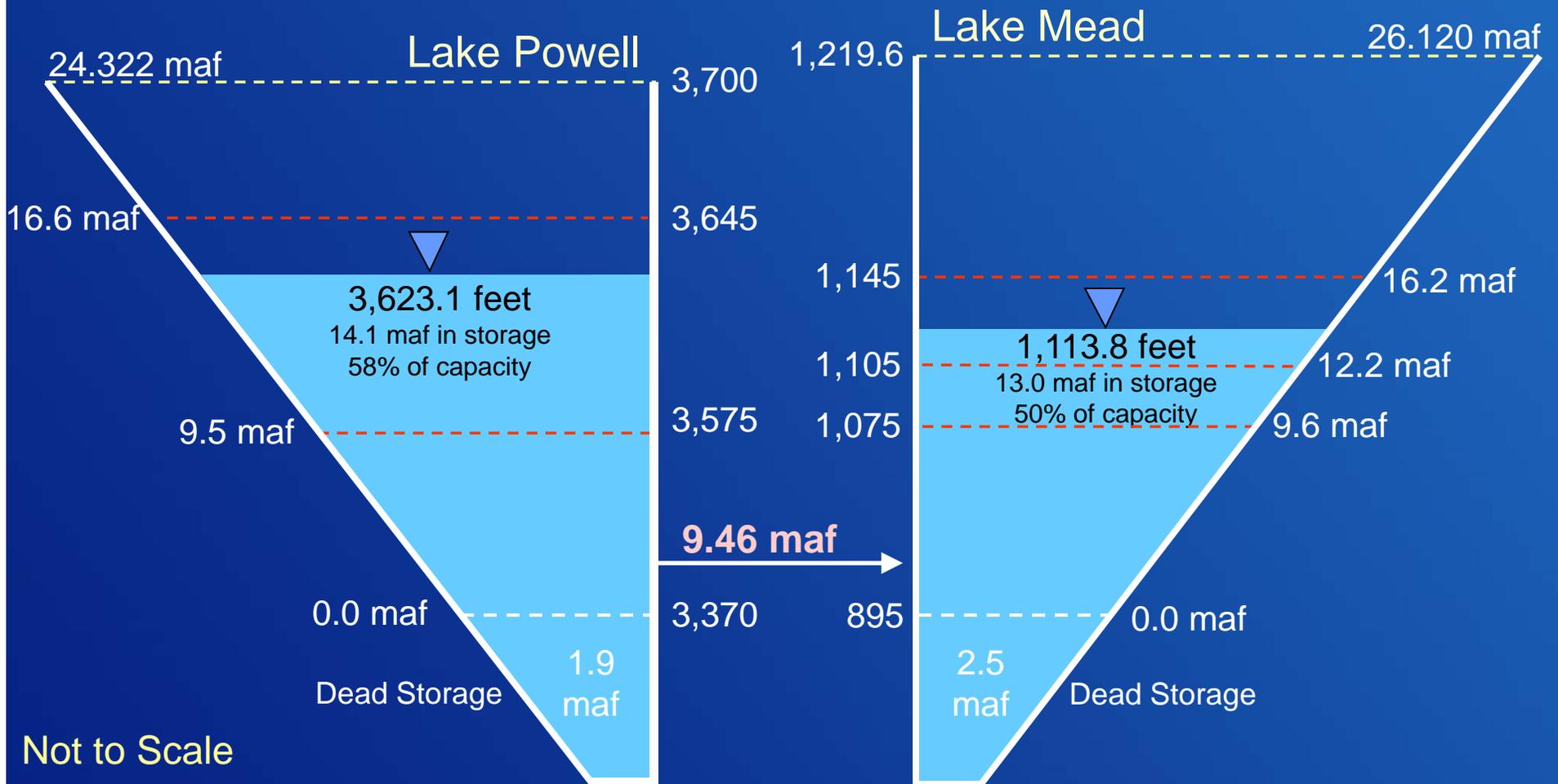
## Hydrology and Operations

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# Water Year 2012 Projections

## August 2012 24-Month Study Most Probable Inflow Scenario

Projected Unregulated Inflow into Powell<sup>1</sup> = 5.15 maf (48% of average)



Not to Scale

<sup>1</sup> WY 2012 unregulated inflow volume is based on the CBRFC forecast dated 8/1/2012. Percent of average inflow is based on the 30-year period of record from 1981-2010.

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# Lake Powell Unregulated Inflow Scenarios

