SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

WATER COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 18, 2026, 9:30 AM

SRP Administration Building
1500 N. Mill Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85288

Committee Members: Robert Arnett, Chair; Stephen Williams, Vice Chair; and Ken Clark, Melissa Harlan, Kevin Johnson, Kathy Mohr-Almeida, and Krista O'Brien

Call to Order
Roll Call

1. **CONSENT AGENDA:** The following agenda item(s) will be considered as a group by the Committee and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these item(s) unless a Committee Member requests, in which event the agenda item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item ..... CHAIR ROBERT ARNETT

   - Request for approval of the minutes for the meeting of June 16, 2026.

2. Colorado River Update ..... CHRISTA McJUNKIN

   Informational presentation regarding an update on the status of the hydrologic conditions on the Colorado River, the United States' plans for post 2026 operations of the Colorado River reservoirs, including the status of the process for evaluating the environmental impacts of such operations under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Committee may vote to go into Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4), to have discussion or consultation with attorneys for legal advice regarding legal issues that may arise during the presentation.

3. SRP-Central Arizona Project (CAP) Interconnection Facility (SCIF) ..... KYLE TILGHMAN

   Informational presentation regarding an update on the status of developing the SCIF project, including the status of the process for review of the environmental impacts of the SCIF under NEPA.

4. Executive Session, Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4), to Have Discussion or Consultation with Attorneys for Legal Advice and to Give Instructions on 1) Pending Litigation, Gallagher & Kennedy, P.A. v. City of Phoenix, et al., Case No. 23-15938, 2:16-cv-04447, and 2) Legal Issues and Potential Settlement/Remedy for the West Van Buren Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site to Avoid Additional Litigation ..... MICHAEL O'CONNOR

5. Report on Current Events by the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer or Designees ..... JIM PRATT

6. Future Agenda Topics ..... CHAIR ROBERT ARNETT

The Committee may vote during the meeting to go into Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3), for the purpose of discussion or consultation for legal advice with legal counsel to the Committee on any of the matters listed on the agenda.

The Committee may go into Closed Session, pursuant to A.R.S. §30-805(B), for records and proceedings relating to competitive activity, including trade secrets or privileged or confidential commercial or financial information.

Visitors: The public has the option to attend in-person or observe via Zoom and may receive teleconference information by contacting the Corporate Secretary's Office at (602) 236-4398. If attending in-person, all property in your possession, including purses, briefcases, packages, or containers, will be subject to inspection.

THE NEXT WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

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WATER COMMITTEE
SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT

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June 16, 2026

A meeting of the Water Committee of the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (the District) convened at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, from the Hoopes Board Conference Room at the SRP Administration Building, 1500 North Mill Avenue, Tempe, Arizona. This meeting was conducted in-person and via teleconference in compliance with open meeting law guidelines. The District and Salt River Valley Water Users' Association (the Association) are collectively known as SRP.

Committee Members present at roll call were R. Arnett, Chair; S. Williams, Vice Chair; K. Clark, M. Harlan, K. Johnson, K. Mohr-Almeida, and K. O'Brien; and L. Rovey of the Association.

Also present were President C. Dobson; Vice President B. Paceley; Board Members M. Herrera, M. Pace, and P. Rovey; Board Member L. Williams of the Association; Council Chair R. Shelton; Council Vice Chair S. Naylor; Council Liaison E. Pedersen and D. Lamoreaux; Council Members N. Brown, E. Gorsegner, R. Gutierrez, R. Miller, and C. Resch-Geretti; and I. Avalos, E. Barton, H. Buchanan, M. Burger, A. Chabrier, M. Faulk, J. Felty, L. Hobaica, A. Johnson, B. Koch, P. Likens, A. Lucas, C. McJunkin, L. Meyers, M. O'Connor, B. Pane, J. Pratt, M. Purnell, P. Sigl, B. Svoma, R. Taylor, and K. Tilghman of SRP.

In compliance with A.R.S. §38-431.02, Andrew Davis of the Corporate Secretary's Office had posted a notice and agenda of the Water Committee meeting at the SRP Administration Building, 1500 North Mill Avenue, Tempe, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 12, 2026.

Chair R. Arnett called the meeting to order.

Consent Agenda

Chair R. Arnett requested a motion for Committee approval of the Consent Agenda, in its entirety.

