



CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT

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Mr. Jeremy Dodds
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Re: 2023 CAP Colorado River Diversions Annual Estimate

Dear Mr. Dodds,

The August Most Probable 24-Month Study projected Lake Mead to end the calendar year 2022 at an effective elevation 1047.61 feet. Consistent with Section 2.D.1 of the Interim Guidelines and Section III.B of Exhibit 1 to the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan (DCP), a Tier 2A shortage condition will govern the operation of Lake Mead in 2023 and reduce the apportionment of Colorado River water available for consumptive use in Arizona to 2,208,000 acre-feet. In accordance with contract No. 14-06-W-245, as amended and supplemented, CAP intends to divert the balance of Arizona's reduced apportionment not consumed by equal and higher priority entitlement holders and provide Arizona's 192,000 acre-feet DCP contributions through a range of actions consistent with the DCP agreements including simultaneous creation of EC-ICS and conversion to DCP-ICS.

For planning purposes, CAWCD estimates that its final planned diversion will be 1,153,600 acre-feet which reflects both approved forbearance reductions to the CAP diversion and an estimated release of 70,000 acre-feet of (EC) ICS for delivery as required through the Arizona DCP implementation and mitigation agreements. It is anticipated that CAWCD will modify this water order, following the final development of the Annual Operating Plan, which will incorporate all customer water orders and delivery requirements, conservation activities, and shortage mitigation resource requirements.

The table below provides a summary of approved and planned reductions used to develop the District's diversion estimate for CY 2023.

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2022 Forbearance and Reductions to CAP Diversion	Per Letter Agreement #	Amount (AF)
System Conservation Water –City of Bullhead (City)	15-xx-30-W0588	400 ¹
242 Wellfield Expansion	16-XX-30-W0603	25,000
System Conservation Water – Mohave Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (MVIDD)	20-XX-30-W0725	9,000 ¹
System Conservation Water – Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District (YMIDD)	22-XX-30-W0728	22,000 ¹
Subtotal On-River Forbearance		56,400
System Conservation Water – Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (FMYN)	TBD ²	13,933
Subtotal CAP Water User Forbearance		13,933
Subtotal Reduction for CAP DCP Contribution		192,000
Total		262,333

¹ These figures are estimates of program system conservation. Final amounts will be verified according to provisions in each System Conservation Implementation Agreement (SCIA).

² This agreement has not been finalized but was included in the estimate of CAP's diversion estimate.

Listed below are the Central Arizona Project's (CAP's) monthly Colorado River diversion estimates, to be pumped through the Mark Wilmer (Havasu) Pumping Plant, for calendar year 2023.

Month	Acre-Feet
January	122,100
February	131,700
March	147,400
April	162,200
May	170,100
June	60,100
July	20,000
August	20,200
September	90,100
October	92,400
November	64,600
December	72,700
Total	1,153,600

CAWCD will continue to coordinate with Reclamation and modify its water order accordingly as ICS and conservation activities that affect CAP's diversion become known. If Arizona's final 2023 use is less than Arizona's apportionment, when accounting for mandatory contributions and other system conservation activities, CAWCD requests the unused volume remain in the Colorado River system storage.

If you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to contact me or Don Crandall at 623-869-2457.

Regards,



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