

1 Section 2.E of the 2007 Interim Guidelines as amended by the 2024 Interim Guidelines SEIS
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4 Article II(B)(6) of the Consolidated Decree allows the Secretary to allocate water that is
5 apportioned to one Lower Division State but is for any reason unused in that state to another
6 Lower Division State. This determination is made for one year only, and no rights to recurrent
7 use of the water accrue to the state that receives the allocated water. No unused apportionment
8 for calendar year 2024 is anticipated. If any unused apportionment becomes available after
9 adoption of this AOP, Reclamation, on behalf of the Secretary, may allocate any such available
10 unused apportionment for calendar year 2024 in accordance with Article II(B)(6) of the
11 Consolidated Decree, the Unused Water Policy, and giving further consideration to the water
12 conservation objectives of the July 30, 2014 agreement for the PSCP, the LC Conservation
13 Program, as specified in Section 4.b of the LB DCP Agreement, and in accordance with Section
14 2.E of the 2007 Interim Guidelines as amended by the 2024 Interim Guidelines SEIS ROD.

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16 In calendar year 2025, water may be stored off-stream pursuant to individual SIRAs and 43
17 CFR Part 414 within the Lower Division States. The Secretary shall make ICUA available to
18 contractors in Arizona, California, or Nevada pursuant to individual SIRAs and 43 CFR Part
19 414. SNWA may propose to make unused Nevada basin apportionment available for storage by
20 MWD and/or AWBA in calendar year 2025.

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22 The IOPP, which became effective January 1, 2025, will be in effect during calendar year 2025.
23 In accordance with Section 2.6.e of the IOPP, further allocation of inadvertent overruns in
24 calendar year 2025 will be suspended. Payment balances by state and user may be found in the
25 annual Colorado River Accounting and Water Use Report, Arizona, California, and Nevada.⁹⁰

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27 In calendar year 2025, conserved Colorado River water, created through the PSCP, the LB
28 DCP Agreement, the LC Conservation Program, and other voluntary agreements, is anticipated
29 to be added to system reservoirs in the Lower Basin pursuant to system conservation
30 agreements.

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32 The 2007 Interim Guidelines included the adoption of the ICS mechanism, which was
33 expanded upon in the LB DCP Agreement, that among other things encourages the efficient use
34 and management of Colorado River water in the Lower Basin. In calendar year 2025, ICS
35 creation will be created and delivered pursuant to Section 3 of the 2007 Interim Guidelines,
36 Sections III and IV of Exhibit 1 to the LB DCP Agreement, and appropriate forbearance and
37 delivery agreements, and consistent with approved ICS plans of creation.

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39 Consistent with Section 4 of the 2007 Interim Guidelines, DSS may be created and delivered in
40 calendar year 2025.

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42 Given the limitation of available supply and recent low inflow amounts within the Colorado
43 River Basin, the Secretary, through Reclamation, will continue to review Lower Basin
44 operations to assure that all deliveries and diversions of mainstream water are in strict
45 accordance with the Consolidated Decree, applicable statutes, contracts, rules, and agreements.

⁹⁰ Available online at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/wtracct.html>.

