



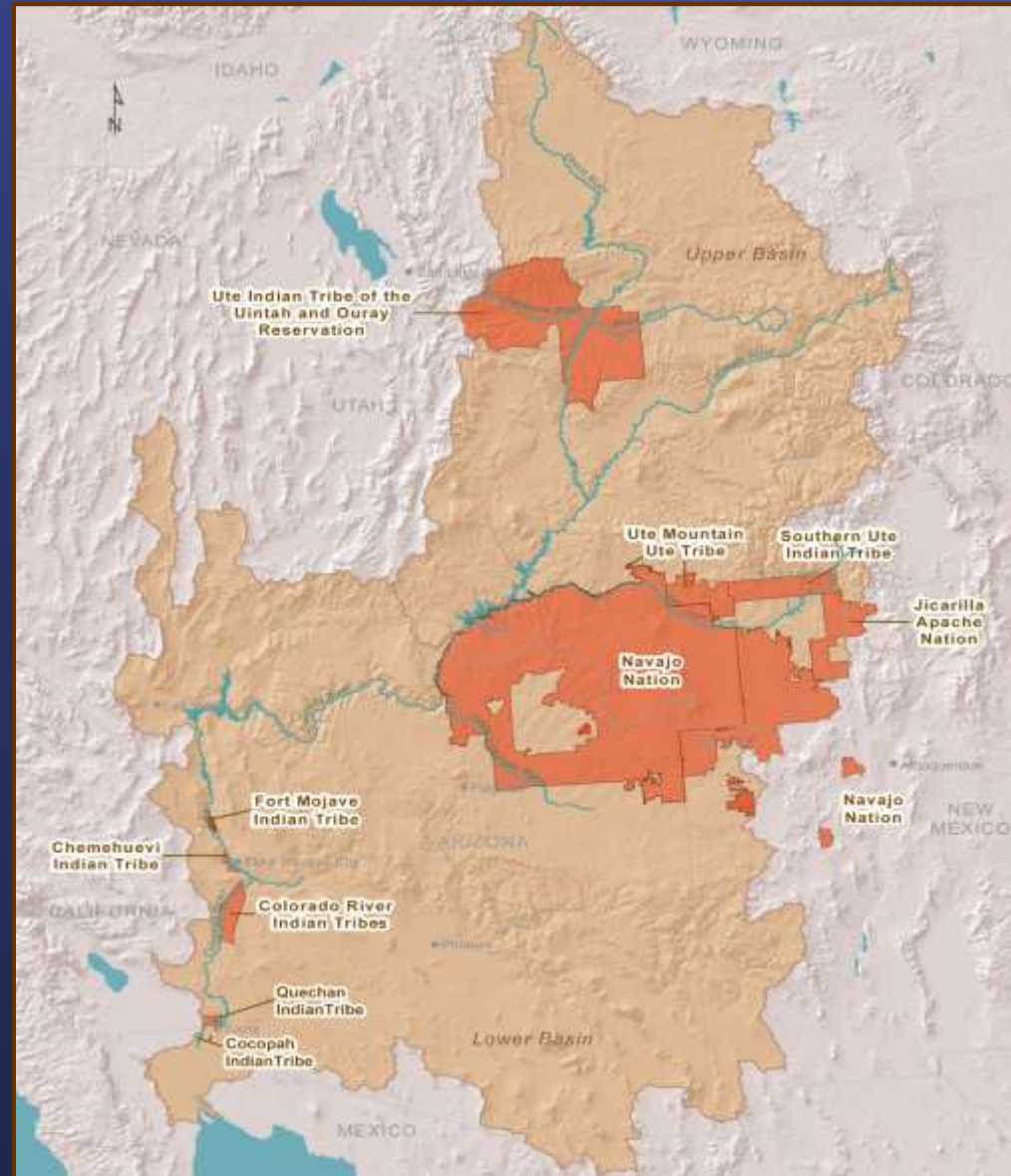
Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

