

Status of Colorado River Negotiations

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TITANS...WHO FOREVER BEAR THE WEIGHT OF THE COLORADO RIVER WORLD ON THEIR SHOULDERS.



Colorado River Allocations

1922 Colorado River Compact established Upper and Lower Basin States' allocations

UPPER BASIN STATES - 7.5 MAF

1948 Upper Colorado Basin Compact established the Upper Basin States' apportionment.

Arizona 50,000 AF of Upper Basin water

LOWER BASIN STATES - 7.5 MAF

California – 4.4 MAF

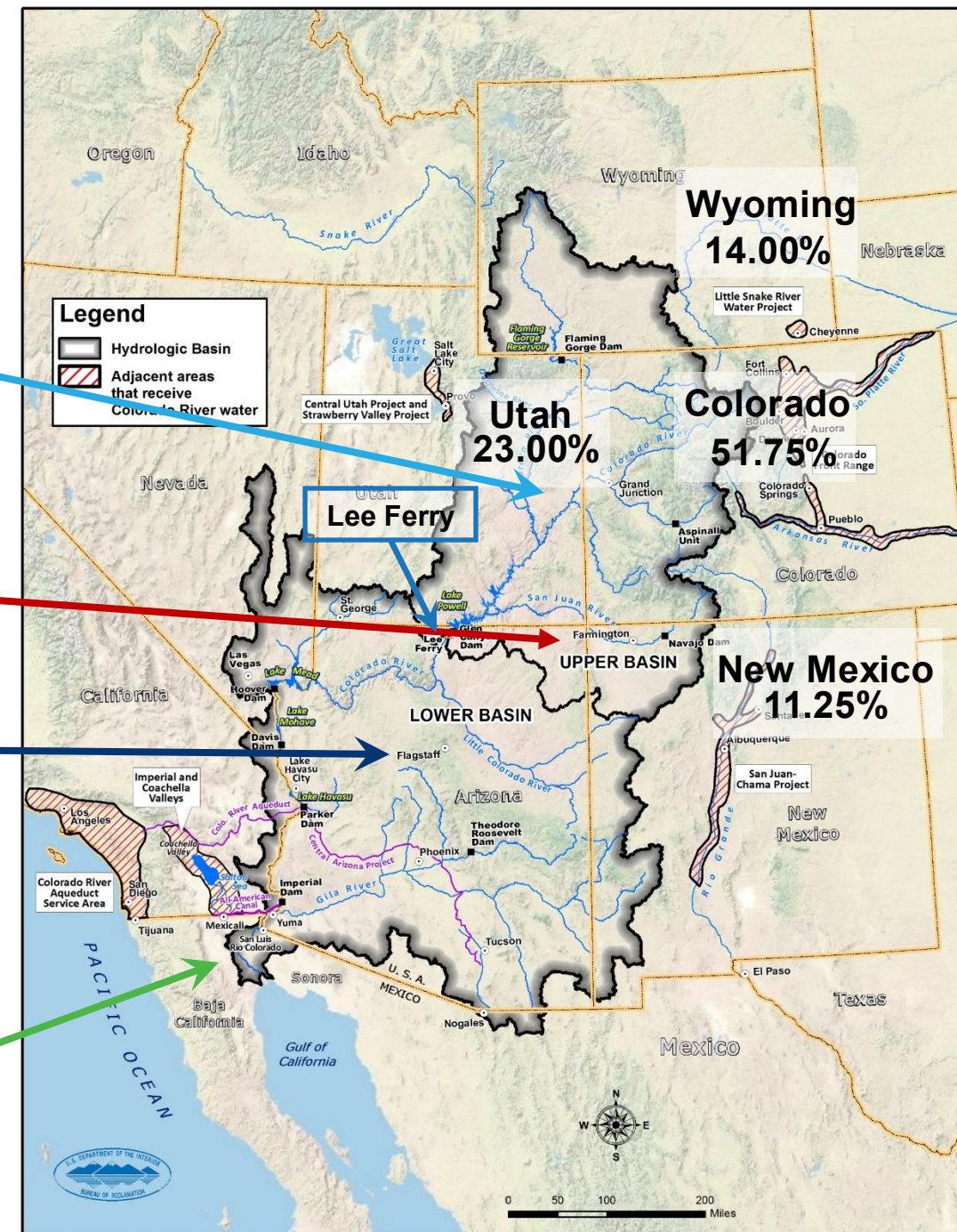
Arizona – 2.8 MAF

Nevada – 0.3 MAF

1928 Boulder Canyon Project Act established the Lower Basin States' apportionment.

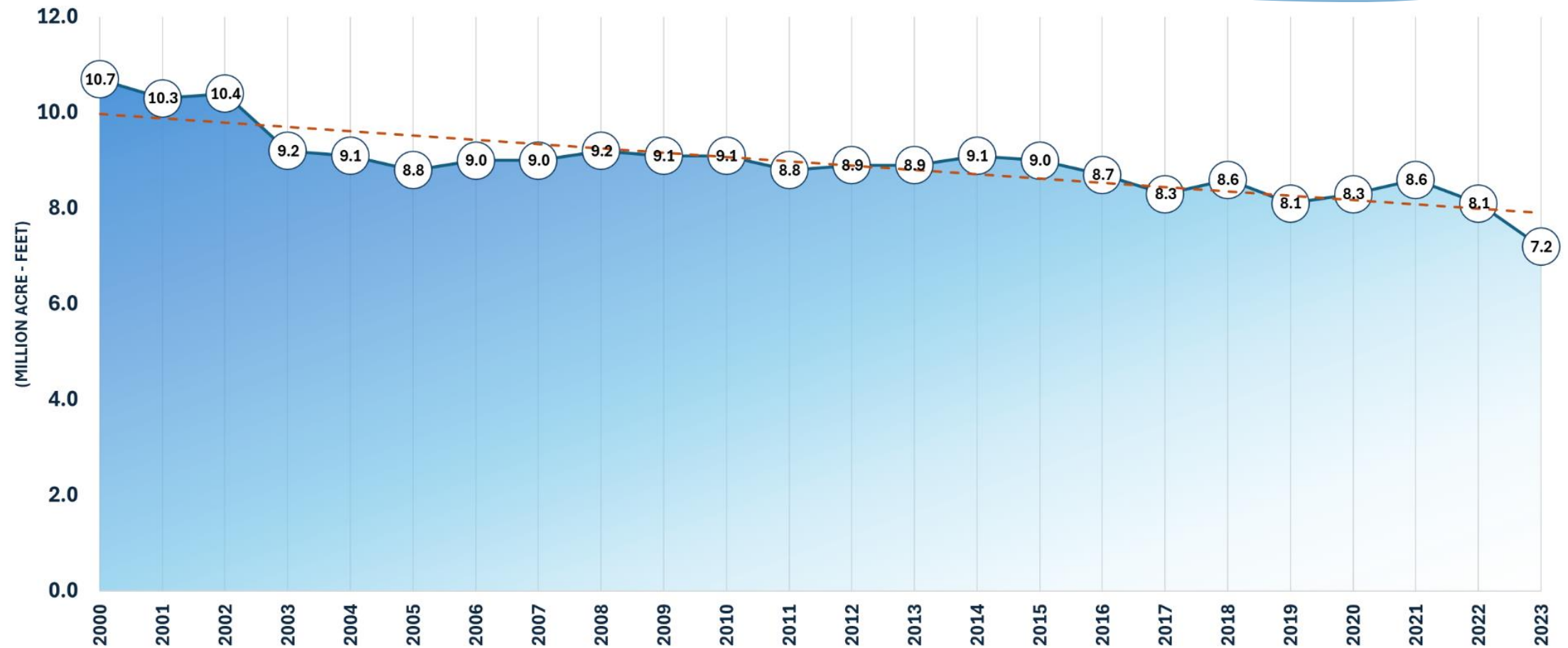
MEXICO - 1.5 MAF