On a motion duly made by Board Member K. Johnson and seconded by Vice Chair S. Williams, the Committee unanimously approved and adopted the following item on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the Water Committee meeting on May 19, 2026, as presented.

Corporate Secretary J. Felty polled the Committee Members on Board Member K. Johnson's motion to approve the Consent Agenda, in its entirety. The vote was recorded as follows:

YES:	Board Members R. Arnett, Chair; S. Williams, Vice Chair; and K. Clark, M. Harlan, K. Johnson, K. Mohr-Almeida, and K. O'Brien	(7)
NO:	None	(0)
ABSTAINED:	None	(0)
ABSENT:	None	(0)

Evaporation Study Related to Solar Over Canals

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Bob Pane, SRP Director of Water Engineering and Transmission, stated that the purpose of the presentation was to provide information regarding SRP's work with Arizona State University (ASU) in measuring evaporation in the canal system as it related to solar over canals. They provided an overview, together with images, of each of the following solar over canal projects: 1) Narmada Canal – Gujarat, India; 2) Casa Blanca Canal – Gila River Indian Reservation, Arizona; and 3) the Turlock Irrigation District – Central Valley of California (San Joaquin Valley).

B. Pane said that SRP's approach to solar over canals led to an internal study in early 2022, and summarized the potential benefits and concerns identified by the study. They discussed safety concerns and canal related incidents that occurred in SRP's canals in 2025.

B. Pane presented a map and aerial images of the following two pilot project locations that were considered: Site Option1 – PERA Club and Site Option 2 – Arizona Falls. They reviewed the following data that was presented with respect to the proposed pilot projects: typographies, construction estimates, cost comparison, and 2024 levelized cost comparison.

B. Pane reviewed the evaporation study performed by SRP and ASU, the study methodology, examples of sensor installations, evaporation findings, and the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) – Water Loss Components based on SRP 2025 chart. They concluded with a recap of the Water Committee's recommendation on April 22, 2025, and next steps.

B. Pane responded to questions from the Committee.

Copies of the PowerPoint slides used in this presentation are on file in the Corporate Secretary's Office and, by reference, made a part of these minutes.

Board Members N. Brown and S. Kennedy; Council Member R. Kolb; K. Morrison of SRP; and Elsah Boak of ASU entered the meeting during the presentation.

Elsah Boak of ASU left the meeting.

SRP Biochar Initiative

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Elvy Barton, SRP Senior Manager of Water and Forest Sustainability, stated that the purpose of the presentation was to provide information regarding SRP's Biochar Initiative and Biochar Initial Adopters Program, which is a part of SRP's forest health efforts.

E. Barton provided the number of acres burned by forest fires from 1975 through 2024 and discussed the effects on the watersheds. They detailed the consequences of high-intensity fires

E. Barton reminded the Committee of SRP's forest health goal to increase SRP's leadership role in forest restoration treatments through partnerships, influence, education, and support for industry to thin 800,000 acres total by 2035.

E. Barton provided background on biochar and summarized the benefits, challenges, Request for Proposals (RFP), and the SRP Biochar Initial Adopters Program. They concluded with a discussion regarding next steps.

E. Barton responded to questions from the Committee.

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Board Member S. Kennedy; Council Member R. Miller; and M. Faulk of SRP left the meeting during the presentation. Council Member B. Brooks; and R. Judd of SRP entered the meeting during the presentation.

Executive Session: Gallagher & Kennedy and West Van Buren (WVB) Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site

Chair R. Arnett requested a motion to enter into executive session, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) and (A)(4), to have discussion or consultation with attorneys for legal advice and to give instructions on 1) pending litigation, Gallagher & Kennedy, P.A. v. City of Phoenix, et al., Case No. 23-15938, 2:16-cv-04447, and 2) legal issues and potential settlement/remedy for the WVB WQARF site to avoid additional litigation.

On a motion duly made by Board Member K. O'Brien, seconded by Vice Chair S. Williams and carried, the Water Committee convened into executive session at 10:56 a.m.