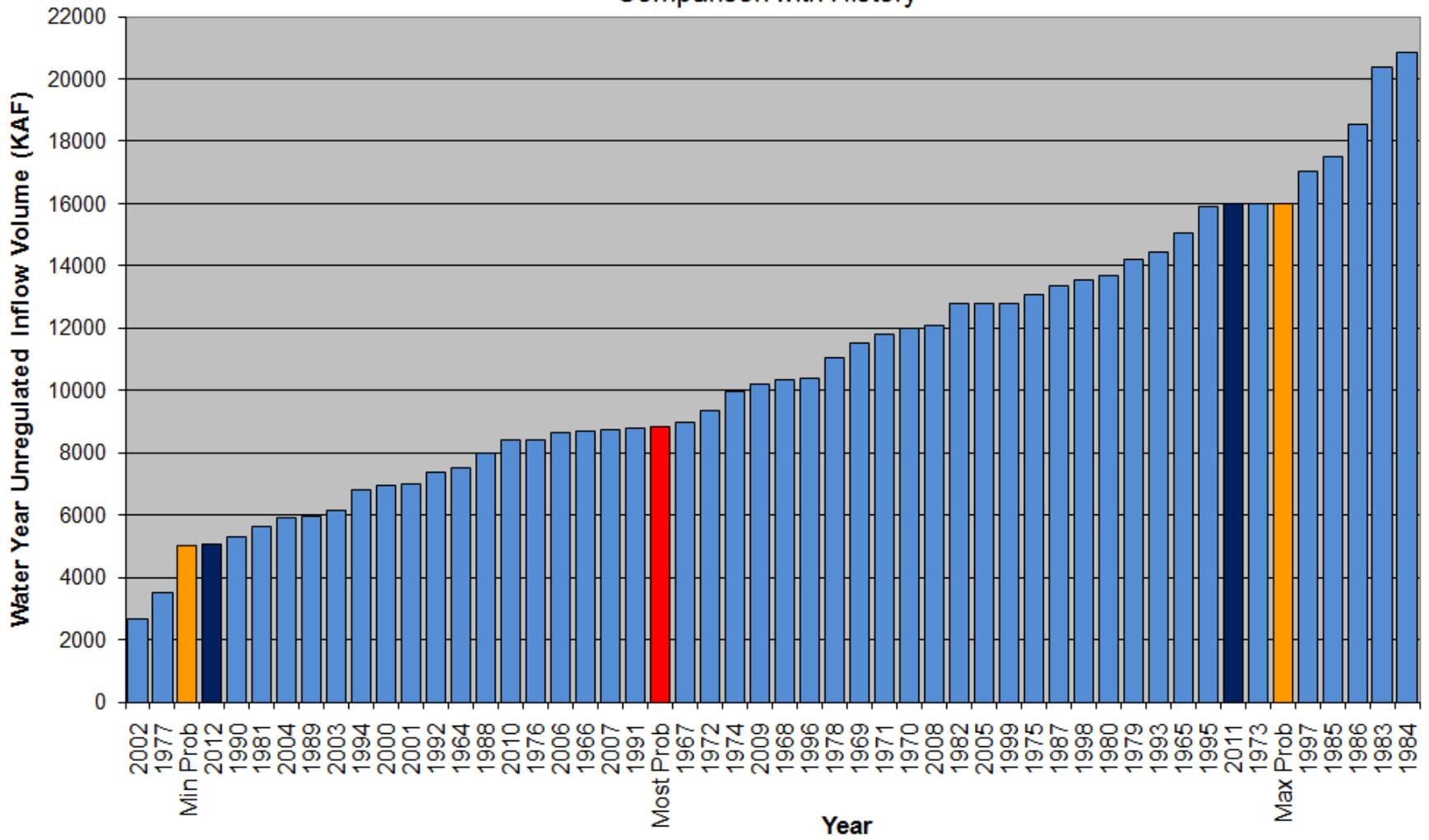
## As presented in Annual Operating Plan

Scenario	2012 AOP WY 2012 Developed August 2011	2013 AOP WY 2013 Developed August 2012
Minimum Probable	7.00 maf (65 %*)	5.00 maf (46 %)
Most Probable	12.60 maf (116 %)	8.85 maf (82 %)
Maximum Probable	19.50 maf (180 %)	16.00 maf (148 %)

\* Percent of average water year unregulated inflow 1981-2012 (10.83 maf)

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## Lake Powell Unregulated Inflow Water Year 2013 Forecast Comparison with History



# Lake Powell & Lake Mead Operational Table

## Operational Tiers for 2013 based on August 2012 Projections<sup>1</sup>

Lake Powell			Lake Mead		
Elevation (feet)	Operation According to the Interim Guidelines	Live Storage (maf) <sup>1</sup>	Elevation (feet)	Operation According to the Interim Guidelines	Live Storage (maf) <sup>1</sup>
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Water Year	Powell Elevation (feet)
2008	3,636
2009	3,639
2010	3,642
2011	3,643
2012	3,645
<b>2013</b>	<b>3,646</b>
2014	3,648
2015	3,649
2016	3,651
2017	3,652
2018	3,654
2019	3,655
2020	3,657
2021	3,659
2022	3,660
2023	3,662
2024	3,663
2025	3,664
2026	3,666

# Lake Powell Equalization Elevation Table

**2013 Level – 3,646 feet**

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# WY2013 Lake Powell Operations