1944 Treaty with Mexico established Mexico's treaty deliveries.

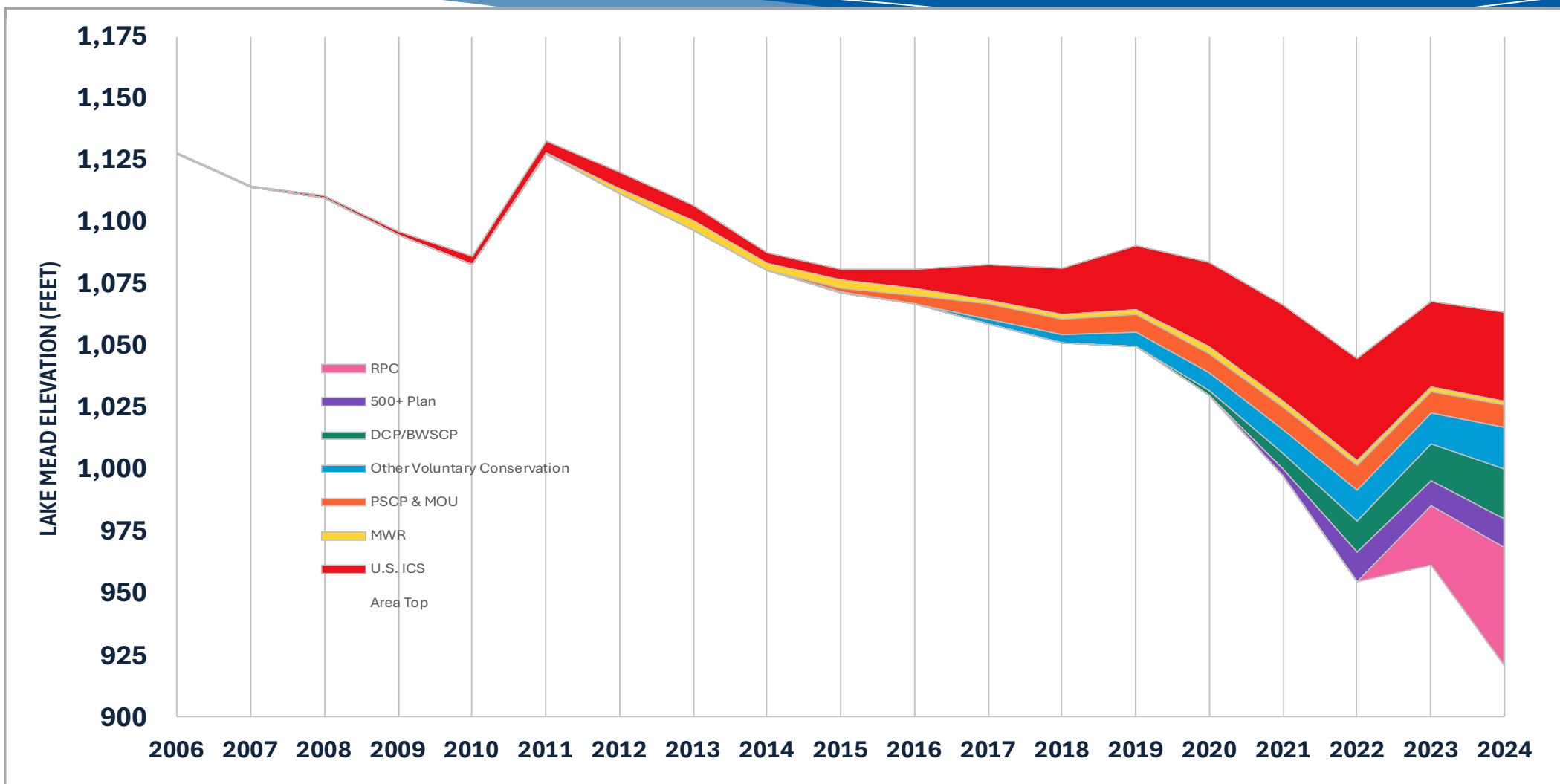


Lower Basin (U.S. & MX) Consumptive Water Use

Lower Basin (U.S. & MX) consumptive use was reduced by nearly a third since 2000.



Lake Mead's water levels would be more than 100 feet lower today without the action and investment taken over the past 20 years.