Corporate Secretary J. Felty polled the Committee Members on Board Member K. O'Brien's motion to enter into executive session. The vote was recorded as follows:

YES:	Board Members R. Arnett, Chair; S. Williams, Vice Chair; and K. Clark, M. Harlan, K. Johnson, K. Mohr-Almeida, and K. O'Brien	(7)
NO:	None	(0)
ABSTAINED:	None	(0)
ABSENT:	None	(0)

E. Barton, H. Buchanan, A. Johnson, P. Likens, B. Pane, B. Svoma, and K. Tilghman of SRP left the meeting.

The Committee reconvened into open session at 11:22 a.m. with the following members and others present were President C. Dobson; Vice President B. Paceley; Board Members R. Arnett, N. Brown, K. Clark, M. Harlan, M. Herrera, K. Johnson, K. Mohr-Almeida, K. O'Brien, M. Pace, P. Rovey, and S. Williams; Board Members L. Rovey and L. Williams of the Association; Council Chair R. Shelton; Council Vice Chair S. Naylor; Council Liaison D. Lamoreaux; Council Members N. Brown, E. Gorsegner, R. Gutierrez, R. Kolb, and C. Resch-Geretti; and I. Avalos, M. Burger, A. Chabrier, J. Felty, L. Hobaica, R. Judd, B. Koch, A. Lucas, C. McJunkin, L. Meyers, K. Morrison, M. O'Connor, J. Pratt, M. Purnell, P. Sigl, and R. Taylor of SRP.

Report on Current Events by the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer or Designees

Jim Pratt, SRP General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, reported on a variety of federal, state, and local topics of interest to the Committee.

Future Agenda Topics

Chair R. Arnett asked the Committee if there were any future agenda topics. Board Members K. Mohr-Almeida and K. Clark requested a future agenda topic to discuss the engagement of a consultant to advise the Board on the installation of solar panels over canals.

There being no further business to come before the Water Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

John Felty
Corporate Secretary

Colorado River Update

Water Committee

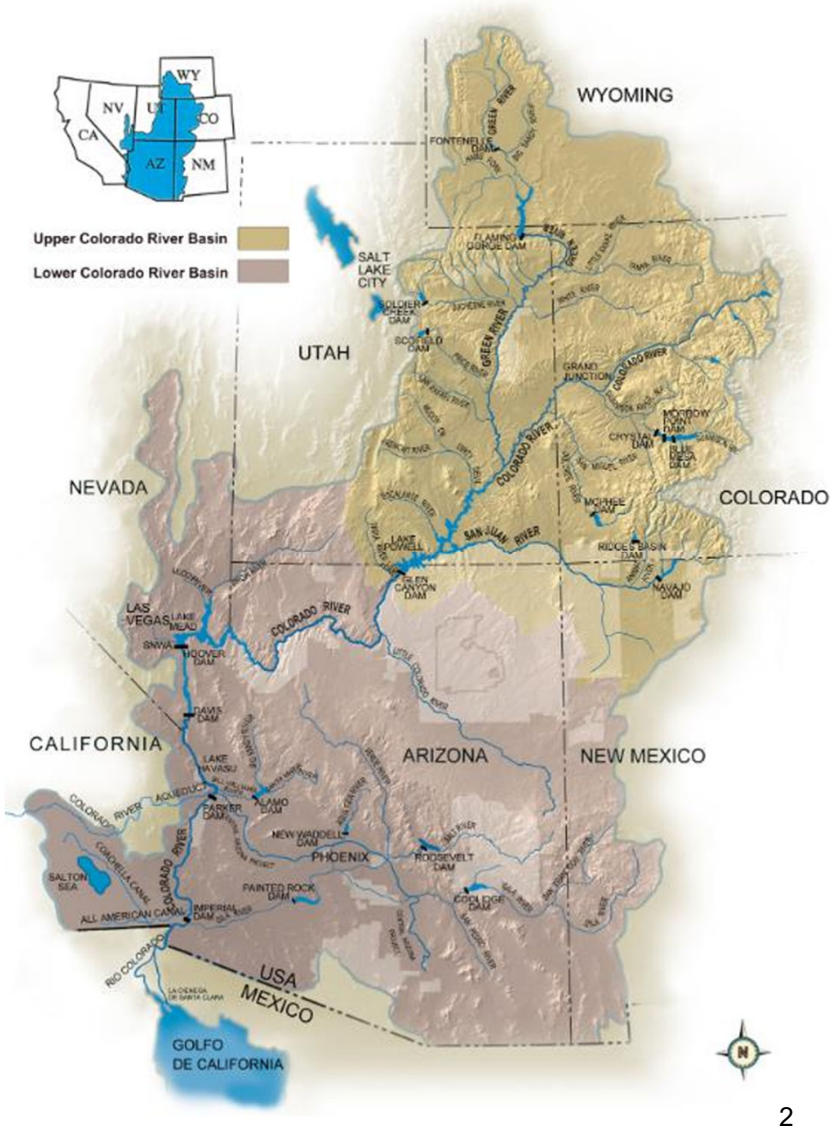
Christa McJunkin, Senior Director Water Supply & System | August 18, 2026

