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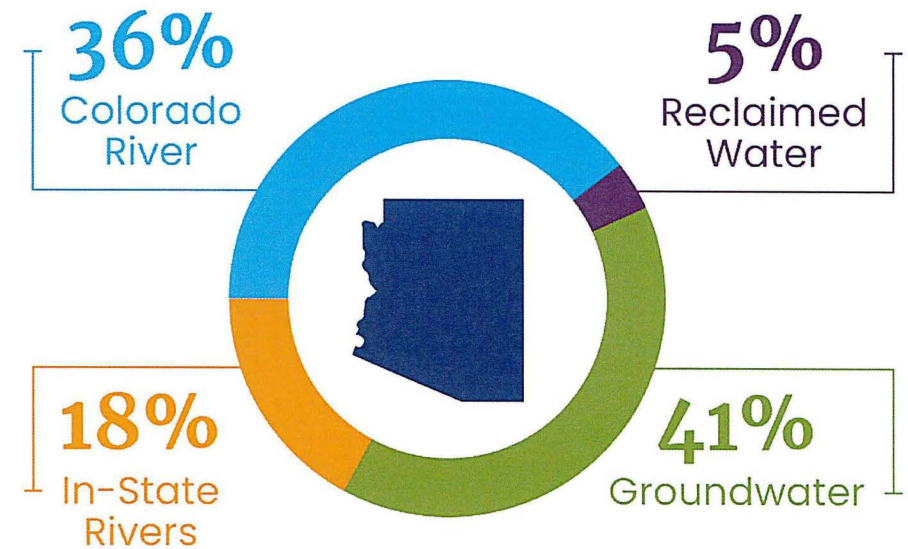
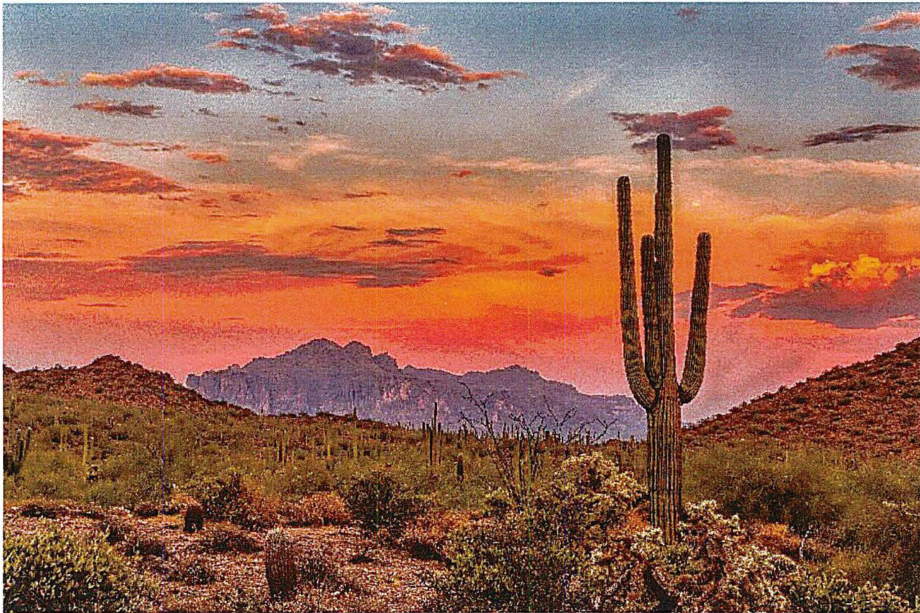
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Arizona Water Sources



Colorado River Basin

- Supplies water to 40 million people
- Provides water to Denver, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, San Diego and Tucson
- Includes 30 Tribes (22 in Arizona)
- Irrigates ~5 million acres of farmland
- Includes large reservoirs that can store up to 60 million acre-feet of water
- Generates clean hydropower for the Western power grid
- Supports National Parks, wildlife refuges, recreation areas and monuments