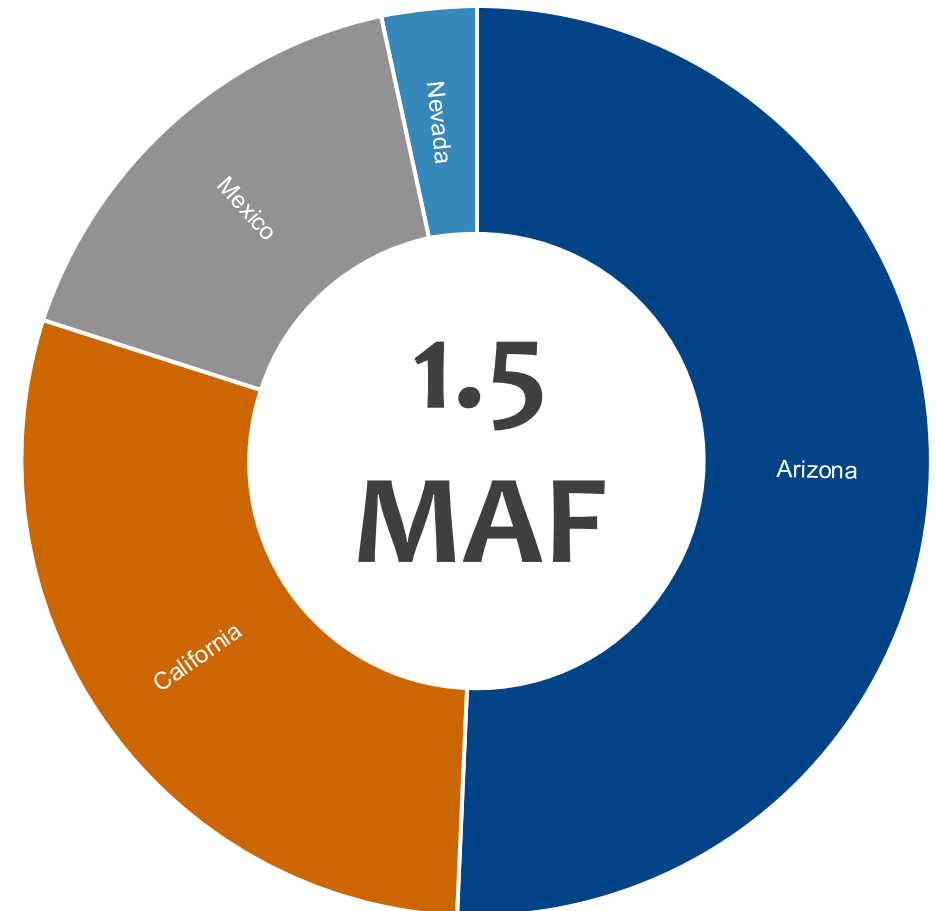


Arizona's Demonstrated Water Savings & Future Storage

- Lower Division States would take up to 1.5 MAF in shortages to address structural deficit and aridification effects below Lake Powell
- If reservoir levels fall to 38% or below, Upper Division states and Lower Division states would contribute to increased shortages up to 3.9 MAF

Total shortage	1.5 MAF
Arizona	760 KAF
California	440 KAF
Nevada	50 KAF
Mexico*	250 KAF

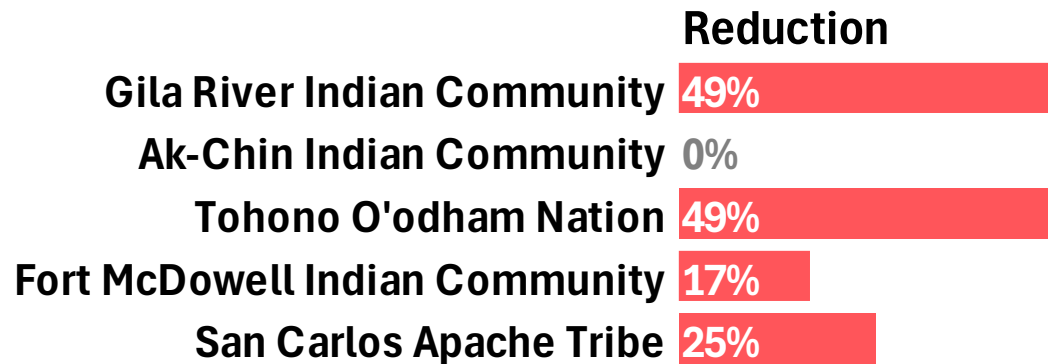
*Pending binational parallel process



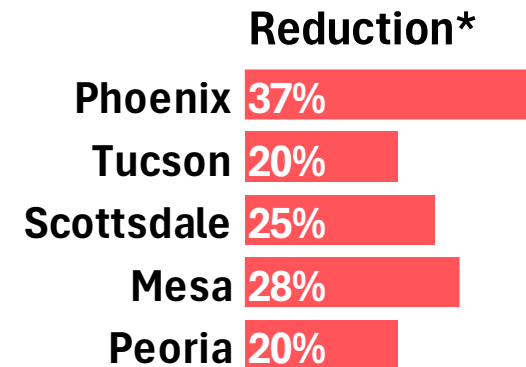
Potential Impacts to CAP Subcontractors in the Static Reduction Zone

Estimated reduction to CAP supplies based on current levels of CAP Long-Term Contract orders and a 760 KAF reduction to Arizona implemented under ‘strict priority.’ and a 760 KAF reduction to Arizona implemented under ‘strict priority.’