Colorado River Update

Transitioning to a New Era of Colorado River Management

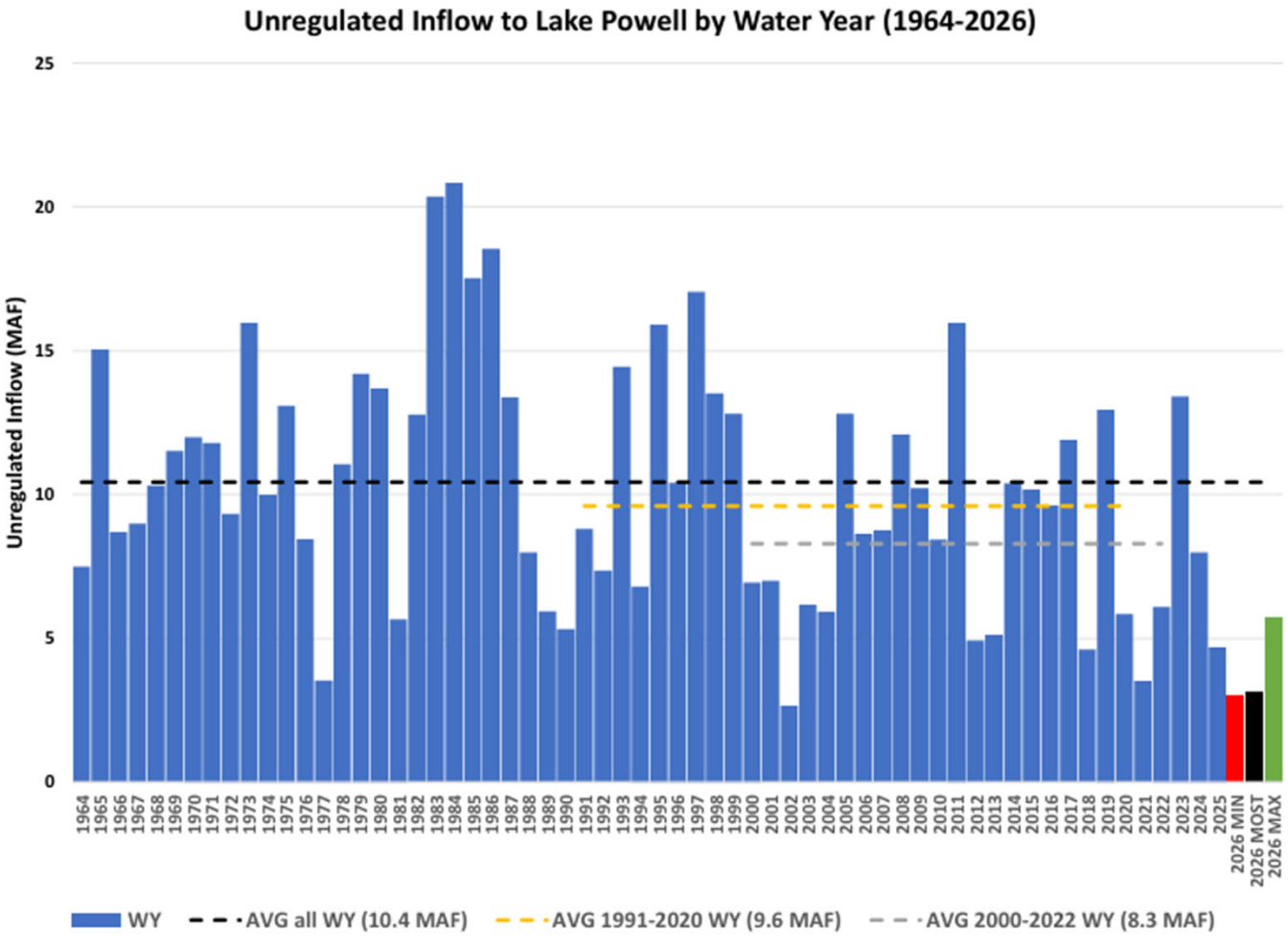
Key Takeaways

- Colorado River supply and demand remains out of balance over the long-term
- New federal operating guidelines will take effect in January 2027
- Arizona faces continued supply uncertainty
- SRP is working to help



