

# Colorado River System storage through time

As of Oct. 1 reservoirs that store the Colorado River's water are at just under 47 percent of their capacity, according to recently released data from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Put another way: Reservoirs that provide water to 40 million people and irrigate 5.5 million acres of farmland in the southwest are less than half full.

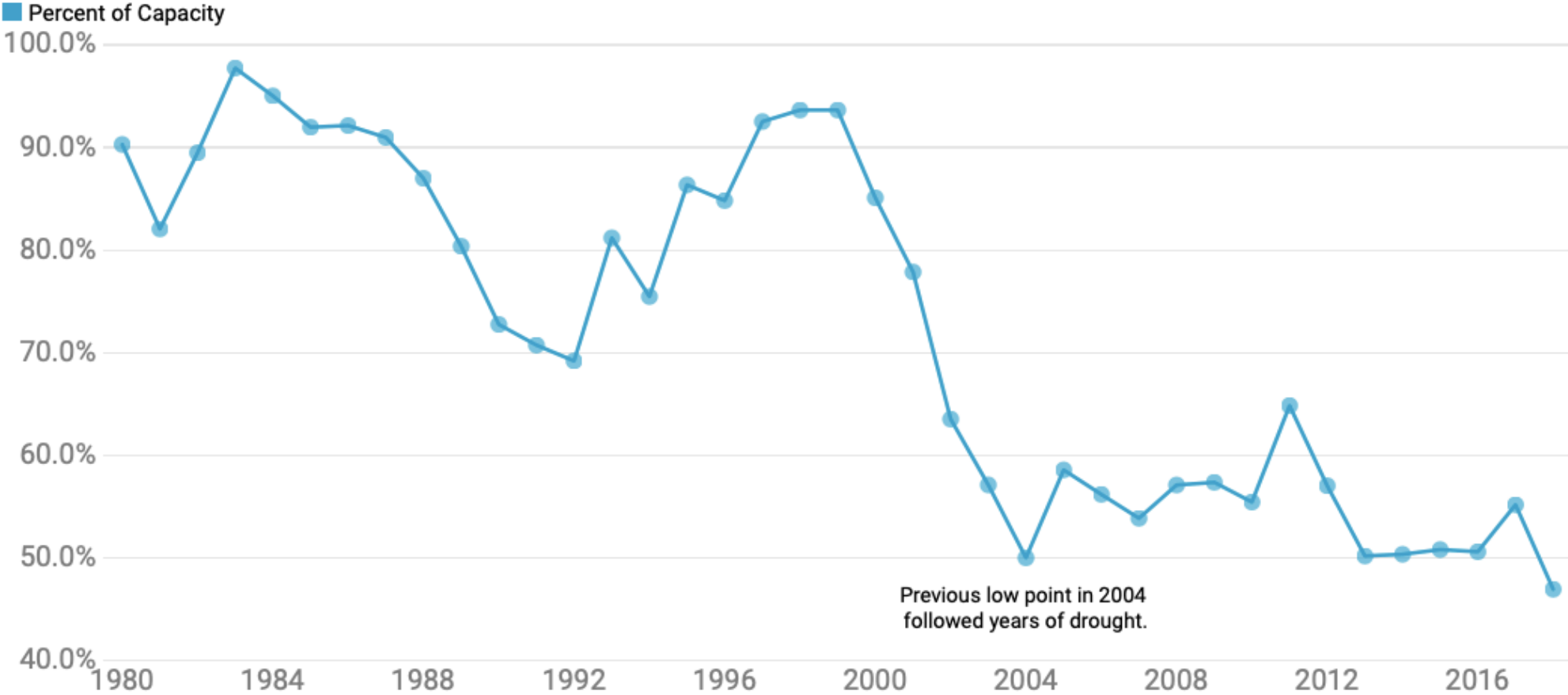


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