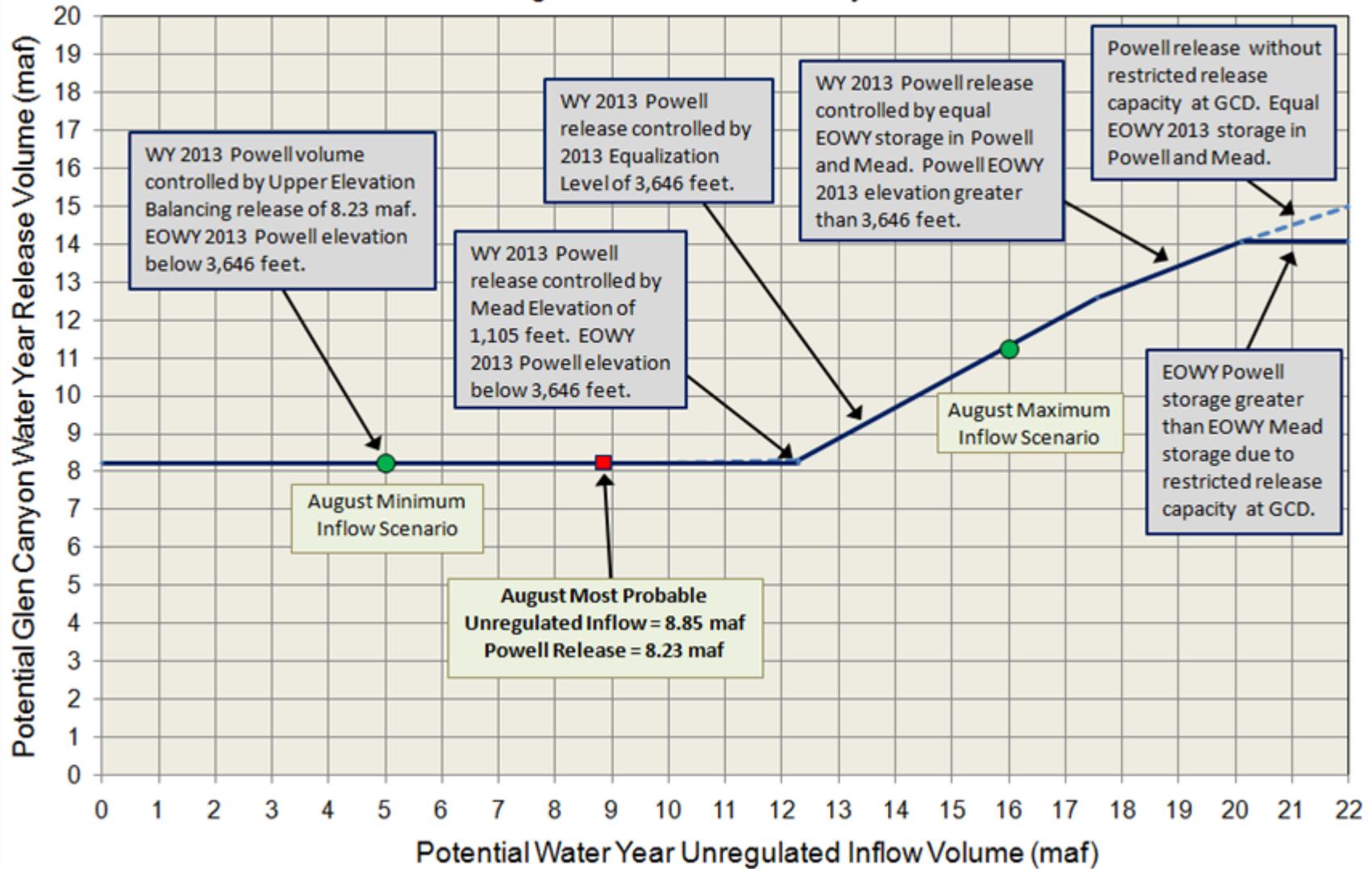
as projected in August 2012 24-Month Study

Scenario	Initial Operational Tier	Projected Annual Release Volume
Minimum Probable	Upper Elevation Balancing	8.23 maf
Most Probable	Upper Elevation Balancing	8.23 maf
Maximum Probable	Upper Elevation Balancing*	11.21 maf

\* Upper Elevation Balancing with a projected April adjustment to equalization with Lake Powell September 30, 2013 elevation governing.

## Coordinated Operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead

### Water Year 2013 Release Volume as a Function of Unregulated Inflow Volume based on August 2012 24-Month Study Conditions