CAP provides water security for Arizona

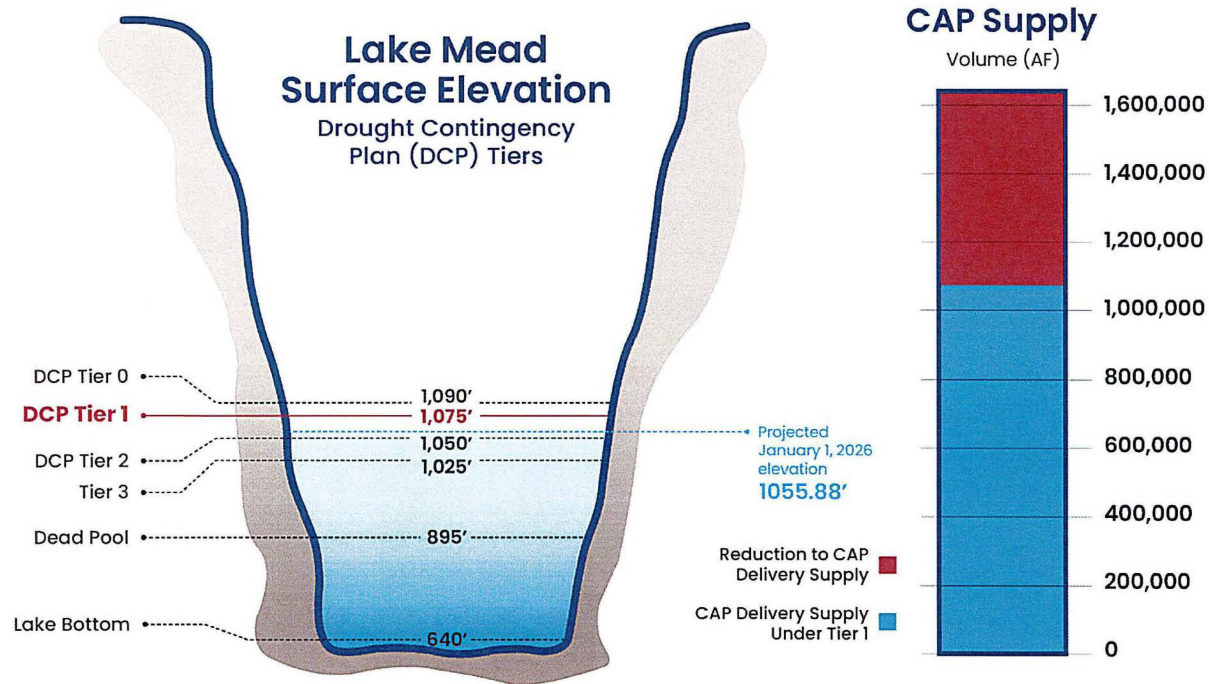
25 years of Colorado River drought



Snowpack vs. Runoff (% of average)		
	Snowpack	Runoff
2020	111%	61%
2021	91%	37%
2022	90%	63%
2023	161%	140%
2024	114%	83%
2025	92%	49%