Tribal Partnerships along the Colorado River

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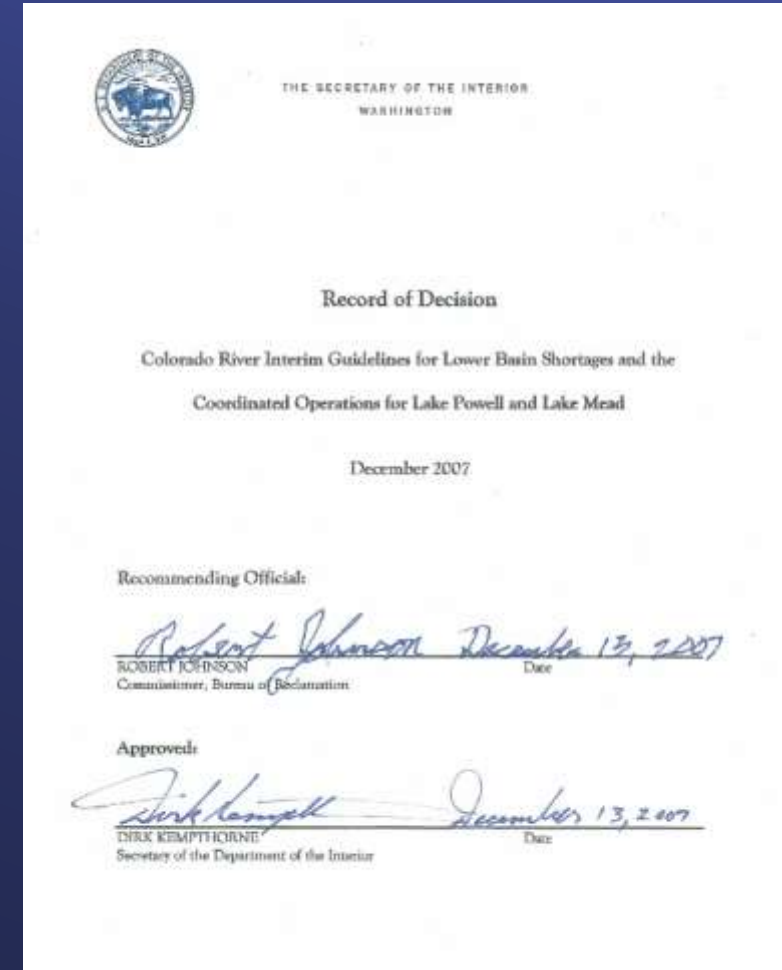
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Reclamation Map of Tribes Along the Colorado River