The Fundamental Challenge

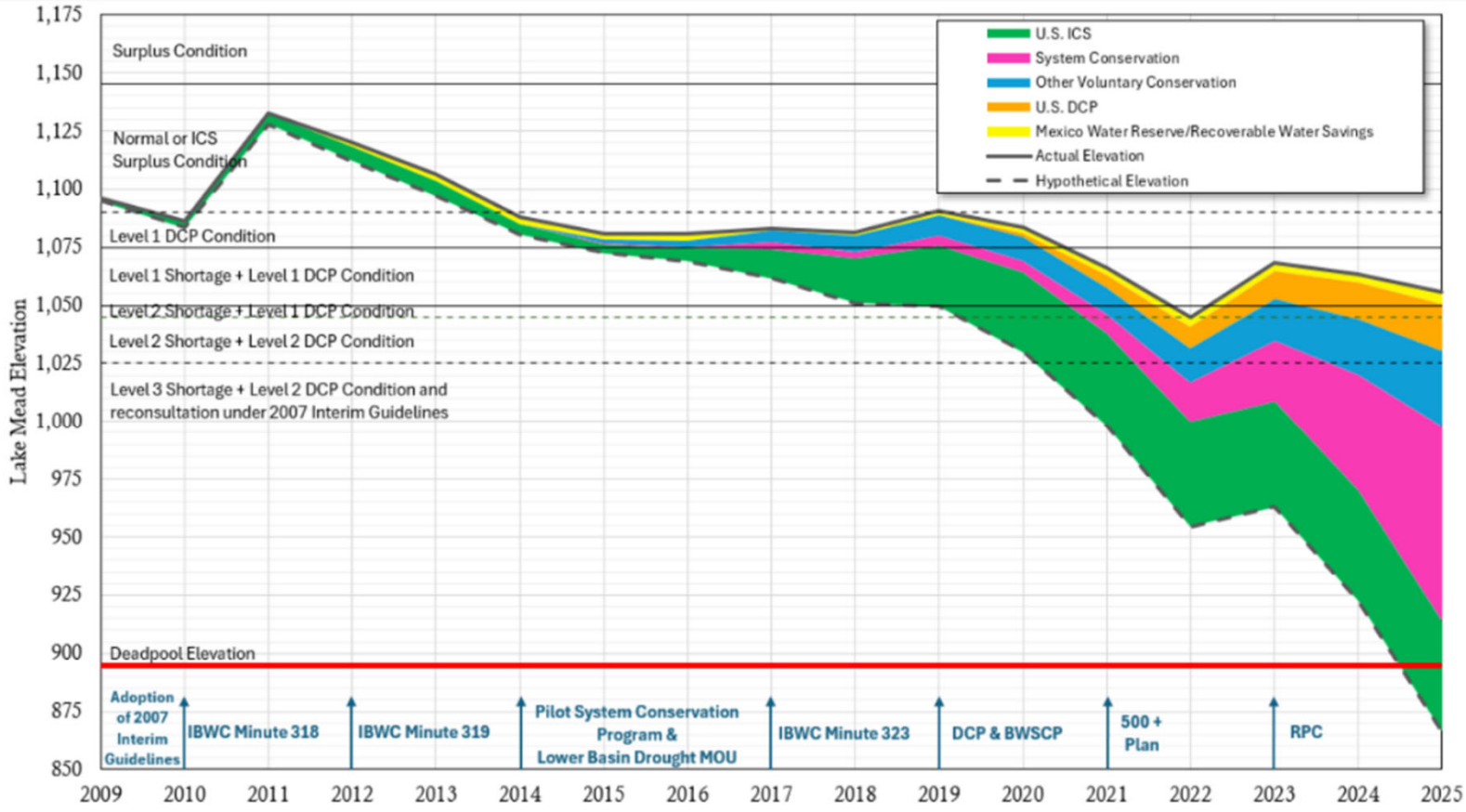
Demand Still Exceeds Supply



- Basin water use was built around wetter conditions
- Long-term aridification is reducing runoff
- Higher temperatures are lowering river yields
- Less water is available than historical assumptions anticipated