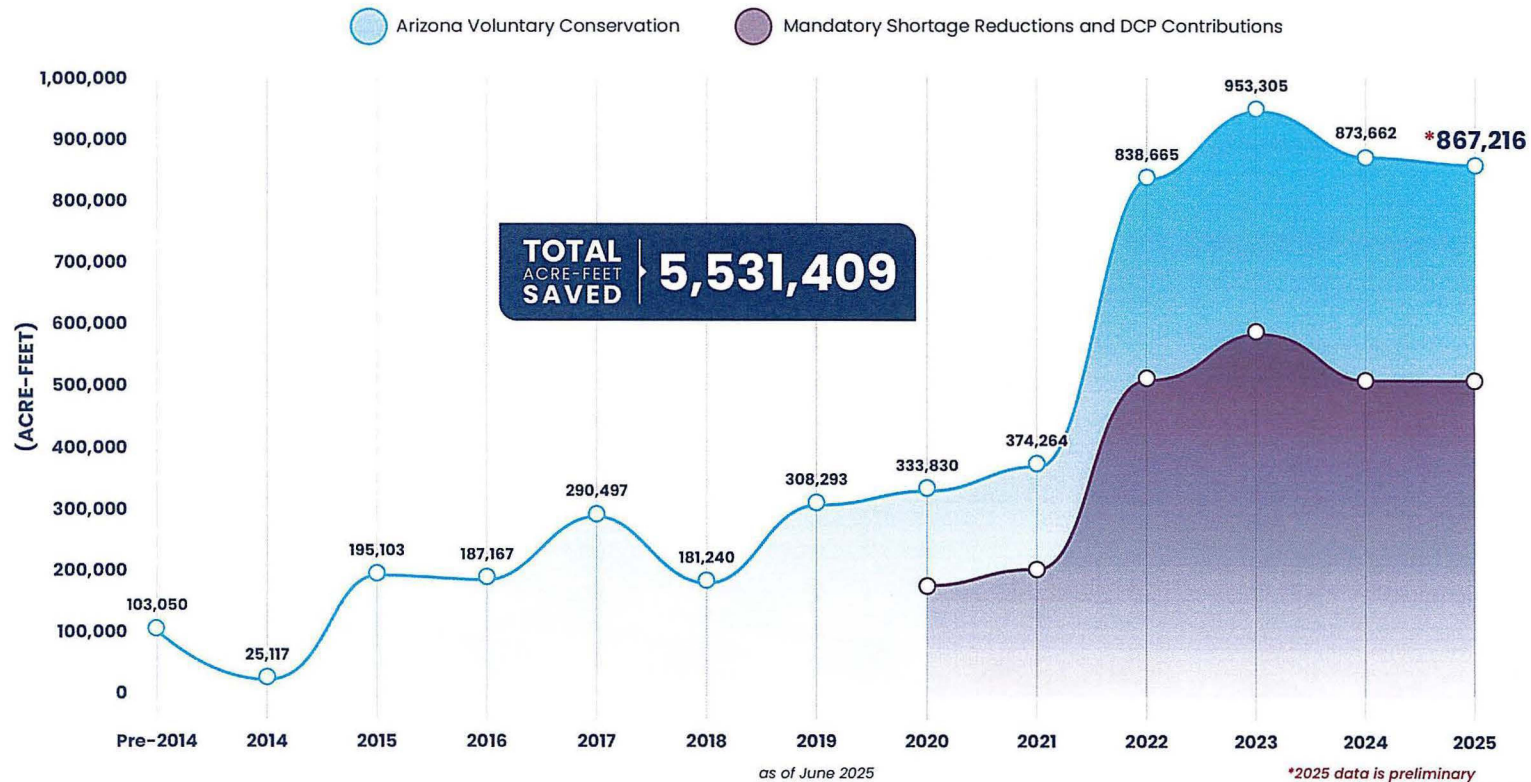
2026 Tier 1 Shortage

CAP Delivery System under Tier 1



*Graphics are not to scale and serve only as a representation.

Large-scale conservation



Colorado River Operations through 2026

2007 Interim Guidelines

- Established a shortage framework for the Lower Basin based on elevations in Lake Mead
- Incentivized storage of water in Lake Mead
- Coordinated operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead
- 20-year term – 2007-2026 (**2019 Drought Contingency Plan** was an overlay due to declining reservoirs)



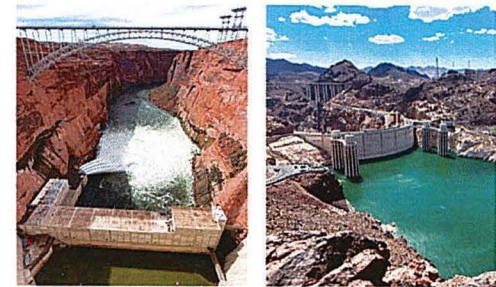
Post-2026 Colorado River Operations

- Bureau of Reclamation initiated a National Environmental Policy Act process in June 2023
- The Lower Basin states agree that future operations should:
 - Improve Colorado River reliability over a broad range of future conditions
 - Share the risks and benefits of the system within and between the basins
 - Improve predictability of reductions to stabilize Lake Mead
- Additional work with stakeholders, water users, and Upper Basin interests is needed to reach consensus



Scoping Report for Post-2026 Colorado River Reservoir Operations

Upper and Lower Colorado Basin Regions



U.S. Department of the Interior

October 2023

— COALITION FOR —
PROTECTING
ARIZONA'S
LIFELINE



Coalition for Protecting Arizona's Lifeline

Mayors from across Arizona have come together to form the **Coalition for Protecting Arizona's Lifeline -- advocating and uniting Arizona** in support of the Colorado River and Central Arizona Project's role in water delivery.

- Every Mayor in CAP's three-county service area is participating
- Nine business coalitions have signed on thus far
- Several tribes have also joined



Join Our Efforts

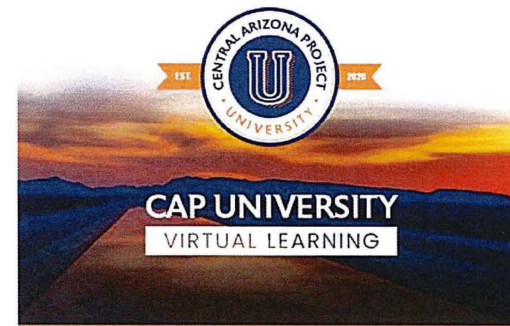
Your voice matters.

- By joining the coalition, you're helping protect Arizona's future, national defense efforts, environment, and strong business climate.
- We invite you to sign our pledge of support to be part of this effort to protect our water supplies.
- Visit www.ProtectingArizonasLifeline.org.



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Thank You!

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