

Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study Moving Forward to Address Challenges Identified in the Study

Next Steps - Phase 1

Municipal and Industrial Conservation and Water Reuse Workgroup

Municipal and Industrial (M&I) conservation and water reuse were common options in the strategies explored in the Colorado River Basin Study to provide a cost-effective solutions for resolving imbalances in the near-term. This Workgroup will collect information from municipalities relying on Colorado River water and prepare a report that quantifies each municipality's conservation and reuse savings from the initiation of conservation and reuse programs to date, documents programs that have been successful to date, quantifies the amount of additional water savings each program estimates will be achieved by 2060, and estimates the anticipated impacts on Colorado River demands. From this baseline information, the Workgroup will propose Phase 2 activities to the Coordination Team.

This [group](#) is led by three Co-Chairs:

- Kathy Ferris – Arizona Municipal Water Users Association
- Carolyn Schaffer – The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
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Participating Entities

Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority
American Rivers
Arizona Municipal Water Users Association
Arizona Public Service
Aurora Water
Bureau of Reclamation
City of Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities
City of Flagstaff
City of Santa Fe
Colorado River Board of California
Colorado Springs Utilities
Colorado Water Conservation Board
Denver Water
Eastern Municipal Water District
Environmental Defense Fund
Green River - Rock Springs - Sweetwater County Joint Powers Water Board
Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
New Mexico Office of the State Engineer
Public Service Company of New Mexico
San Diego County Water Authority
Southern Nevada Water Authority
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

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Agricultural Conservation, Productivity and Water Transfers Workgroup

Agricultural conservation and voluntary water transfers can have many benefits and in particular promote flexibility in adapting to uncertain future conditions. This Workgroup will collect information and prepared a report that quantifies agricultural conservation and transfers of Colorado River water (both within and outside the Basin) that have occurred to date, documents programs that have been successful to date, lists any existing future plans for these types of activities, and estimates what potential savings could come from these existing plans. From this baseline information, the Workgroup will propose Phase 2 activities to the Coordination Team.

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- Ken Nowak – Bureau of Reclamation
- Tina Shields – Imperial Irrigation District
- Reagan Waskom – Colorado State University

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Bureau of Reclamation
California Department of Water Resources
Central Arizona Project
Coachella Valley Water District
Colorado River Board of California
Colorado River Commission of Nevada
Colorado River Indian Tribes
Colorado River Water Conservation District
Colorado State University
Colorado Water Users
Environmental Defense Fund
Family Farm Alliance
Imperial Irrigation District
Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
Maricopa-Stanfield Irrigation & Drainage District
National Young Farmers Coalition
Natural Resources Conservation Service
New Mexico Office of the State Engineer
Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District
Palo Verde Irrigation District
San Diego County Water Authority
San Juan Water Commission
Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District
Southern Nevada Water Authority
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
The Nature Conservancy
Trout Unlimited
Upper Colorado River Commission
Utah Division of Water Resources
Welton-Mohawk Irrigation & Drainage District
Western Governors' Association
Wyoming State Engineer's Office

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Environmental and Recreational Flows Workgroup

The Study recognized that future efforts should strive to better understand and quantify the needs of flow-dependent ecological systems and river recreation, better reflect those needs in a modeling framework, and further explore solutions that promote the protection and improvement of environmental and recreational flows. This Workgroup will develop a report that, for areas found by the Study to be highly vulnerable, describes any uncertainties related to the representation of those areas in the modeling framework and the assumed flow needs. Additionally, this Workgroup will explore opportunities to implement options that provide multiple benefits to improve flow and water-dependent ecological systems, power generation, and recreation. The Workgroup will propose Phase 2 activities to the Coordination Team.

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- Alan Butler – Bureau of Reclamation
- Ted Kowalski – Colorado Water Conservation Board
- Taylor Hawes – The Nature Conservancy

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American Whitewater
Arizona Department of Water Resources
Bureau of Reclamation
Central Arizona Project
Colorado River Board of California
Colorado River Energy Distributors Association
Colorado River Water Conservation District
Colorado Springs Utilities
Colorado Water Conservation Board
Environmental Defense Fund
Front Range Water Council
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
National Park Service
National Parks Conservation Association
New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission
Southern Nevada Water Authority
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The Nature Conservancy
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
US Fish and Wildlife Service
Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems