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Dear Director,

Thank you for the review copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) – Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead. Please retain my name on the mailing list.

Specific Comments to the text of the DEIS

1. Page 4.16

I don't understand why Lake Powell Traces 1, 21, and 48 presented in Figure 4.3-1 were based on hydrologic sequences beginning in years 1906, 1926, and 1953 respectively when Lake Powell didn't even exist then. What do these data mean?

2. General Comment

I see no assessment of the potential for reduced seepage and evaporation at Lake Powell if storage is concentrated at Lake Mead. Studies should be done to determine if system-wide seepage and evaporation losses could be reduced in this manner. This could improve the benefits of the Water Supply Alternative.

Recommended Alternative

1. The primary purpose of the Colorado River Storage Project is to deliver water to the holders of water rights. The Water Supply alternative is the only alternative that focuses on this purpose. To protect the SNWA the alternative should be amended to protect the 1,000 feet MSL level consistent with the proposed SNWA Lake Mead Intake No. 3 Project noted on page 5-8. With this change the Water Supply Alternative best meets the primary purpose of the system.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this process,