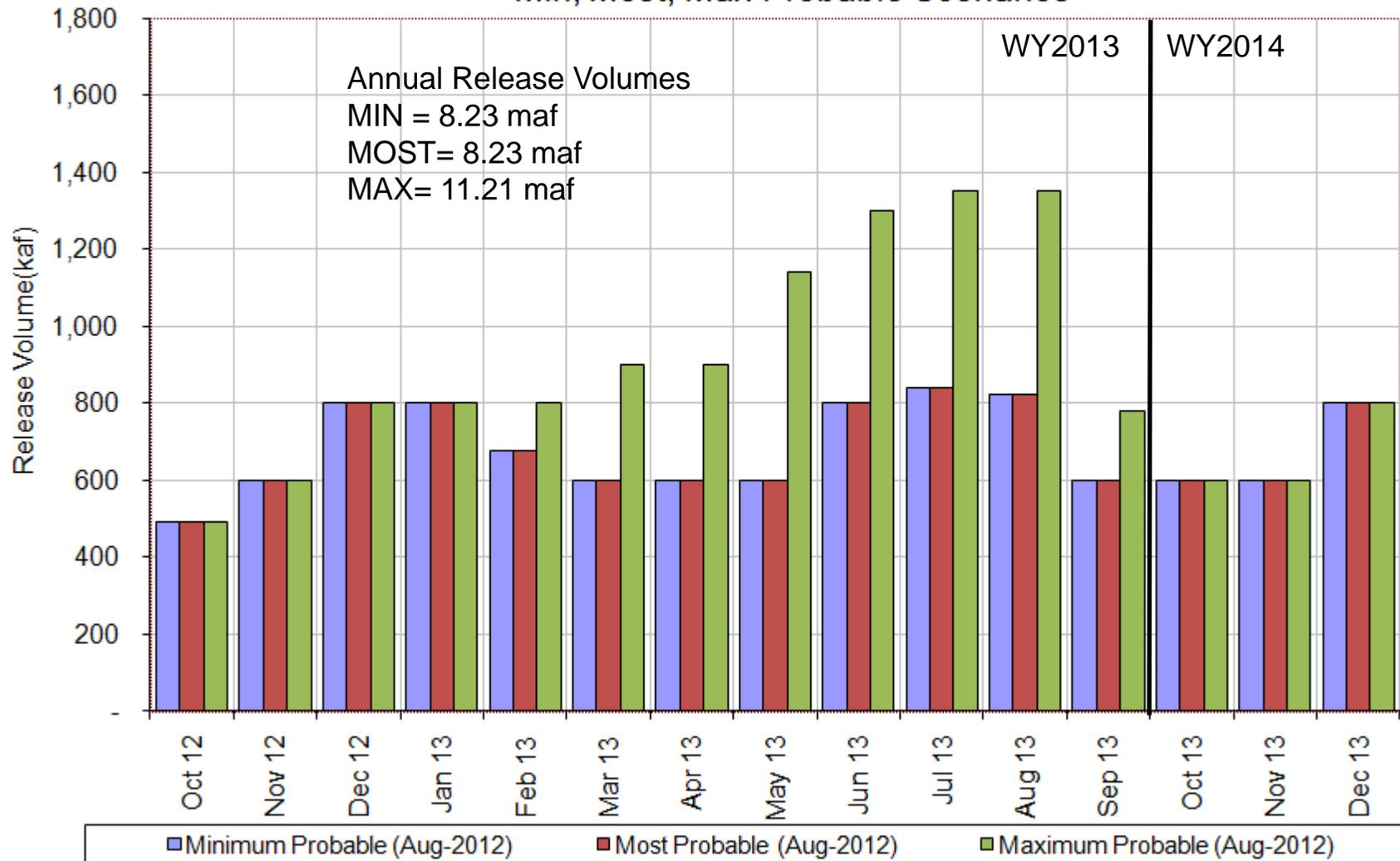
## Glen Canyon Power Plant Planned Unit Outage Schedule for Water Year 2013 (updated 9-10-2012)

Unit Number	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012	Jan 2013	Feb 2013	Mar 2013	Apr 2013	May 2013	Jun 2013	Jul 2013	Aug 2013	Sep 2013
1												
2												
3												
4												
5												
6 (3/4 Unit)												
7												
8												
Units Available	5	8 7	7	7	5	6 7	7	7	7	7	7	4
Capacity (cfs)	19,500	26,200 22,600	22,600	22,600	15,500	18,800 22,600	22,600	22,600	22,600	22,600	22,600	11,800
Capacity (kaf/month)	1310	1530	1390	1390	960	1280	1340	1390	1340	1390	1390	810
Max (kaf)	491	600	800	800	800	900	900	1142	1300	1350	1350	780
Most (kaf)	491	600	800	800	675	600	600	600	800	840	824	600
Min (kaf)	491	600	800	800	675	600	600	600	800	840	824	600