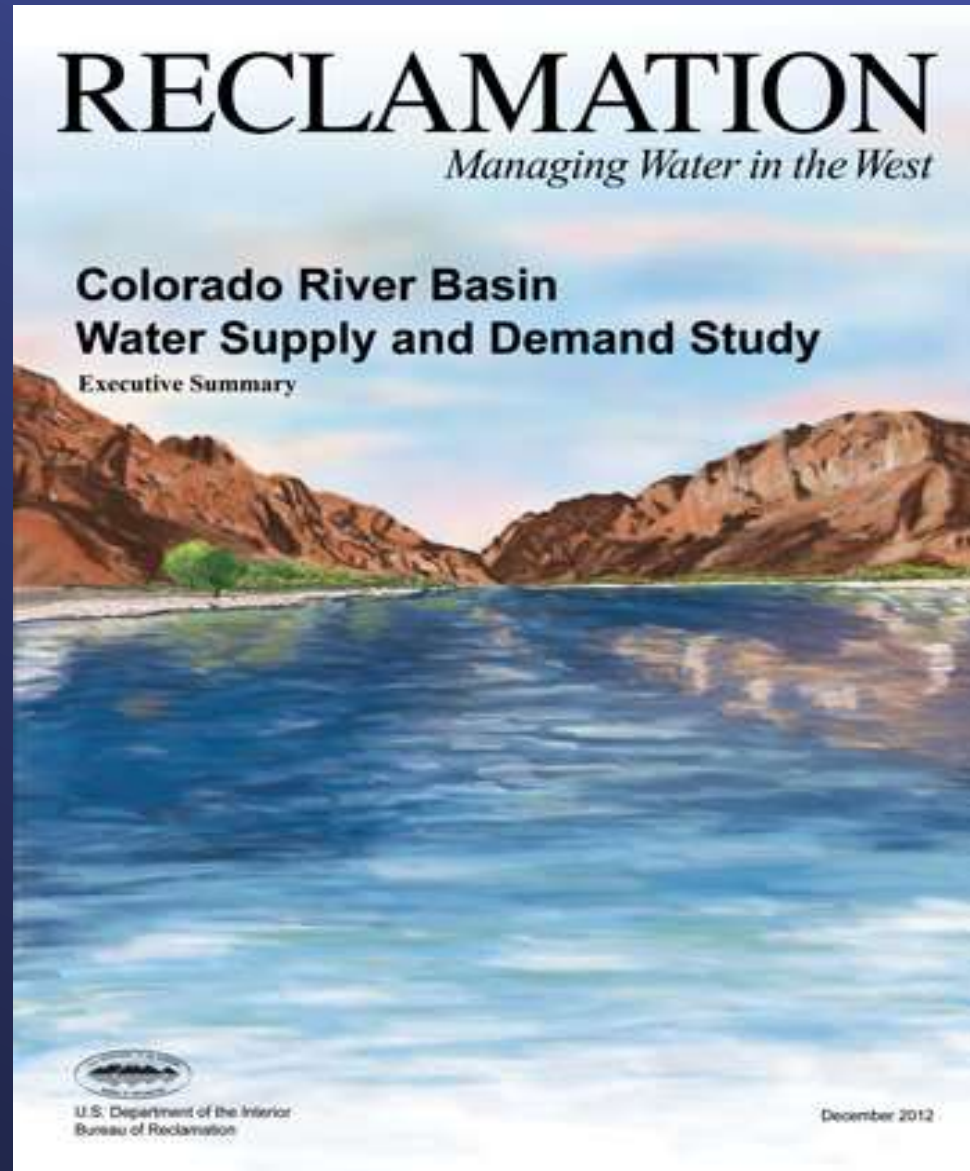


2007 Interim Guidelines

- Effective through 2026
- Key Guidelines Provisions
 - Established Lower Basin Surplus and Shortage Triggers
 - Coordinated Reservoir Operations
 - Developed Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS)



Reclamation Water Supply and Demand Study (2012)



Ten Tribes Partnership Tribal Water Study (2018)



2019 Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan

- Key DCP Provisions
 - Established triggers for Lower Basin Lake Mead Contributions
 - Incentivized Storage
 - Provided flexibility for recovering storage, implementing exchanges



Tribal water rights in the mainstream of the Colorado River

- Five tribes with federal Indian reserved water rights for direct mainstream diversions below Hoover Dam
- Present perfected rights or PPRs decreed in *Arizona v. California*:
 - Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
 - Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
 - Colorado River Indian Tribes
 - Quechan Indian Tribe
 - Cocopah Indian Tribe

Navajo Nation v. United States

- Commenced in 2003 and still pending
- Fundamentally a claim to mainstream Colorado River water
- Metropolitan intervened in this action along with the State of Arizona, Coachella, and Imperial Irrigation District to protect their interests
- Parties considering appeal of Ninth Circuit decision to U.S. Supreme Court or remand to district court

