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Dear Project Manager:

*****The bottom line is too much water is being released. You should never release more water than you have coming in,....that's just common sense!

Interstate water allocation agreements need to be amended. The dam was built almost 100 years ago. Water and power demands have increased as the population boomed,..... but the weather hasn't changed much!

It's pretty dry out here,.....Hello.....it's the desert.

>From the looks of the Grand Canyon you could tell what the river used to be like long ago.

We created Hoover dam for a reason. To develop the south west. It's designed to work as intended. Working fine all these years.

Fill the lake and let the water levels stabilize in Lake Powell and Lake Mead or else you're gonna have 40 million people mass exodus from the southwest.

We all understand the Colorado River is at the mercy of the snow pack on the western slopes of the Rocky Mountains.

And that's what should determine how much water leaves Hoover Dam. Period. Low snow pack = low release.

Fill the lakes and then manage the release from the snow pack. Do not ever release more water than is coming in.

Also - The construction in Las Vegas/Henderson needs to stop. There's just way too much of a strain on the lake.

I've been living in Las Vegas since 1986. When I first moved here I witnessed the spillways at Hoover Dam and use the Las Vegas wash to do most of my fishing.

All of the spots that I used to fish back then are all bone dry today. Even the 33 hole, one of the best places to go in all of government wash area is a shell of its former self.

I remember fishing near the water tower around the corner from the fish hatchery and would see striper boils after a water release. Then, the tower was only 15 feet off of the water surface. Now, it's 150 ft.....absolute madness!

I'm frustrated with the federal government because the bathtub ring running around the lake didn't happen overnight you guys have had ample time to figure this out.

The way I look at it..... there's 3 solutions:

1. We have incredible winters for the next decade and lake levels increase to what they were in the 80s

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OR

2. Relocate Hemenway harbor and launch ramps and whatever else is necessary one last time. If lake levels fall past the point of boating being safe, then implement no motorized craft.

3. Run a pipeline from California to Lake Mead
Desalinization Plants

How I use the lake-

Personally, I use a Hobie Pro Angler 14 foot kayak. I also have an electric trolling motor. Kayak is fully insured and registered.

Electric motors should be exempt if you implement non motorized craft.

Thank you for your time and understanding.

As citizens of the United States the taxpayers that bring the money to the trenches to build what we need and fix what needs to be fixed,...we look to the government to get the jobs done.

Hoover Dam is a colossal example of American engineering. Take pride. It would be an absolute catastrophe to allow the collapse of Lake Mead. Las Vegas will be destroyed. The Dam gave it life.

If we could put man on the moon we should be able to manage the level of a lake.

40 million+ people are depending on the government to get this fixed.

Thank you.

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Sincerely,

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