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Dear Bureau of Reclamation,

I live in St. George, Utah, a place that will be affected by future water policies on the Colorado River. I have read the four alternatives and feel like the best one is the conservation before shortage initiative.

St. George right now uses a lot of water--about 300 gallons per person per day--and is pursuing building a Lake Powell to get even more. Most of the water is used on house lawns and golf courses--even during the summer when the snowbirds have left for cooler temperatures. Sprinklers all over town go off during the hot times of the day, in strong winds, and many areas overwatered. Even the city does not appear to be curbing water conservation in parks, school grounds, etc. Although St. George and Washington County in general has a desert climate, very few homes and businesses are xeriscaped in the front yards.

I feel like the only way to force the city and county to look toward future water shortages and encourage water conservation practices now is by imposing it from the outside somehow. I hope the conservation before shortage alternative will do that.

Sincerely,
Melanie Florence