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Subject: Re: Dollowup questions from today's Colorado River webinar, from Tony Davis, Arizona Daily Star

Thank you.

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On Dec 2, 2022, at 1:30 PM, CR Interimops, BOR LCB &bor-sha-lcb-CRInterimops@usbr.gov wrote:

Tony,
We will do our best to try to meet your deadline.

From: Davis, Tony &TDavis@tucson.com
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 8:14 PM
To: CR Interimops, BOR LCB &bor-sha-lcb-CRInterimops@usbr.gov
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Dollowup questions from today's Colorado River webinar, from Tony Davis, Arizona Daily Star

Thank you for your prompt response. I'd like to get answers today because I'm working on a news article for our Monday paper.

Sincerely,

Tony Davis
Arizona Daily Star
520-349-0350 c

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On Dec 2, 2022, at 1:10 PM, CR Interimops, BOR LCB &bor-sha-lcb-CRInterimops@usbr.gov wrote:

Tony,
Apologies for the technical difficulties you experienced. The slides and video will be posted this afternoon at Colorado River Basin | Bureau of Reclamation (usbr.gov)

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Colorado River Basin. The Colorado River is a critical resource in the West. Seven U.S. states—Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming, two Mexican states—Baja California and Sonora, and many Native American tribes and communities depend on it for water supply, hydropower, recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, and other benefits.

www.usbr.gov In regard to your questions, I have asked others to help with answering them. Are you wanting the questions as part of the SEIS comments or are you asking in response to an article you are doing?

Thanks for reaching out.

Marcie Bainson
Special Assistant to the UCB Regional Director
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From: Davis, Tony <TDavis@tucson.com>
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To the Bureau of Reclamation,

I had real technical difficulties with your webinar today. Although I was able to access it and watch it live, I was unable to view the slides you presented or to ask questions either by raising my hand or by submitting them in writing through the Chat system. I tried to send in 3 questions and the bureau officials running the Webinar didn't mention them even though they mentioned other questions that came in via Chat.

So I'm submitting those 3 questions, plus one more, this way in hopes of getting answers today.

Here goes:

1)If the bureau does make a final decision in summer 2023 to reduce releases from Powell or to the Lower Basin in general, when will such reductions take effect? In fall 2023 or in calendar year 2024?

2)Which entity or entities will decide how the various reductions would be apportioned among the various states in the Lower Basin and/or among the various contractors such as irrigation districts and water districts such as the Central Arizona Project or the Imperial Irrigation District or the Metropolitan Water District or the numerous irrigation districts in the Yuma area?

Will the bureau make such decisions or will that be done collaboratively with the Lower Basin states?

3)If we have a better than average runoff season this upcoming winter and spring, will that delay or reduce the scale of cutbacks in water deliveries from Powell under whatever alternative you choose/

4)Why are no cutbacks in water use being looked at for the Upper Basin states?

Thank you,

Tony Davis
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