Efforts to Stabilize Reservoir Levels

Risk Remains

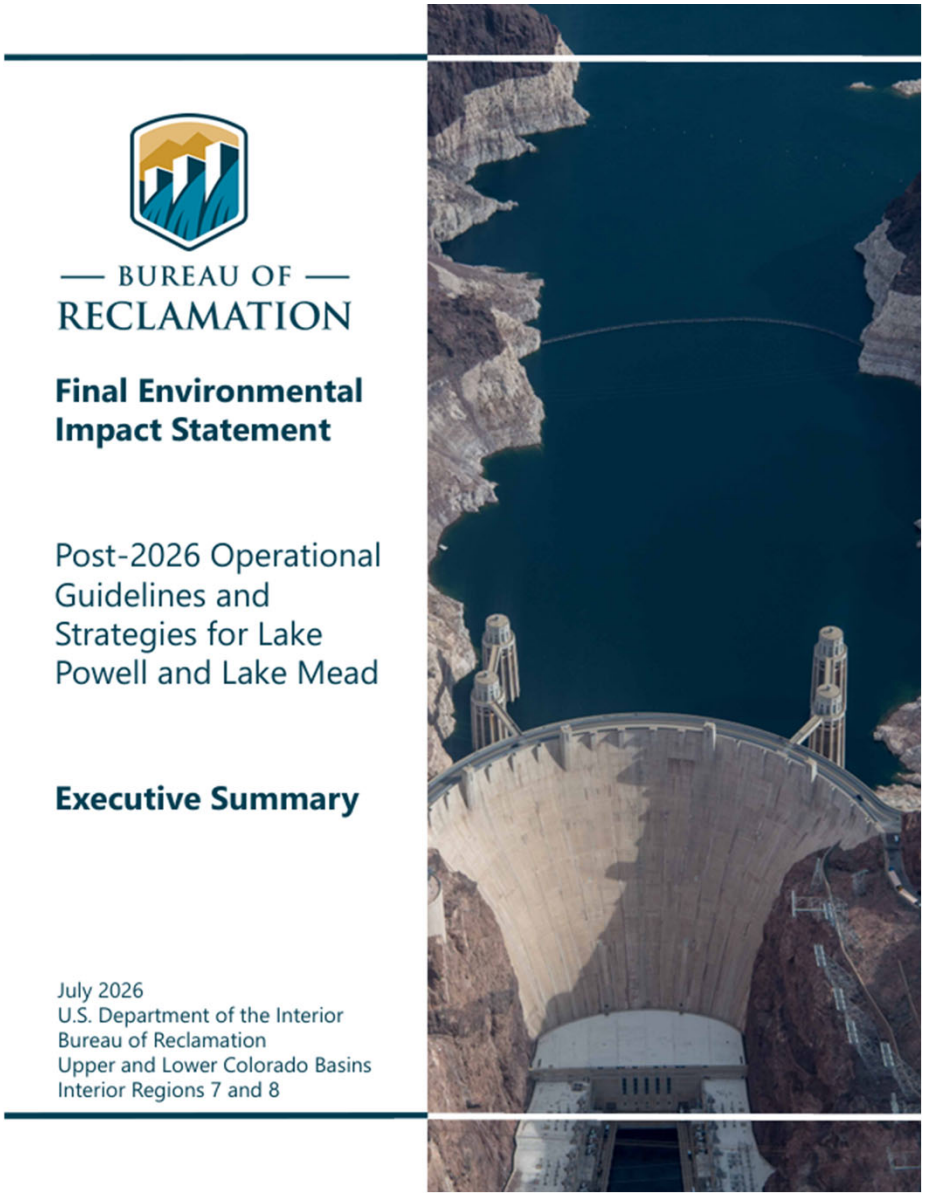


NOTE: 2025 volumes are projected based on the August Most Probable 24-month study

