



Subcommittee on Imported Water

Roadmap for Developing Post-2026 Colorado River Guidelines

Item 3a

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Item 3a Colorado River Roadmap

Subject

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Purpose

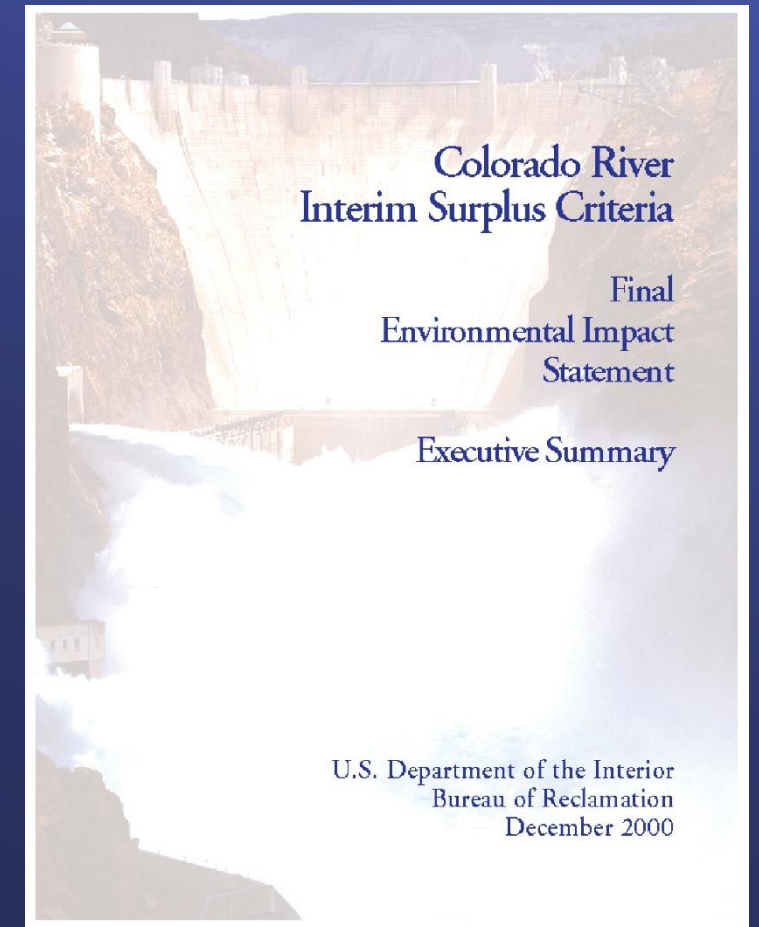
Provide an overview of the process leading up to board consideration of a package of agreements to implement the new guidelines

Next Steps

Update the Sub-Committee monthly on likely components of the package

2001 Interim Surplus Guidelines

- 15 Years of Surplus to MWD, if certain conditions met
- One condition was to execute QSA by December 2002



Metropolitan is the Junior Priority User in California

California Priority System (1931)

1. Palo Verde Irrigation District
 2. Yuma Project
 3. (a) Imperial Irrigation District
Coachella Valley Water District
(b) Palo Verde Irrigation District
 4. Metropolitan Water District
- 3.85 MAF
- 0.55 MAF

