

## **Summary**

Upper Basin Delivery. The minimum objective release criterion will control the annual release from Glen Canyon Dam during water year 2003 in accordance with Article II(2) of the Operating Criteria unless spill avoidance and/or the storage equalization criteria in Article II(3) is controlling.

Lower Basin Delivery. Downstream deliveries are expected to control the releases from Hoover Dam.

Taking into account (1) the existing water storage conditions in the basin, (2) the most probable near-term water supply conditions in the basin, and (3) that the beneficial consumptive use requirements of Colorado River mainstream users in the Lower Division States are expected to be more than 7.5 million acre-feet (maf) or 9,250 million cubic meters (mcm), and specifically (4) the Interim Surplus Guidelines, which implement Article III(3)(b) of the Operating Criteria, the Full Domestic Surplus condition is the criterion governing the operation of Lake Mead for calendar year 2003 in accordance with Article III(3)(b) of the Operating Criteria, Article II(B)(2) of the Decree, and Sections 2(B)(2) and 7 of the Interim Surplus Guidelines.

If it is determined, consistent with Section 5(B) of the Interim Surplus Guidelines, that the California contractors have not executed the Quantification Settlement Agreement by December 31, 2002, the Normal condition is the criterion governing the operation of Lake Mead for calendar year 2003 in accordance with Article III (3) (a) of the Operating Criteria, Article II (B)(1) of the Decree and the Interim Surplus Guidelines.

The suspension of surplus determinations under Section 2(B)(1) and 2(B)(2) of the Interim Surplus Guidelines will remain in effect until such time as California completes all required actions and complies with reductions in water use reflected in Section 5(C) of the Interim Surplus Guidelines.

In the event that the California contractors and the Secretary execute said agreements during calendar year 2003, consistent with Section 5(B) of the Interim Surplus Guidelines, the interim surplus determinations under Sections 2(B)(1) and 2(B)(2) will be reinstated, following appropriate consultations. In such event, the Full Domestic Surplus will govern the releases for use in the States of Arizona, Nevada and California for the remainder of calendar year 2003.

Reclamation does not anticipate any available unused apportionment for calendar year 2003 at this time. However, if any unused apportionment is available, the Secretary shall allocate any available unused apportionments for calendar year 2003 in accordance with Article II (B) (6) of the Decree and Section 1(B) of the Interim Surplus Guidelines.

1944 U.S.-Mexico Water Treaty Delivery. A volume of 1.5 maf (1,850 mcm) of water will be available to be scheduled for delivery to Mexico during calendar year 2003 in accordance with Article 15 of the 1944 U.S.-Mexico Water Treaty and Minute No. 242 of the International Boundary and Water Commission.