Largest Tribal CAP Contractors

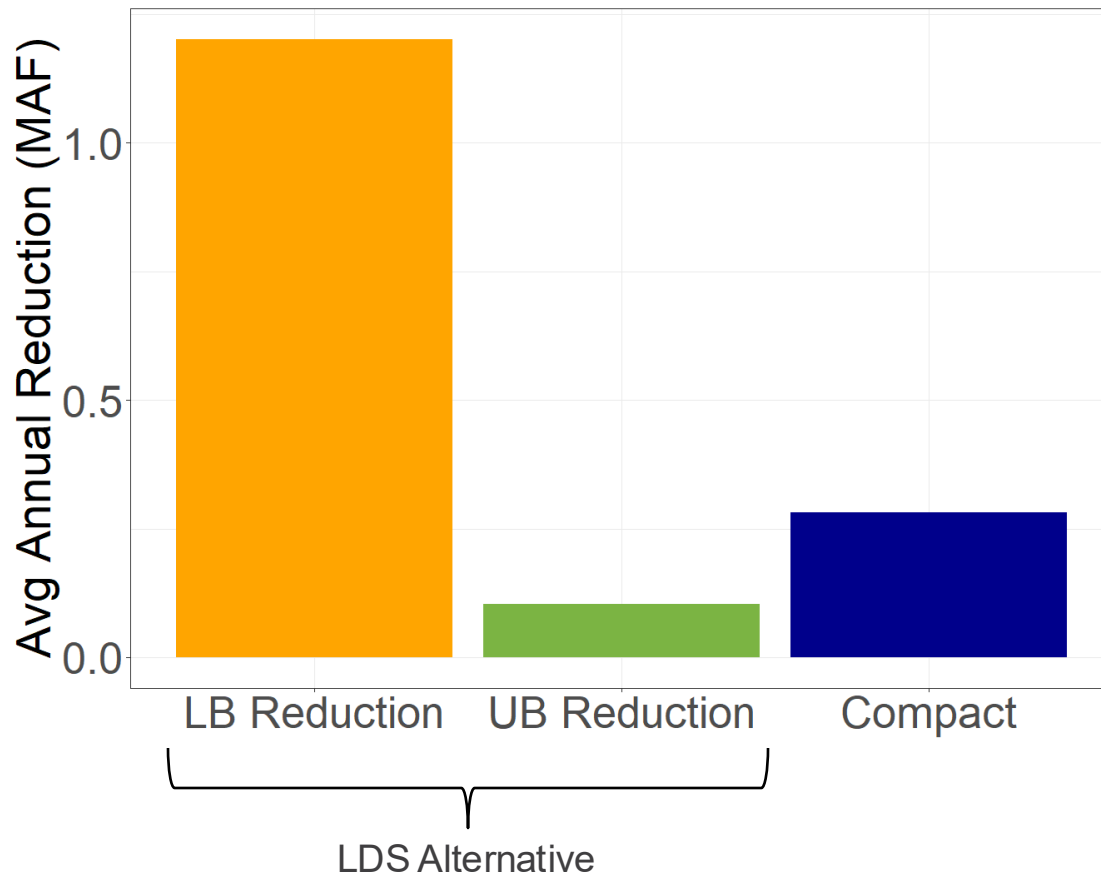


Largest Municipal CAP Subcontractors



**Excludes leased CAP supplies*

Lower Basin Alternative vs. Compact



- The Lower Basin takes most of the reductions under the LDS Alternative.
- If hydrology is significantly worse than the last 30 years, the Upper Basin would share in reductions greater than 1.5 MAF.
- Alternatively, enforcement of the Lee Ferry flow requirement of the Compact would result in much greater Upper Basin reductions.
- Upper Basin reductions for Compact compliance could occur even at high total system contents.
- Under certain conditions, Reclamation and the Upper Basin may be out of compliance as early as 2027.

Draft EIS Development

- Range of Alternatives publicly released on November 20, 2024
- NEPA alternatives report anticipated in December 2024
 - More detailed explanation of alternatives
 - Rationale to include elements of submitted proposals rather than carrying forward as submitted
 - Feb 13, 2025 the Lower Basin States letter
 - Summary of anticipated analysis process for the DEIS
- Detailed resource impact analysis will begin in early 2025

Thank you

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