Total CA Basic Apportionment 4.4 MAF

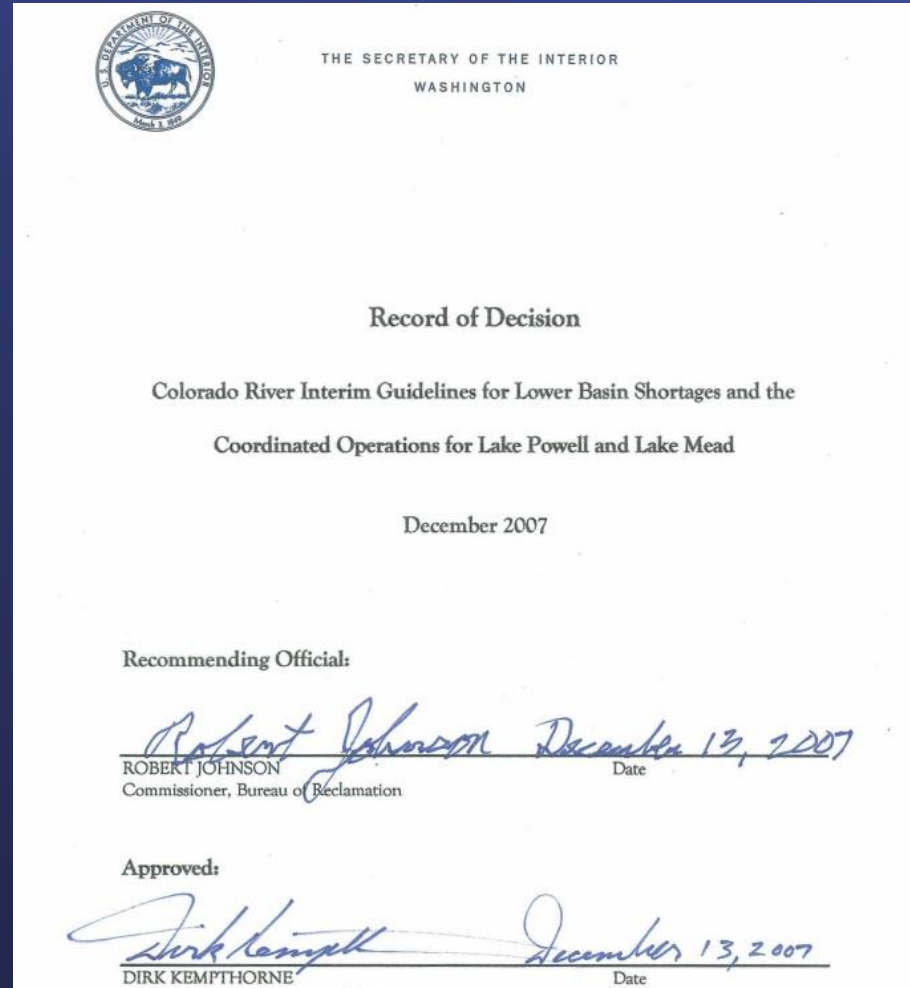


2003 Quantification Settlement Agreement and Related Agreements



- **Quantification** (Caps) of Coachella Valley Water District and Imperial Irrigation District Water Use
- All American and Coachella Canal Lining
- Approved Water Transfers
 - IID to San Diego County Water Authority
 - IID to Coachella Valley Water District
- Allowed MWD to Pursue Additional Transfers
 - IID, PVID, CVWD, Bard, Quechan Tribe
- Mitigation of the Salton Sea

2007 Interim Shortage Guidelines



- Effective through 2025
- Key Guidelines Provisions
 - Established Lower Basin Surplus and Shortage Triggers
 - Coordinated Reservoir Operations
 - Developed Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) Program

2007 Interim Guideline Related

Agreements Signed by MWD

1

Forbearance Agreement for ICS development and storage

2

Delivery Agreement with the Secretary of the Interior related to ICS

3

California ICS Agreement

Additional Agreements Executed by Metropolitan



USBR Report Reviewing 2007 Interim Guidelines



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RECLAMATION

Review of the Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead

Upper and Lower Colorado Basin Regions



U.S. Department of the Interior

December 2020

The 2007 Guideline
were found to:

- Encourage Conservation
- Plan for Shortages
- Implement Closer Coordination of Lakes Powell and Mead
- Preserved Flexibility to Deal with Additional Challenges
- Gain Valuable Operating Experience
- Federal Facilitation, not Dictation

Bureau of Reclamation Process Milestones



Metropolitan is Involved in Concurrent Discussions



Metropolitan's Current Priorities in Negotiations

- Water Supply/Financial Predictability
- Flexibility in Meeting Annual Water Needs
 - *Reliability in Low SWP Allocation Years*
- Interstate Augmentation Opportunities
- Protect Lake Mead Power Generation/Water Delivery Capability
- Strengthen Partnerships

Upcoming Imported Water Sub- Committee Discussions

- Key Law of the River Components
 - Colorado River Compact
 - Arizona vs. California
 - Basin Project Act (CAP Subordination)
- Review of QSA, Transfer Programs, Storage
- MSCP Changes and Salton Sea Issues
- Federal Authorities (Inc. Beneficial Use)
- Mexico, Tribes, and NGOs participation

