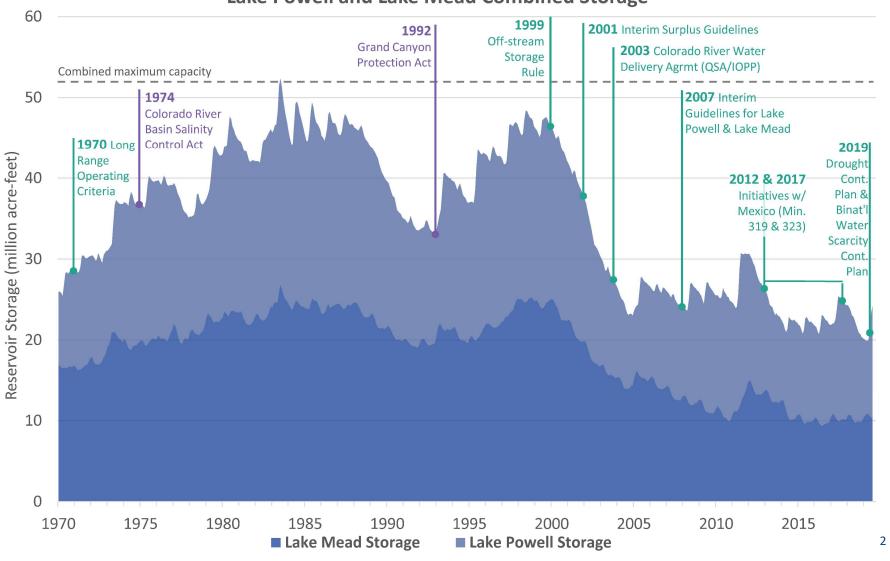
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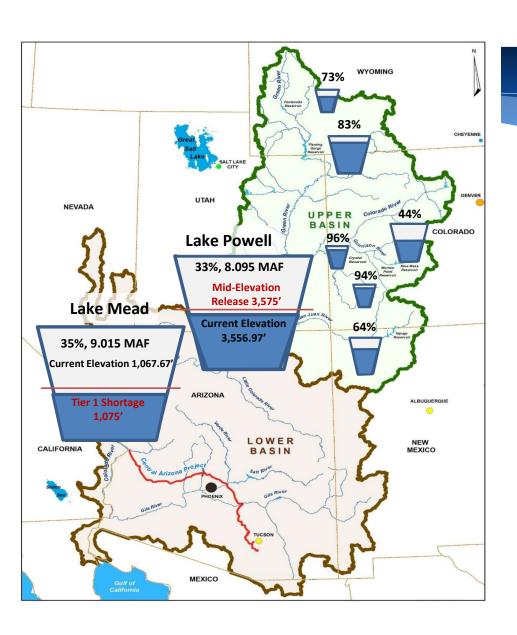
When the river runs dry, where's the next water coming from?



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July 26, 2021

#### **Lake Powell and Lake Mead Combined Storage**





# Colorado River Water Supply Report

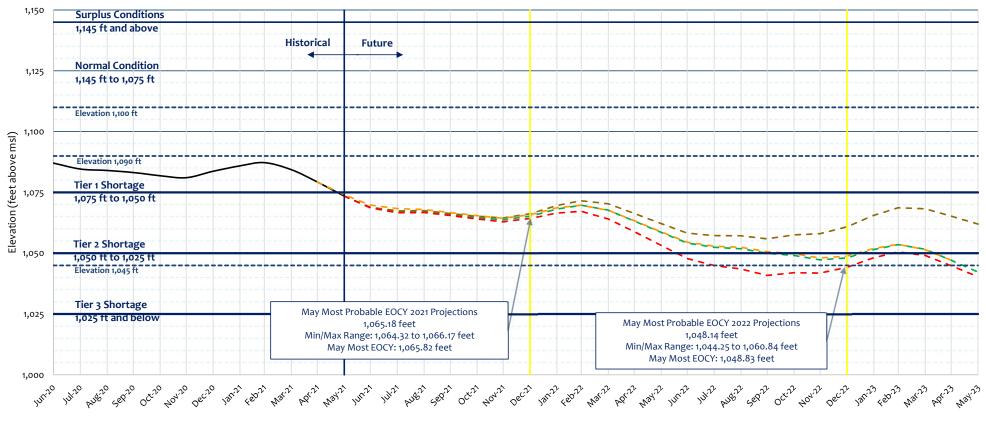
### System Contents: 40% or 24.360 MAF

As of July 15, 2021

Reservoir Storage (MAF) - As of July 15, 2021							
Reservoir	Current	Storage Last Year	Maximum				
ake Mead 9.015		10.486	26.120				
Lake Powell	8.095	12.601	24.322				
Fontenelle	0.253	0.330	0.345				
Flaming Gorge	3.100	3.300	3.749				
Blue Mesa	0.369	0.573	0.830				
Morrow Point	0.110	0.111	0.117				
Navajo	1.090	1.320	1.696				

