

# Managing Water at the Central Arizona Project 2024 MSSC Annual Salinity Summit

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#### **ARIZONA'S WATER SUPPLY**



SOURCE: ADWR, 2020



# **Central Arizona Project**

336-mile aqueduct stretches from Lake Havasu to Tucson

Serves region where 80% of the state's population resides; 6 million people and 12 tribes

Supply allocated 46% to tribes and 54% municipal



#### **Colorado River Allocation**

Upper Basin States: Colorado, New Mexico, Utah,

and Wyoming

Lower Basin States: Arizona,

California, and Nevada

7.5 million acre-feet (MAF) annual allocation of Colorado River water for the Upper Basin, 7.5 MAF for the Lower Basin and 1.5 MAF for Mexico

Lower Basin allocations

- AZ (2.8 MAF)
- CA (4.4 MAF)
- NV (0.3 MAF)





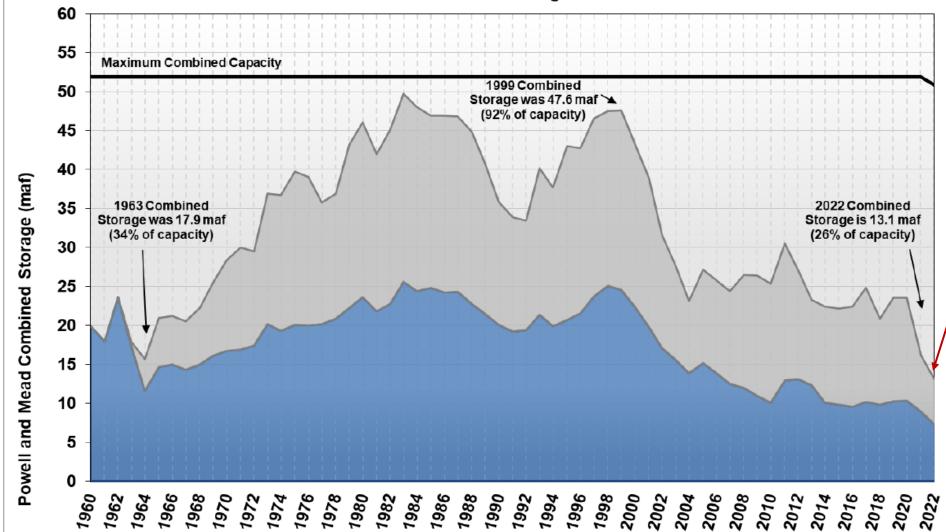
# **Colorado River Basin and Major Reservoirs**





#### Lake Powell and Lake Mead End of Water Year Storage





■ Lake Mead Storage

■ Lake Powell Storage

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- Lowest SystemStorage sinceinitial filling
- Triggered calls for additional conservation and a supplemental EIS to modify operations



#### Large-scale conservation



- Under the SEIS, Lower Basin States have agreed to conserve 3 MAF of water in Lake Mead through 2026
- 2.3 MAF of conservation is funded by the Inflation Reduction Act



## Post-2026 Environmental Impact Statement

- The Guidelines that govern the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead expire at the end of 2026.
- NEPA process has commenced to develop post-2026 Operational Guidelines
  - To improve management of the Colorado River system
  - To provide greater degree of predictability with respect to the amount of annual water deliveries
  - Continued stability of the Colorado River System
- Basin States anticipate working together to develop an alternative for Post-2026 EIS



**New Supplies and Water Quality** 

Wheeled Water (Non-Project Water)

**New Supplies** 

Water Quality Guidance Document

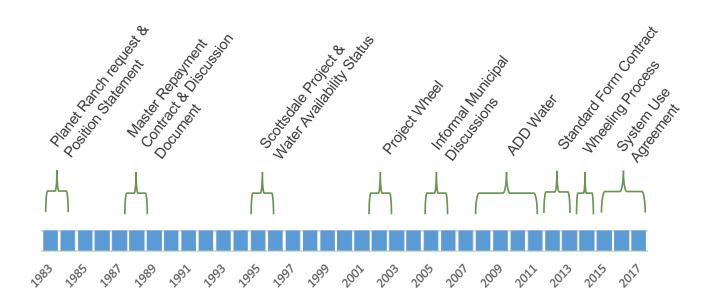
Water Quality Modeling

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## **CAP System Use Agreement**

The SUA is the culmination of efforts over decades, and it addresses wheeling, firming, and exchanges



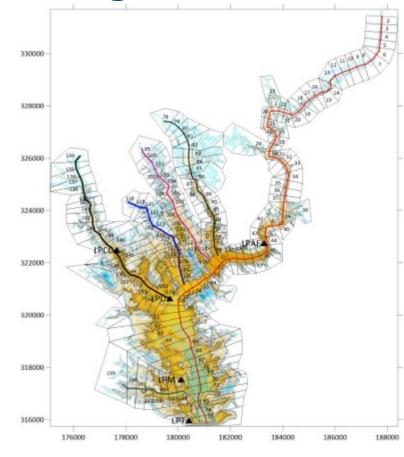


SUA signing, February 2017



## **New Supplies and Water Quality**

- Water Quality Modeling
  - Develop System-wide model apability of simulating the individual and cumulative water quality effects of introducing Non-Project Water in the CAP System.
  - Model should demonstrate compliance with the Delivery Standards (Appendix A, WQGD)

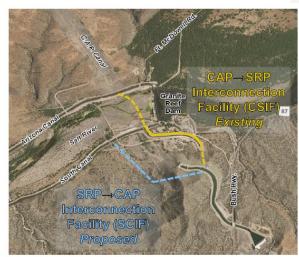




## **New Supplies and Water Quality**

- Imported Ground Water
- Surface Water
- Colorado River Transfers





05/23/2023 Water Committee Presentation, C.McJunkin



#### **DRAFT Environmental Assessment**

GSC Farm – Queen Creek Water Transfer Project, Arizona Interior Region 8: Lower Colorado Basin



U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation Interior Region 8: Lower Colorado Basin Phoenix Area Office Glendale, Arizona

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#### Resources

CAP's news site –
KnowYourWaterNews.com

CAP's main website— CentralArizonaProject.com

(Search CAP University for information on our next sessions!)

