

Overview of the Colorado River System

- 16.5 million acre-feet (maf) allocated annually
 - 7.5 maf each to Upper and Lower Basins
 - 1.5 maf to Mexico
- 13 to 14.5 maf of consumptive use on average annually
- About 16 maf average annual flow
 - 14.8 maf in the Upper Basin and 1.3 maf in the Lower Basin
 - Flows are highly variable from year-to-year
- 60 maf of system storage
 - 4 times the annual flow



RECLAMATION

Colorado River Minute 323 (Savings and Reductions)

RECOVERABLE SAVINGS VOLUMES								
Lake Mead Elevation at January 1 st <i>(ft)</i>	US R. Savings <i>(acre-ft)</i>	US R. Savings <i>(Mm³)</i>	US Percentage of assignment <i>(7.5 M acre-ft)</i>	MX R. Savings <i>(acre-ft)</i>	MX R. Savings <i>(Mm³)</i>	MX Percentage of assignment <i>(1.5 M acre-ft)</i>	Total (US+MX) Reductions	Total (US+MX) Percentage of assignment
1090-1075	200,000	247	2.67%	41,000	51	2.73%	240,000	2.67%
1075-1050	200,000	247	2.67%	30,000	37	2.00%	230,030	2.56%
<1050-1045	200,000	247	2.67%	34,000	42	2.27%	233,573	2.60%
<1045-1040	450,000	555	6.00%	76,000	94	5.07%	525,540	5.84%
<1040-1035	500,000	617	6.67%	84,000	104	5.60%	583,933	6.49%
<1035-1030	550,000	679	7.33%	92,000	113	6.13%	642,326	7.14%
<1030-1025	600,000	740	8.00%	101,000	125	6.73%	700,719	7.79%
<1025	600,000	740	8.00%	150,000	185	10.00%	750,000	8.33%

REDUCTION VOLUMES								
Lake Mead Elevation at January 1 st <i>(ft)</i>	US Reductions <i>(acre-ft)</i>	US Reductions <i>(Mm³)</i>	US Percentage of assignment <i>(7.5 M acre-ft)</i>	MX Reductions <i>(acre-ft)</i>	MX Reductions <i>(Mm³)</i>	MX Percentage of assignment <i>(1.5 M acre-ft)</i>	Total (US+MX) Reductions	Total (US+MX) Percentage of assignment
1090-1075								
1075-1050	333,000	411	4.44%	50,000	62	3.33%	383,000	4.26%
<1050-1045	417,000	514	5.56%	70,000	86	4.67%	487,000	5.41%
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<1030-1025	417,000	514	5.56%	70,000	86	4.67%	487,000	5.41%
<1025	500,000	617	6.67%	125,000	154	8.33%	625,000	6.94%