#### Lake Mead End of Month Elevations

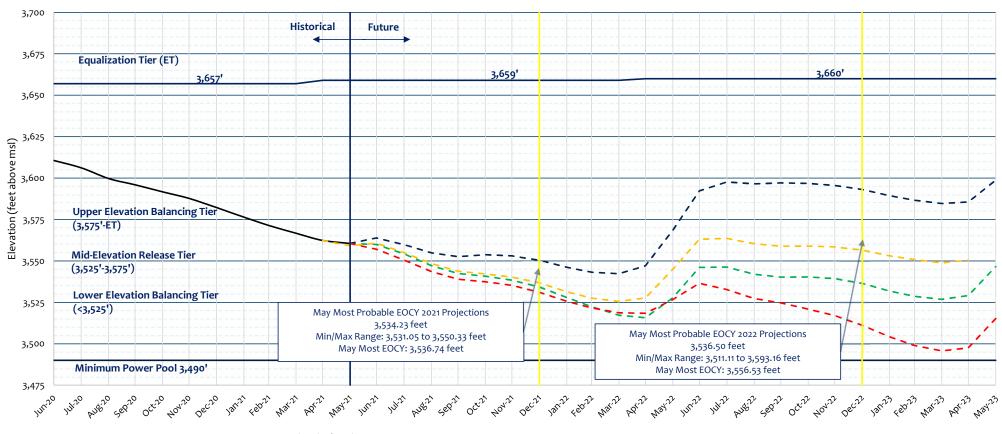
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#### Comparison of April 2021 and June 2021 Projections Chance of Reaching Critical Reservoir Elevations Using the Stress Test Hydrology (1988-2019)

	Run	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Lake Mead less than 1,025 feet	April 2021	0%	0%	8%	36%	44%
	June 2021	0%	0%	17%	44%	58%
	Difference	0%	0%	9%	8%	14%
Lake Mead less than 1,000 feet	April 2021	0%	0%	0%	4%	13%
	June 2021	0%	0%	0%	9%	21%
	Difference	0%	0%	0%	5%	8%
Lake Powell less than 3,525 feet	April 2021 June 2021	0% 0%	13% 79%	18% 30%	20% 25%	23% 30%
	Difference	0%	66%	12%	5%	7%
Lake Powell less than 3,490 feet	April 2021	0%	0%	<1%	9%	12%
	June 2021	0%	0%	5%	17%	16%
	Difference	0%	0%	<5%	8%	4%

All results computed as the chance of falling below the threshold in any month in the calendar (water) year for Lake Mead (Lake Powell).



## Lower Basin – Lake Mead Percent of Traces with Event or System Condition Results from June 2021 CRMMS-ESP/CRSS using the Full Hydrology and Stress Test Hydrology (values in percent)