# Lake Powell Monthly Release Volume Distribution

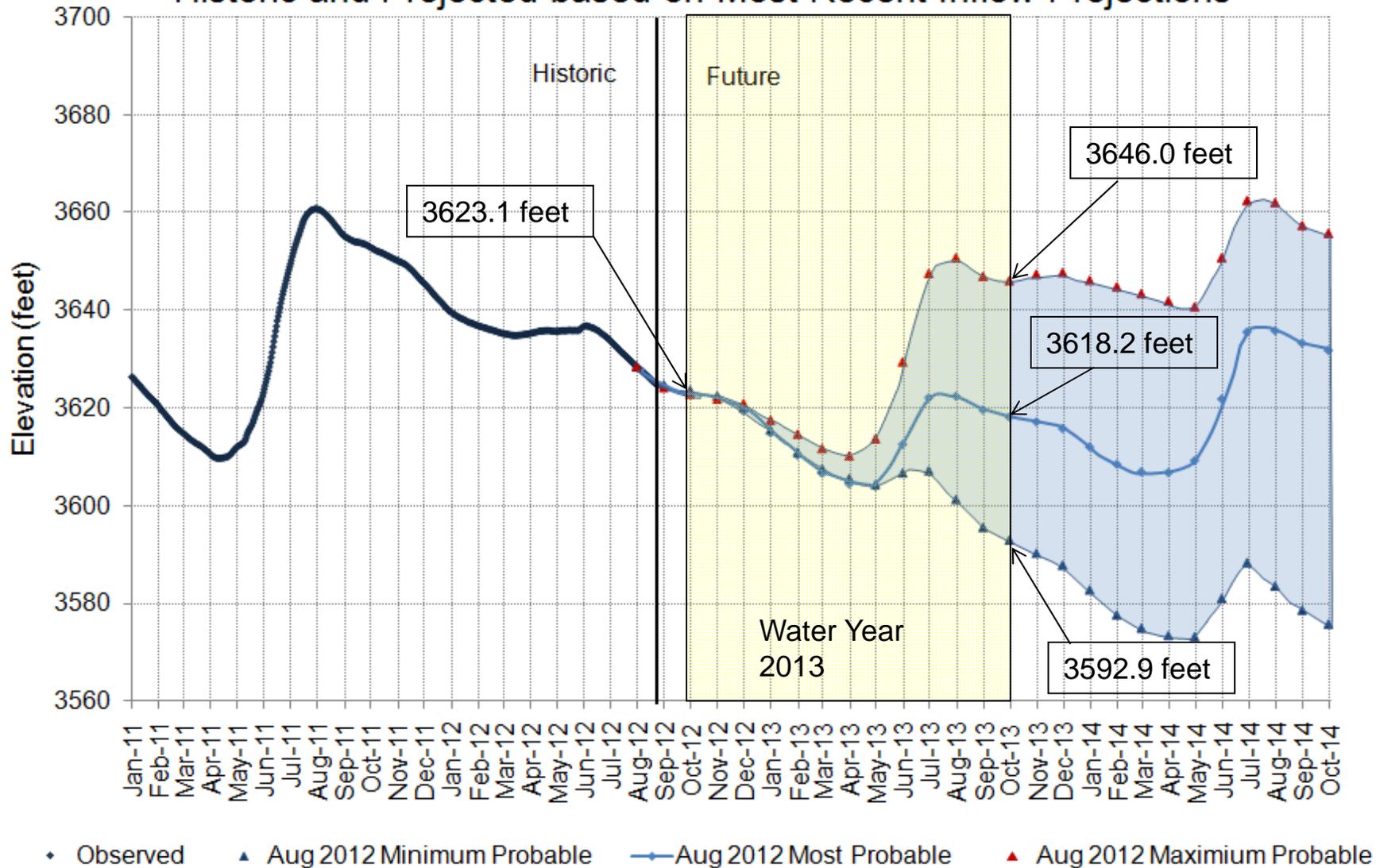
August 2012 24-Month Study

Min, Most, Max Probable Scenarios



# Lake Powell Elevations

## Historic and Projected based on Most Recent Inflow Projections



# Lower Colorado River Basin

## Hydrology and Operations

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# Lake Powell & Lake Mead Operational Table

## Operational Tiers for 2013 based on August 2012 Projections<sup>1</sup>

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# Projected Lake Mead Elevations

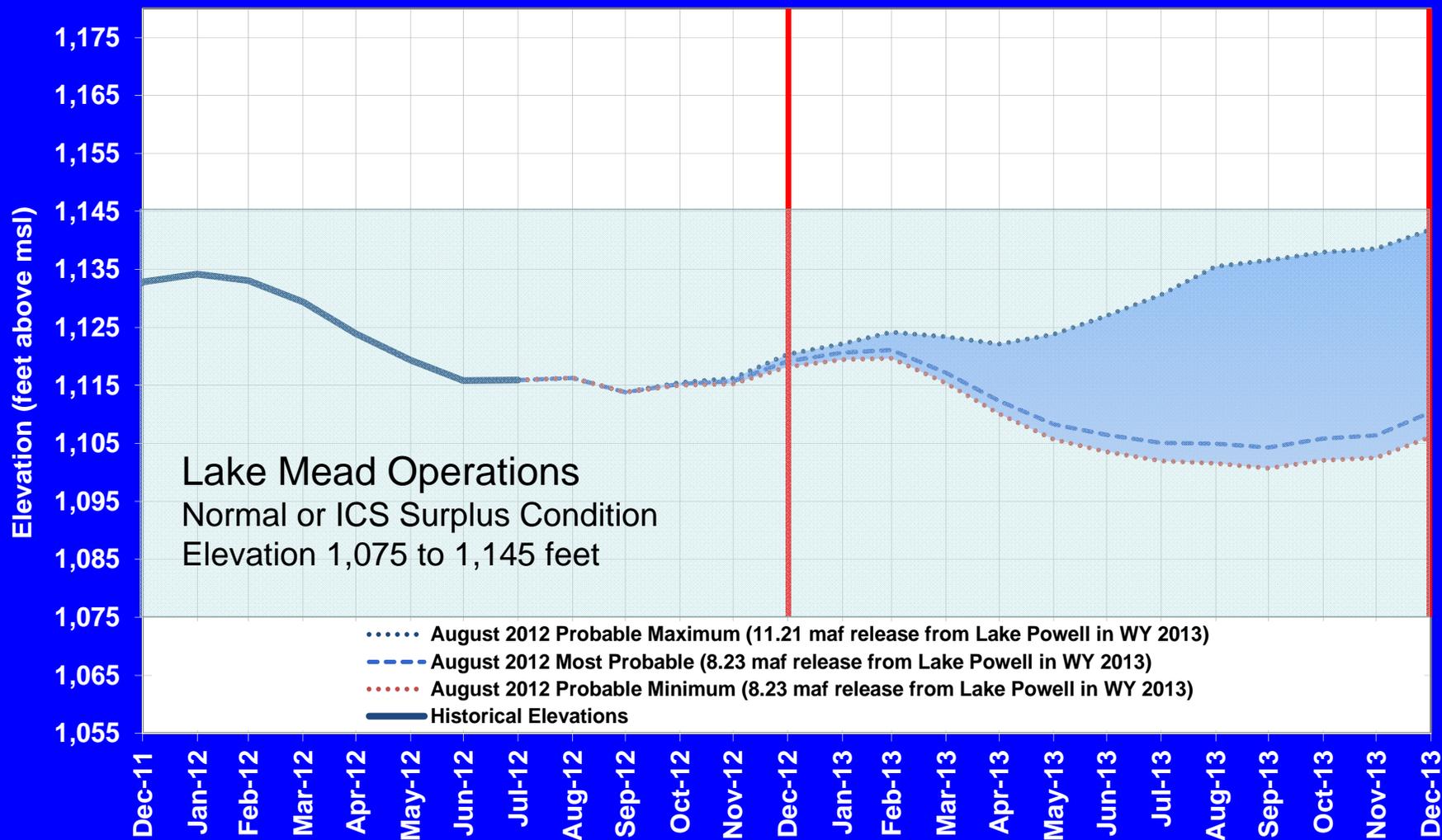
Based on August 2012 24-Month Study Inflow Scenarios

Scenario	CY 2013 (on January 1, 2013)	CY 2014 (on January 1, 2014)
Probable Minimum	1,118.2 feet	1,106.2 feet
Most Probable	1,119.1 feet	1,110.4 feet
Probable Maximum	1,120.4 feet	1,141.9 feet

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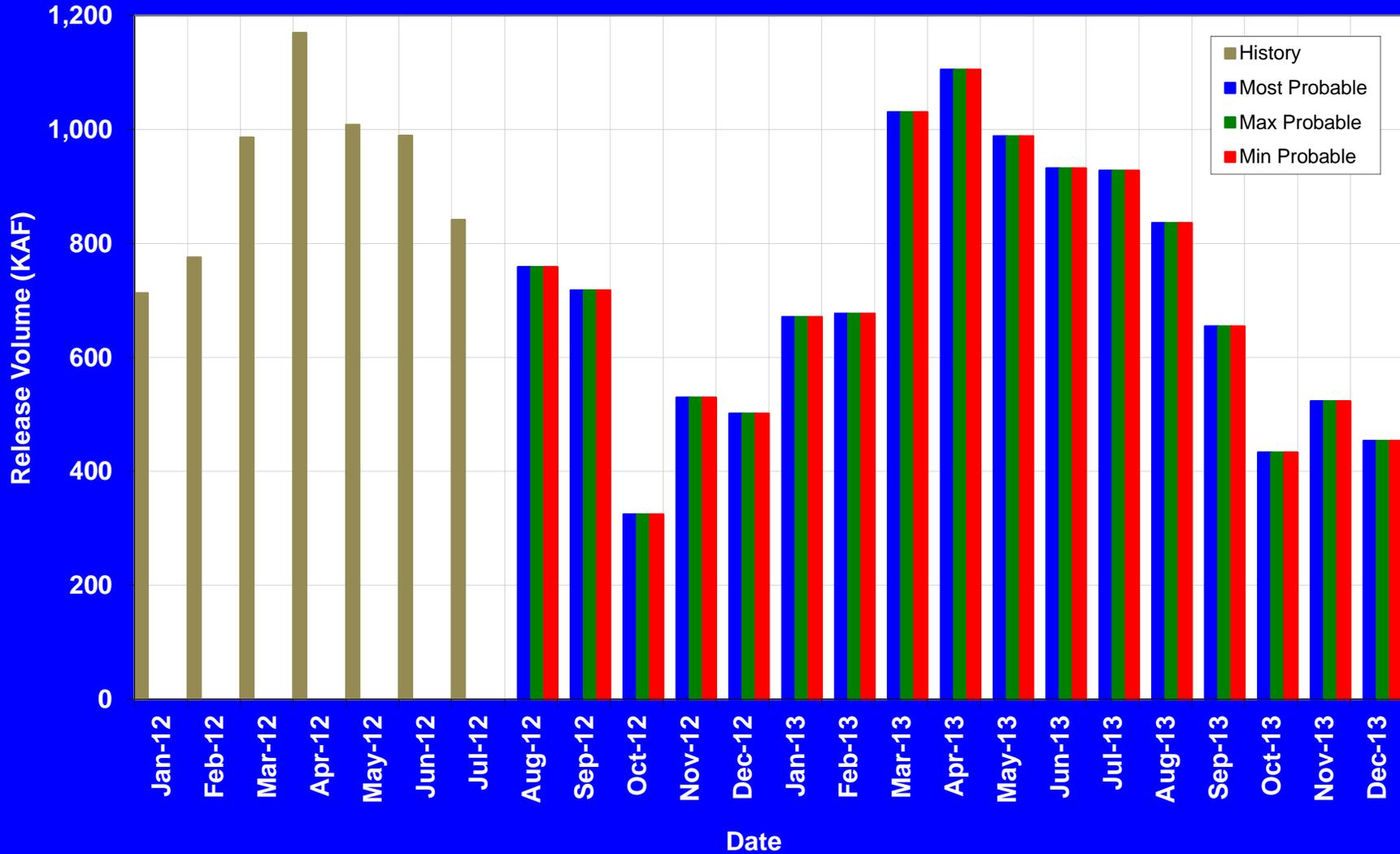
## Lake Mead End of Month Elevation

