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Subject: water future

Note: I sent the following by U.S. mail about 10 days ago. Can you answer items " 5 and 6" below by email? Also, when is the last day one can submit comments?

To whom it concerns:

The following are comments regarding the July 26 Henderson meeting on the future of the Colorado River:

- 1) Please include the forwarded magazine article on the current costs to desalt water for the Colorado River in a report that may be prepared.
- 2) Please increase the BOR desalting research and development budget at least fivefold.
- 3) Please go to the Friends of Lake Powell website. This website has a list of 25 reasons why Lake Powell should not be dismantled. If appropriate, please include these 25 reasons in your report.
- 4) I believe the current farm-urban water allocation is a hideous inequity. In the future, I hope you report and publicize what percent of river water goes to farms and what percent goes to cities. I also hope you report and publicize the current acre-foot cost of river farm water and the current acre-foot cost of water for residents in cities like LA, San Diego, Phoenix, and Las Vegas. The public, press, and politicians can not make informed decisions on this issue until they are aware of such farm and city data.
- 5) Please mail me the Bureau's latest report having to do with the future of the Colorado River and the report that may result due the public comment on these meetings.
- 6) Please inform me by email if you can mail me by U.S. mail a report on the future of the Colorado River and whether or not you can include or reference the forwarded desalting article in your report.

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