

1 Arizona and Nevada, respectively, in calendar year 2020. Water deliveries in the Lower Basin
2 during calendar year 2020 will be limited to 7.500 maf (9,250 mcm), and will be adjusted for
3 DCP contributions ~~as required under Sections III.B.1.a and III.B.2.a of Exhibit 1 to the LB~~
4 ~~DCP Agreement, and creation and/or delivery of ICS credits, plus or minus any credits for ICS.~~

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6 Article II(B)(6) of the Consolidated Decree allows the Secretary to allocate water that is
7 apportioned to one Lower Division State but is for any reason unused in that state to another
8 Lower Division State. This determination is made for one year only, and no rights to recurrent
9 use of the water accrue to the state that receives the allocated water. Unused apportionment
10 for calendar year 2020 is anticipated. If any unused apportionment becomes available after
11 adoption of this AOP, Reclamation, on behalf of the Secretary, may allocate any such available
12 unused apportionment for calendar year 2020 in accordance with Article II(B)(6) of the
13 Consolidated Decree, the Unused Water Policy, and giving further consideration to the water
14 conservation objectives of the July 30, 2014 agreement with the PSCP and as specified in
15 Section 4.b of the LB DCP Agreement.

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17 In calendar year 2020, water may be stored off-system pursuant to individual SIRAs and 43
18 CFR Part 414 within the Lower Division States. The Secretary shall make ICUA available to
19 contractors in Arizona, California, or Nevada pursuant to individual SIRAs and 43 CFR Part
20 414. SNWA may propose to make unused Nevada basic apportionment available for storage
21 by MWD and/or AWBA in calendar year 2020.

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23 The IOPP, which became effective January 1, 2009, was in effect during calendar year 2020.
24 Payback balances by state and user may be reported in the annual Colorado River Accounting and
25 Water Use Report, Arizona, California, and Nevada.⁵⁵

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27 In calendar year 2020, conserved Colorado River water, created through the PSCP and other
28 voluntary agreements, is anticipated to be added to system reservoirs in the Lower Basin
29 pursuant to system delivery agreements.

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31 The 2007 Interim Guidelines included the adoption of the ICS mechanism, which was
32 expressed upon in the LB DCP Agreement, that among other things encourages the efficient use
33 and management of Colorado River water in the Lower Basin. The ICS Surplus Condition will
34 govern Lower Basin operations in calendar year 2020 and ICS credits will be created and
35 delivered pursuant to the 2007 Interim Guidelines, appropriate forbearance and delivery
36 agreements, and the LB DCP Agreement.

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38 Given the limited amount of available supply and recent low inflow amounts within the Colorado
39 River Basin, the Secretary, through Reclamation, will continue to review Lower Basin
40 operations to assure that all deliveries and diversions of mainstream water are in strict
41 accordance with the Consolidated Decree, applicable statutes, contracts, rules, and agreements.

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43 As provided in Section 7.C of the 2007 Interim Guidelines, the Secretary may undertake a mid-
44 year review to consider revisions of the current AOP. For Lake Mead, the Secretary shall

⁵⁵ Available online at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/wtracct.html>.