Projections from August 2012 24-Month Study Inflow Scenarios\*



\* See attached page for an explanation of the three hydrologic scenarios displayed in this chart and discussions on how the projected water year 2012 release volumes from Lake Powell were determined.

## Lake Mead Monthly Release Volumes Projections from August 2012 24-Month Study Inflow Scenarios



# Lower Basin Side Inflows

## Glen Canyon to Hoover in WY/CY 2012<sup>1,2</sup>

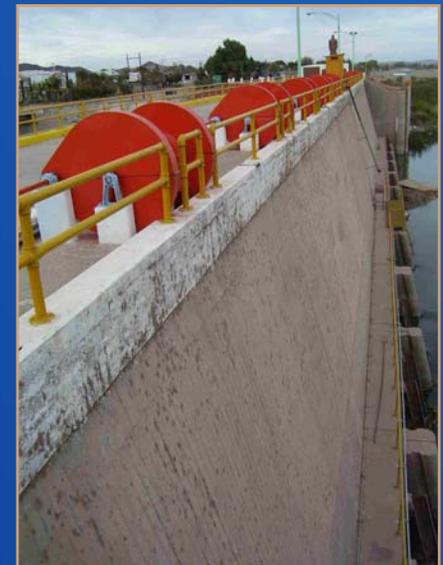
Month in WY/CY 2012		Intervening Flow Glen Canyon to Hoover (KAF)	Intervening Flow Glen Canyon to Hoover (% of Average)	Difference From 5-Year Average (KAF)
H I S T O R Y	October 2011	66	135%	+17
	November 2011	36	78%	-10
	December 2011	84	78%	-24
	January 2012	55	71%	-23
	February 2012	44	45%	-54
	March 2012	43	55%	-35
	April 2012	46	61%	-30
	May 2012	16	25%	-48
	June 2012	8	21%	-26
	July 2012	70	130%	+16
August 2012	168	163%	+65	
F U T U R E	September 2012	74		
	October 2012	49		
	November 2012	46		
	December 2012	108		
<b>WY 2012 Totals</b>		<b>709</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>-152</b>
<b>CY 2012 Totals</b>		<b>726</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>-135</b>

<sup>1</sup> Values were computed with the LC's gain-loss model for the most recent 24-month study.

<sup>2</sup> Percents of average are based on the 5-year mean from 2007-2011.

# YAO Operations Update

- Brock and Senator Wash storage year-to-date<sup>1</sup>
  - Brock 96,770 AF
  - Senator Wash 65,880 AF
- Excess Flows to Mexico year-to-date<sup>2</sup> 34,750 AF



<sup>1</sup> Provisional values through September 6, 2012

<sup>2</sup> Provisional value through September 9, 2012

# 2013 Colorado River AOP Final Consultation Meeting

- Welcome and Introductions – *Larry Walkoviak / Terry Fulp*
- Upper Basin Hydrology and Operations – *Katrina Grantz*
- Lower Basin Hydrology and Operations – *Dan Bunk*
- 2013 AOP Review Process – *Malcolm Wilson / Steve Hvinden*
- Review of Draft 2013 AOP - *CRMWG*
- Conclusion and Wrap-up

An aerial photograph of a large dam and reservoir. The dam is a curved concrete structure with several spillways. The reservoir is a deep blue-green color, surrounded by rugged, brown mountains. The sky is clear and blue. The text is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**2013 Colorado River Annual  
Operating Plan  
Colorado River Management Work Group  
(CRMWG)  
Final Consultation  
September 12, 2012**

**RECLAMATION**

30 CFR 254 and NTLs	Reporting requirement	Hour burden	Average Number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
<b>Subpart D—Oil Spill Response Requirements for Facilities Located in State Waters Seaward of the Coast Line</b>				
50; 51	Submit response plan for facility in State waters by modifying existing OCS plan .....	42	10 plans	420
50; 52	Submit response plan for facility in State waters following format for OCS plan .....	100	9 plans	900
50; 53	Submit response plan for facility in State waters developed under State requirements .....	89	18 plans	1,602
54	Submit description of oil-spill prevention procedures and demonstrate compliance .....	5	36 submissions	180
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>73 responses</b>	<b>3,102 hours</b>
<b>TOTAL HOUR BURDEN</b>			<b>1,557 Responses</b>	<b>60,198 Hours</b>

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Non-Hour Cost Burden:* We have identified no non-hour cost burdens associated with the collection of information.

