



COLORADO RIVER UPDATE

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Colorado River Current Conditions

Drought Contingency Plan

- First ever shortages in the Lower Colorado River Basin
- Drought Response Operations Agreement in the Upper Colorado River Basin
- Demand Management Feasibility Investigation (Upper Basin)



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What Now?

Colorado's Goals for Post-2026 Operations of Lake Powell & Lake Mead:

- Additional water supply security and certainty
- Avoid risk of curtailment in the Upper Basin
- Improve operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead
- Address overuse in Lower Basin
- Support coordination with Mexico
- Maintain compliance with established federal environmental law



Thank You

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