

System name:

Lower Colorado River Well Inventory

System location:

U.S. Geological Survey, 520 North Park Avenue, Suite 221, Tucson, Arizona 85719
(paper records are temporarily stored, waiting for entry into the U.S. Geological Survey system, at Bureau of Reclamation, Yuma Area Office, 7301 Calle Agua Salada, Yuma, Arizona 85364).

Categories of individuals covered by the system:

Individuals and/or their lessees who have at least one well on their property that may pump mainstream Colorado River water. Note: This system also contains records pertaining to corporations and other public entities. Only those records relating to individuals are covered by the Privacy Act.

Categories of records in the system:

Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of covered individuals; Assessor Parcel Numbers; contract numbers; categories of uses to which the water is put; methods of disposal of unconsumed portions of water pumped; volumes of water pumped; physical characteristics and locations of wells; water purveyor, municipal, or other administrative boundaries within which wells are located; and water levels of wells located in hydraulically connected areas adjacent to the flood plain.

Authority for maintenance of the system:

The Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, (32 Stat. 388, 43 U.S.C. 391), as amended and supplemented; the Colorado River Front Work and Levee System Adjacent to Yuma Project Act of March 3, 1925, (Pub. L. 79-469, 43 Stat. 1186, 1198), as amended and supplemented; the Boulder Canyon Project Act of December 21, 1928, (45 Stat. 1057, 43 U.S.C. 617), as amended and supplemented; the Reclamation Project Act of August 4, 1939, (53 Stat. 1187, 43 U.S.C. 485); the Colorado River Basin Project Act of September 30, 1968, (82 Stat. 885); the Reclamation Reform Act of October 12, 1982, (96 Stat. 1261, 43 U.S.C. 390); and the Supreme Court opinion rendered June 3, 1963, (373 U.S. 546), and Decrees entered March 9, 1964, (376 U.S. 340), January 9, 1979, (439 U.S. 419), and April 16, 1984, (466 U.S. 144), in *Arizona v. California et al.*

Purpose(s):

The primary purposes of the records are: (a) To assist in the administration and negotiation of water use contracts with individual landowners, lessees, or other classes of water users; and (b) to support the annual compilation and publication of records of consumptive use of mainstream Colorado River water.

Routine uses of records maintained in the system, including categories of users and the purposes of such uses:

Disclosure outside the Department of the Interior may be made to: (1) The States of Arizona, California, and Nevada to assist them in administering their apportionments of mainstream Colorado River water; (2) Another Federal agency to enable that agency to respond to an inquiry by the individual to whom the record pertains; (3) The Department of Justice, or to a court, adjudicative, or other administrative body, or to a party in litigation before a court or adjudicative or administrative body, when: (a) One of the following is a party to the proceeding or has an interest in the proceeding: (i) The Department or any component of the Department; (ii) Any Departmental employee acting in his or her official capacity; (iii) Any Departmental employee acting in his or her individual capacity where the Department or the Department of Justice has agreed to represent the employee; or (iv) The United States, when the Department determines that the Department is likely to be affected by the proceeding; and (b) The Department deems the disclosure to be: (i) Relevant and necessary to the proceedings; and (ii) Compatible with the purpose for which we compiled the information; (4) The appropriate Federal, State, tribal, local, or foreign governmental agency that is responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, order, or license, when we become aware of an indication of a violation or potential violation of the statute, rule, regulation, order, or license; (5) A congressional office in response to an inquiry to that office by the individual to whom the records pertain.

Disclosure to consumer reporting agencies:

Disclosures pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(12). Disclosures may be made from this system to consumer reporting agencies as defined in the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 168a(f) or the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966 [31 U.S.C. 3701(a)(3)].

Policies and practices for storing, retrieving, accessing, retaining, and disposing of records in the system:**Storage:**

Records are stored in automated form on computer databases and in manual form in file folders at the U.S. Geological Survey, and in manual form in file folders at the Bureau of Reclamation.

Retrievability:

Records stored in computer databases will be retrievable by any record category. Records stored in manual files will be retrievable by name of property owner or contract holder.

Safeguards:

Data will be maintained with safeguards meeting the requirements of 43 CFR 2.51 for manual and computerized records.

Retention and disposal:

In accordance with approved retention and disposal schedules, records will be retained in the Bureau of Reclamation for 10 years, relocated to the Federal Records Center and retained there for an additional 75 years, and then transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration for permanent retention.

System manager(s) and address:

U.S. Geological Survey (NWIS), 520 North Park Avenue, Suite 221, Tucson, Arizona 85719; and/or Bureau of Reclamation, Yuma Area Office, 7301 Calle Agua Salada, Yuma, Arizona 85364.

Notification procedure:

An individual requesting notification of the existence of records on him or her should address his/her request to the System Manager. The request must be in writing, signed by the requester, and comply with the content requirements of 43 CFR 2.60.

Record access procedures:

An individual requesting access to records maintained on him or her should address his/her request to the System Manager. The request must be in writing, signed by the requester, and comply with the content requirements of 43 CFR 2.63.

Contesting record procedures:

An individual requesting amendment of a record maintained on him or her should address his/her request to the System Manager. The request must be in writing, signed by the requester, and comply with the content requirements of 43 CFR 2.71.

Record source categories:

Individuals on whom records are maintained, state and county well permits, land ownership and water use records and databases, and the U.S. Geological Survey Ground Water Site Inventory database.

Exemptions claimed for the system:

None.