



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Board Report

Colorado River Resources

- **Colorado River Management Report**

Summary

This report provides a summary of activities related to management of Metropolitan's Colorado River resources for August 2024.

Purpose

Informational

Detailed Report

Colorado River Basin August 24-Month Study

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) issued the August 24-Month Study for Colorado River Basin for Water Year 2025. The August 24-Month Study projections of January 1 reservoir elevations sets the operating tiers for Lake Powell and Lake Mead and is used to project annual release volumes from Lake Powell to Lake Mead. In the most probable scenario, Lake Powell is projected to be in the Mid-Elevation Release Tier triggering an annual release of 7.48 million acre-feet of water, which is less than the normal annual release of 8.23 million acre-feet. If dry conditions return to the Colorado River Basin, release volumes may be adjusted downward based on the April 24-Month Study. Lake Mead is projected to operate in a Tier 1 Shortage Condition with Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan contributions and Minute 323 water savings contributions. Metropolitan's water supplies are not impacted during a Tier 1 shortage. Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) and system conservation water are also projected to be created, and Metropolitan may take delivery of ICS in 2025, if needed, to meet demands in our service area

Colorado River Board (CRB) Staffing Update

Chris Harris, the executive director of the CRB retired at the end of August and at the CRB's August 14 meeting, Jessica Neuwerth was appointed as the interim executive director. Ms. Neuwerth has been the deputy director of the CRB for the last several years. The CRB is expected to conduct a search for the CRB executive director in the coming months. Metropolitan staff is assisting the CRB in its search. Metropolitan plans to honor Chris Harris' career at the Colorado River Water Users Association's annual conference in December 2024.