



One Water & Stewardship Committee

Report on Release of Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Lower Basin Alternative for Colorado River Operations

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Subject

Report on Release of Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for near-term operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead

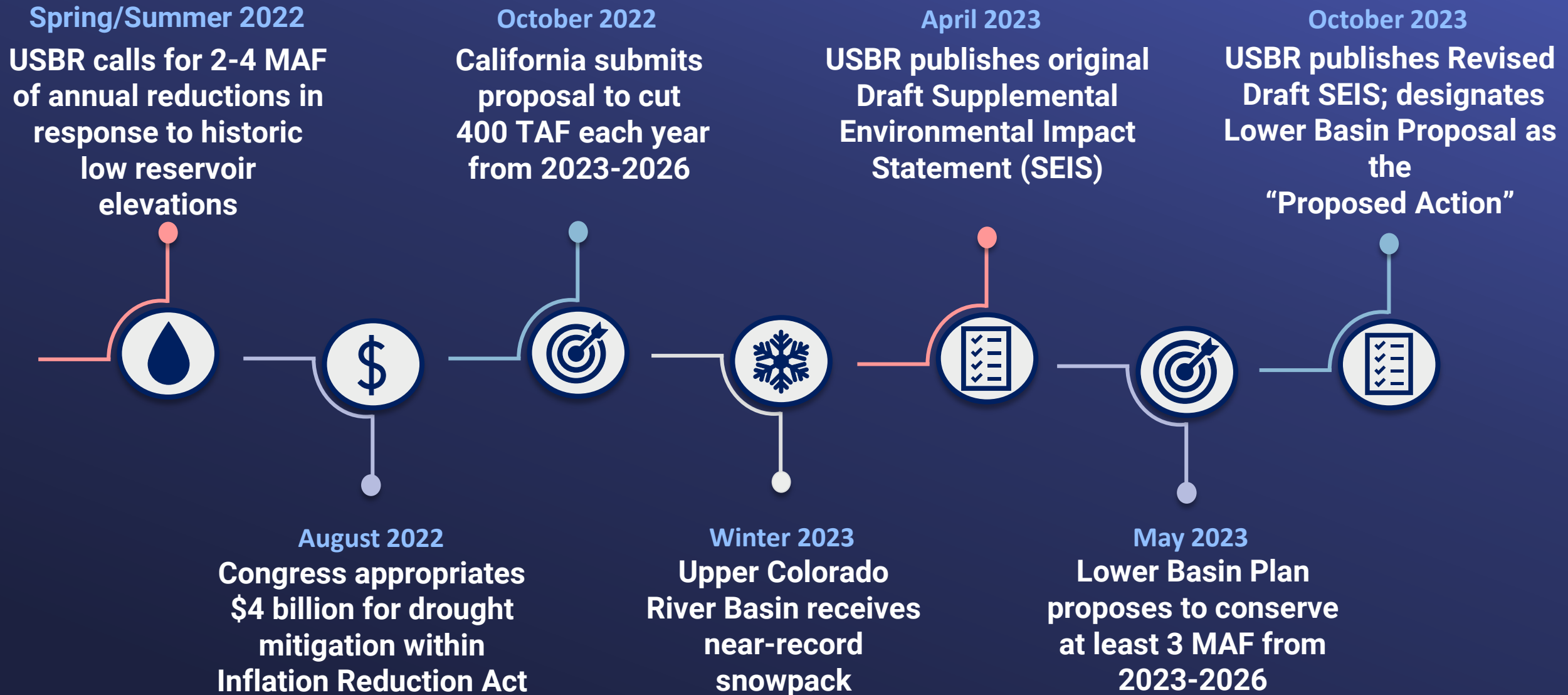
Purpose

US Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has selected the Lower Basin Plan as the preferred alternative and published the FSEIS for operation of the Colorado River System reservoirs through 2025.

Next Steps

The Preferred Alternative will be adopted through Record of Decision

Background



SEIS Process



Preferred
Alternative
Selection

Lower Basin Plan
Selected as
Preferred Alternative

Reminder: Lower Basin Proposal Contents



MINIMUM OF 3 MAF OF
SYSTEM CONSERVATION IN
2023-2026



AT LEAST 1.5 MAF BY END OF
2024



UP TO 2.3 MAF
COMPENSATED UNDER IRA

2023 Progress on Alternative Conservation

	Preferred Alternative Assumptions	2023 Progress*
Lower Basin (Through 2024)	1.5 MAF	1.1 MAF
California (annual)	400 TAF	650 TAF
Metropolitan ICS Creation (Through 2026)	216 TAF	450 TAF

*Subject to final verification in Reclamation's Water Accounting Report

Next Steps



Record of Decision to adopt Preferred Alternative



Continued implementation of system conservation projects in the Lower Basin