Event or System Condition		2022	2023	2024	2025	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Surplus Condition – any amount (Mead ≥ 1,145 ft)		0	0	<1	4	0	0	0	0	0
Surplus – Flood Control		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Normal or ICS Surplus Condition (Mead < 1,145 and > 1,075 ft)		0	3	12	15	100	0	5	3	1
Recovery of DCP ICS / Mexico's Water Savings (Mead >/≥ 1,110 ft)	0	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	0	0
DCP Contribution / Mexico's Water Savings (Mead ≤ 1,090 and > 1,075 ft)	100	0	3	9	9	100	0	5	3	1
Shortage Condition – any amount (Mead ≤ 1,075 ft)	0	>99	97	88	81	0	>99	95	97	99
Shortage / Reduction – 1 <sup>st</sup> level (Mead ≤ 1,075 and ≥ 1,050)	0	>99	74	31	23	0	>99	60	30	28
DCP Contribution / Mexico's Water Savings (Mead ≤ 1,075 and > 1,050 ft)	0	>99	74	31	23	0	>99	60	30	28
Shortage / Reduction – 2 <sup>nd</sup> level (Mead < 1,050 and ≥ 1,025)	0	0	23	54	39	0	0	34	65	32
DCP Contribution / Mexico's Water Savings (Mead ≤ 1,050 and > 1,045 ft)	0	0	17	9	8	0	0	26	4	7
DCP Contribution / Mexico's Water Savings (Mead ≤ 1,045 and > 1,040 ft)	0	0	5	10	7	0	0	8	10	8
DCP Contribution / Mexico's Water Savings (Mead ≤ 1,040 and > 1,035 ft)	0	0	0	13	8	0	0	<1	12	4
DCP Contribution / Mexico's Water Savings (Mead ≤ 1,035 and > 1,030 ft)	0	0	0	13	10	0	0	0	22	9
DCP Contribution / Mexico's Water Savings (Mead ≤ 1,030 and ≥/> 1,025 ft)	0	0	0	8	5	0	0	0	18	5
Shortage / Reduction – 3 <sup>rd</sup> level (Mead < 1,025)		0	0	3	20	0	0	0	2	38
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#### Notes

<sup>4</sup> Percentages shown in this table may not be representative of the full range of future possibilities that could occur with different modeling assumptions.

<sup>5</sup> Percentages shown may not sum to 100% due to rounding to the nearest percent.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Modeled operations include the 2007 Interim Guidelines, Upper Basin Drought Response Operations, Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan, and Minute 323, including the Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan

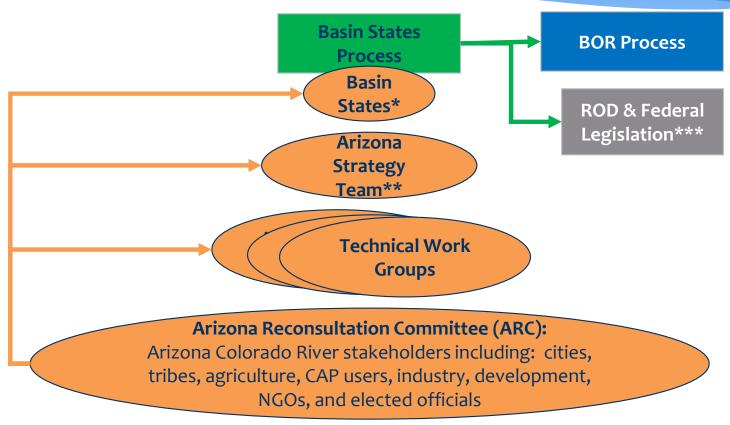
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Reservoir conditions from June-December 2021 were simulated using the June 2021 CRMMS in ensemble mode using the CRRFC unregulated inflow forecast ensemble dated June 3, 2021 (CRMMS-ESP).

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<sup>6</sup> While all CRMMS-ESP projections show Lake Mead's December 31, 2021 elevation falling below 1,075′, the August 2021 24-Month Study will set the 2022 Lower Basin operating tier.

### **Arizona Reconsultation Process**

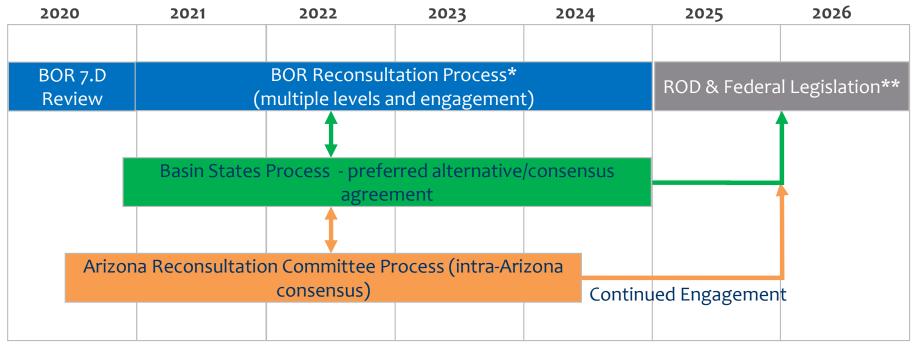


<sup>\*</sup>By invitation to support the co-Chairs

<sup>\*\*</sup>Requires confidentiality agreement for legal advice and negotiating strategies

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### Arizona's Estimate of Reconsultation Processes & Timeline



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