*Public Disclosure Statement:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

*Comments:* Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) requires each agency “\* \* \* to provide notice \* \* \* and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information \* \* \*.” Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the collection is necessary or useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, on June 6, 2012, we published a **Federal Register** notice (77 FR 33479) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. In addition, § 254.9 provides the OMB control number for the information collection requirements imposed by the 30 CFR 254 regulations. The regulation also informs the public that they may comment at any time on the collections of information and provides the address to which they should send comments. We have received no comments in response to these efforts.

*Public Availability of Comments:* Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your

comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Acting BSEE Information Collection Clearance Officer:* Cheryl Blundon (703) 787-1607.

Dated: September 18, 2012.

**Robert W. Middleton,**

*Deputy Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### Establishment of the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of establishment; request for nominees.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) is establishing and seeking nominations for the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science (Committee). The Committee will provide advice on matters and actions relating to the establishment and operations of the U.S. Geological Survey National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center and the DOI Climate Science Centers. In doing so, the Committee will obtain input from Federal, state, tribal, local government, nongovernmental organizations, private sector entities, and academic institutions.

**DATES:** Written nominations must be received by November 19, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Send nominations to: Robin O'Malley, Policy and Partnership Coordinator, National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 400, Reston, VA 20192, [romalley@usgs.gov](mailto:romalley@usgs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robin O'Malley, Policy and Partnership Coordinator, National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 400, Reston, VA 20192, [romalley@usgs.gov](mailto:romalley@usgs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the Department of the Interior, announce the establishment of the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science. We are establishing the Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), and with the concurrence of the General Services Administration.

The Committee will:

- Advise on the contents of a national strategy identifying key science priorities to advance management of natural resources in the face of climate change.

- Advise on the nature, extent, and quality of relations with and engagement of key partners at the regional Climate Science Center level.

- Advise on the nature and effectiveness of mechanisms to ensure identification of key priorities from management partners and to effectively deliver scientific results in useful forms.

- Advise on mechanisms that may be employed by the National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center to ensure high standards of scientific quality and integrity in its products.

- Review and evaluate the performance of individual Climate Science Centers before re-establishing expiring agreements.

- Coordinate as appropriate with any Federal Advisory Committee established

for the DOI Landscape Conservation Cooperatives.

We are seeking nominations for individuals to be considered as Committee members. Nominations should include a resume that describes the nominee's qualifications in enough detail to enable us to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Committee and to contact a potential member.

Members of the Committee will be composed of approximately 25 members from both the Federal Government, and the following interests: (1) State and local governments, including state membership entities; (2) Non-governmental organizations, including those whose primary mission is professional and scientific and those whose primary mission is conservation and related scientific and advocacy activities; (3) American Indian tribes and other Native American entities; (4) Academia; (5) Individual landowners; and (6) Business interests.

In addition, the Committee may include scientific experts, and will include rotating representation from one or more of the institutions that host the DOI Climate Science Centers.

The Committee will meet approximately 2–4 times annually, and at such times as designated by the DFO. The Secretary of the Interior will appoint members to the Committee. Members appointed as special Government employees are required to file on an annual basis a confidential financial disclosure report.

No individual who is currently registered as a Federal lobbyist is eligible to serve as a member of the Committee.

*Certification Statement:* I hereby certify that the establishment of the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science is necessary, is in the public interest, and is established under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior, in connection with the performance of the responsibilities of the Department of the Interior under Section 2 of the Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended, and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008, Public Law 110–161.

Dated: September 25, 2012.

**Ken Salazar,**

*Secretary of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment, San Bernardino County, CA

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Barstow Field Office, Barstow, California, intends to prepare an amendment to the 1980 California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan with an associated Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify an 80-acre parcel of public land for possible direct sale. With this notice, the BLM is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the plan amendment with an associated EA. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until November 5, 2012. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through the local news media. In order to be included in the EA, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the EA as appropriate.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the plan amendment EA by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [bhooover@blm.gov](mailto:bhooover@blm.gov).
- *Fax:* 760–252–6099.
- *Mail:* Birgit Hoover, Realty Specialist, BLM Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311.

Documents pertinent to this notice will be available for public review at the Barstow Field Office: 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92311.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Birgit Hoover, Realty Specialist, BLM Barstow Field Office, telephone 760–

252–6035; address 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document provides notice that the BLM Barstow Field Office, Barstow, California, intends to prepare a plan amendment with an associated EA for the 1980 CDCA Plan, announces the beginning of the scoping process, and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The planning area is located in San Bernardino County, California, and encompasses approximately 80 acres of public land that has been identified for possible direct sale. The BLM received a request from OMYA, Inc., to purchase the planning area, by direct sale, under the authority of Section 203 of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1713). However, the public land described above is currently not available for sale under the 1980 CDCA Plan as amended, and a plan amendment is required to process a direct sale. This plan amendment will be limited to an analysis of whether the public land described above meets Section 203 sales criteria of FLPMA. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process. Preliminary issues for the plan amendment area have been identified by BLM personnel. The issues include: Mineral resources, special status species, and cultural resources. Preliminary planning criteria include:

1. Compliance with FLPMA, NEPA, and all other applicable laws;
2. Coordination with local and county governments; and
3. Government-to-government consultation with federally recognized tribes.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments by the close of the 30-day scoping period or within 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

The BLM will use the NEPA public participation requirements to assist the agency in satisfying the public