

1 projected January 1, 2024 Lake Mead elevation of 1,065.27 feet (324.69 meters) and consistent
2 with Section 2.D.1 of the 2007 Interim Guidelines, a Shortage Condition, consistent with
3 Section 2.D.1.a, will govern releases for use in the states of Arizona, Nevada, and California
4 during calendar year 2024 in accordance with Article III(3)(c) of the Operating Criteria and
5 Article II(B)(3) of the Consolidated Decree. In addition, consistent with Sections III.B.1.a and
6 III.B.2.a of Exhibit 1 to the LB DCP Agreement, DCP contributions will be required by
7 Arizona and Nevada, respectively, in calendar year 2024. Water deliveries in the Lower Basin
8 during calendar year 2024 will be limited to 7.167 maf (8,840 mcm) and will be further
9 adjusted for DCP contributions and creation and/or delivery of ICS credits and/or DSS.

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11 Article II(B)(6) of the Consolidated Decree allows the Secretary to allocate water that is
12 apportioned to one Lower Division State but is for any reason unused in that state to another
13 Lower Division State. This determination is made for one year only, and rights to recurrent
14 use of the water accrue to the state that receives the allocated water. No unused apportionment
15 for calendar year 2023 is anticipated. If any unused apportionment becomes available after
16 adoption of this AOP, Reclamation, on behalf of the Secretary, may allocate any such available
17 unused apportionment for calendar year 2024 in accordance with Article II(B)(6) of the
18 Consolidated Decree, the Unused Water Policy, and giving further consideration to the water
19 conservation objectives of the July 30, 2014 agreement, the PSCP, the LC Conservation
20 Program, and as specified in Section 4.1 of the LB DCP Agreement.

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22 In calendar year 2024, water may be stored off-system pursuant to individual SIRAs and 43
23 CFR Part 414 within the Lower Division states. The Secretary shall make ICUA available to
24 contractors in Arizona, California, or Nevada pursuant to individual SIRAs and 43 CFR Part
25 414. SNWA may propose to make unused Nevada basic apportionment available for storage
26 by MWD and/or AWA in calendar year 2024.

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28 The IOPP, which became effective January 1, 2004, will be in effect during calendar year 2024.
29 In accordance with Section 2.C.1 of the Operating Criteria, further accumulation of inadvertent overruns in
30 calendar year 2024 will be suspended. Payback balances by state and user may be found in the
31 annual Colorado River Accounting and Water Use Report, Arizona, California, and Nevada.⁸⁵

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33 In calendar year 2024, conservation Colorado River water, created through the PSCP, the LB
34 DCP Agreement, the LC Conservation Program, and other voluntary agreements, is anticipated
35 to be added to system reservoirs in the Lower Basin pursuant to system conservation
36 agreements.

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38 The 2007 Interim Guidelines included the adoption of the ICS mechanism, which was
39 expanded upon in the LB DCP Agreement, that among other things encourages the efficient use
40 and management of Colorado River water in the Lower Basin. In calendar year 2024, ICS
41 credits will be created and delivered pursuant to Section 3 of the 2007 Interim Guidelines,
42 Sections III and IV of Exhibit 1 to the LB DCP Agreement, and appropriate forbearance and
43 delivery agreements, and consistent with approved ICS plans of creation.
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⁸⁵ Available online at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/wtracct.html>.

