



One Water and Adaptation Committee

Report on Inflation Reduction Act Conservation Funding

Item 6c

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Subject

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Purpose

This report will provide an update on the status of the Lower Basin, California, and Metropolitan's Colorado River conservation efforts since 2023. This report will also include a summary of the funding associated with Metropolitan's system conservation implementation agreements.

Next Steps

Continue implementing the existing agreements.

2024
Supplemental
Environmental
Impact
Statement

Powell Releases

Annual releases from Glen Canyon Dam may be reduced to protect Lake Powell elevation 3,500 feet to no less than 6.0 maf, under specified conditions

New Conservation

Target a minimum of 3 million acre-feet (maf) of system conservation in 2023-2026

System
Conservation
Goals Met and
Exceeded in
2025



Total Lower Basin Conservation 3.1 MAF



Total California Conservation
and New ICS 1.9 MAF

System Conservation with Metropolitan's Programs



Project	2023 (AF)	2024 (AF)	2025 (AF)	2026 (AF)
PVID SCIA	33,749	117,021	117,021	83,272
PVID SCIA Extension	-	-	-	Up to 36,066
Quechan Forbearance SCIA	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
Bard Seasonal Fallowing SCIA	0	5,700	9,286	9,862
Total	46,749	135,721	139,307	Up to 142,200



Project	Contracted System Water (AF)	System Water Created to Date (AF)
Turf Replacement SCIA	97,296	97,296
AVEK High Desert Water Bank SCIA	168,000	168,000
Leak Detection and Repair SCIA	4,000	4,000
Total	269,296	269,296

Financial Impacts of System Conservation Implementation Agreements

	Project	Total Contract Amount (\$)	Amount Received to Date (\$)
1	PVID SCIA	\$140,425,000	\$140,425,000
1	PVID SCIA Extension	\$14,426,400	\$0
1	Quechan Forbearance SCIA*	\$0	\$0
1	Bard Seasonal Fallowing SCIA	\$11,400,000	\$5,994,576
2	Turf Replacement SCIA	\$95,910,000	\$2,390,673
2	AVEK High Desert Water Bank SCIA	\$82,000,000	\$0
2	Leak Detection and Repair SCIA	\$8,000,000	\$0

Status of Financial Benefit

Substantially Complete

Implementation Ongoing

*USBR is paying the Quechan Indian Tribe directly; however, Metropolitan’s expenditures for this Program were reduced

Next Steps



Continue Implementing Existing Agreements



USBR has offered extensions of existing Bucket 1 agreements through 2028

- Price: \$325 per acre-foot
- Opportunity for MWD to participate in new system conservation agreement in 2026
- Note: Water conserved under these agreements would be in addition to any mandatory reductions