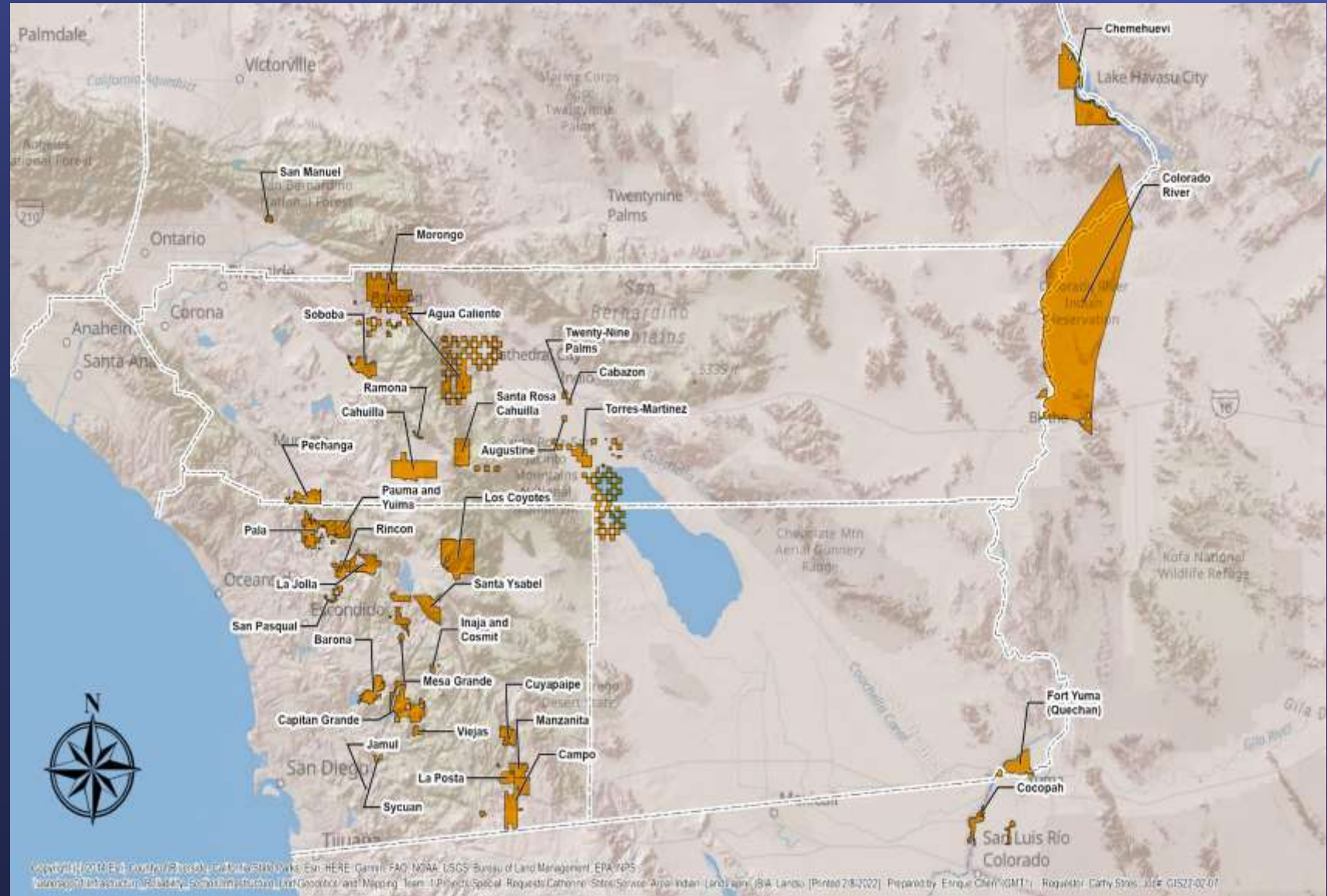
Map of Arizona Indian Reservations



Quechan Seasonal Following Pilot Program Signing Ceremony (2021)



Federally recognized tribes in Southern CA



Existing tribal partnerships

- Quechan (Kwatsáan) Indian Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation (Quechan)
- San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians (San Pasqual)
- San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians (San Luis Rey)
- Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians (Soboba)
- Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians (Pechanga)
- Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation (Sycuan)

Future tribal opportunities

- Many existing relationships
 - Including successful partnerships in-region
- Regular respect and protection of tribal cultural resources
- Several future opportunities
 - Colorado River Indian Tribes

