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Gentlemen:

I have read on more than one occasion that the original compact dividing up the Colorado River water was based on an assumption that there was in excess of 17 million acre feet of water available for distribution and use. It has been proven over time that this 17 million acre feet was overstated.

Why are we still using the 17 million acre foot amount? The first thing that should be done in the draught plan is to use a base of 15 million acre feet (or 14-1/2 million) to be divided. I suggest that the base should be reduced and each state then receive the current percentage; that is, the same percentage as contained in the 1922 compact, but utilizing the lower number.

Sincerely,

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