Final Environmental Impact Statement

No Overall Agreement Between Basin States

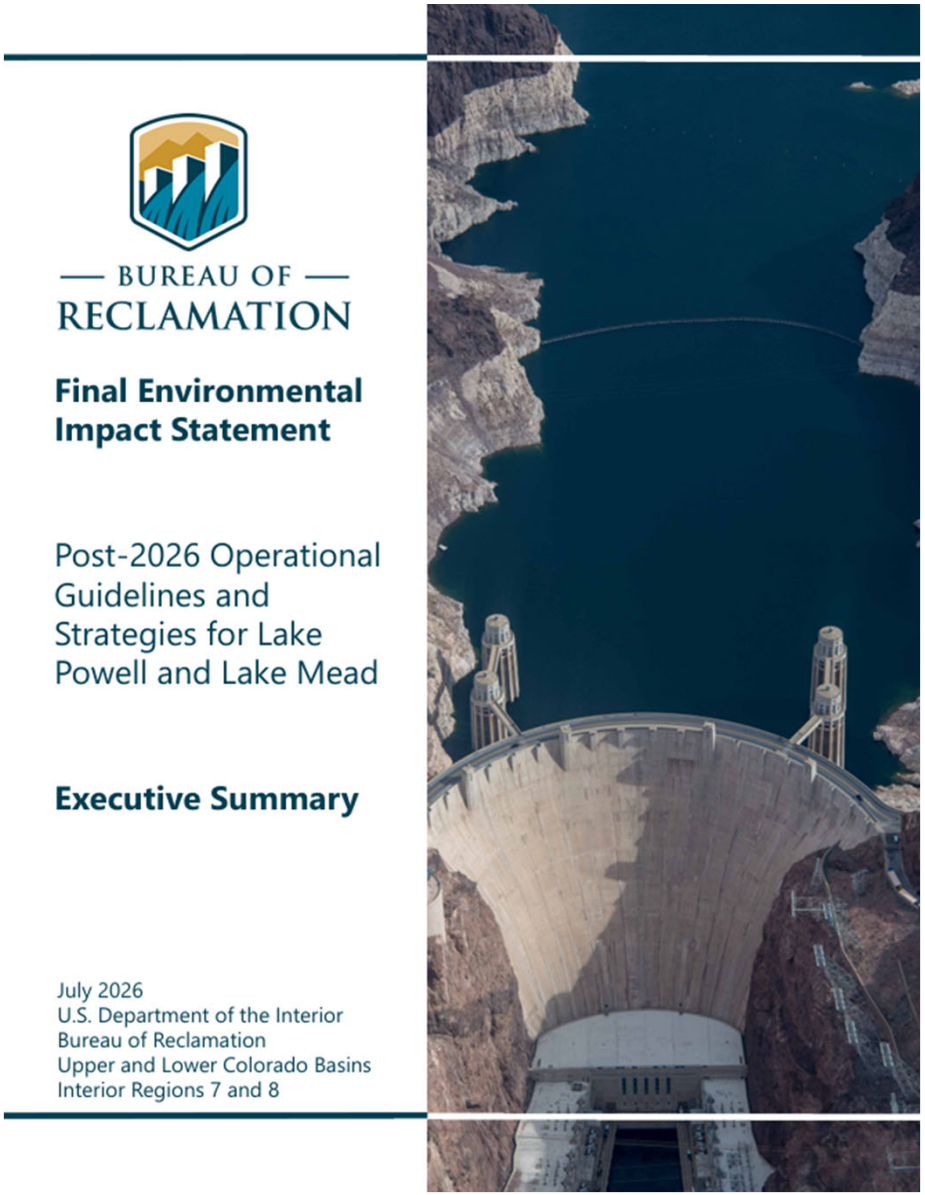
- Existing operating agreements expire December 2026
- Basin states were unable to reach consensus
- Bureau of Reclamation released a federal operating framework
- Adaptive management approach through 2036



Final Environmental Impact Statement

Protecting Critical Infrastructure

- Protect operations at Glen Canyon Dam
- Protect operations at Hoover Dam
- Maintain release capability during low reservoir conditions
- Infrastructure constraints are increasingly driving decisions



How the New Operating Framework Works

Post-2026 Operations: Decision Framework, Not Fixed Rules

Hydrology—Snowpack & Inflow Forecasts

Reservoir Levels—Powell & Mead Elevations

Operating Guidelines—Issued Every Two Years

Annual Operating Plan—Single Year Plan

Bottom Line—Powell Release & Shortage Amounts

Protecting Lake Powell & Lake Mead

Reservoir Protection Drives Operations

LAKE POWELL	LAKE MEAD
• Maintain minimum power generation capability • Preserve release capability • Utilize Upper Basin reservoir operations when needed • Avoid approaching critical infrastructure thresholds	• Maintain delivery capability • Avoid low-elevation infrastructure risks • Balance storage between reservoirs • Trigger Lower Basin conservation and shortages as conditions decline

Protecting infrastructure increasingly establishes the operating limits for the river.

What This Means for Arizona

Priority System Has Consequences

Colorado River Basin

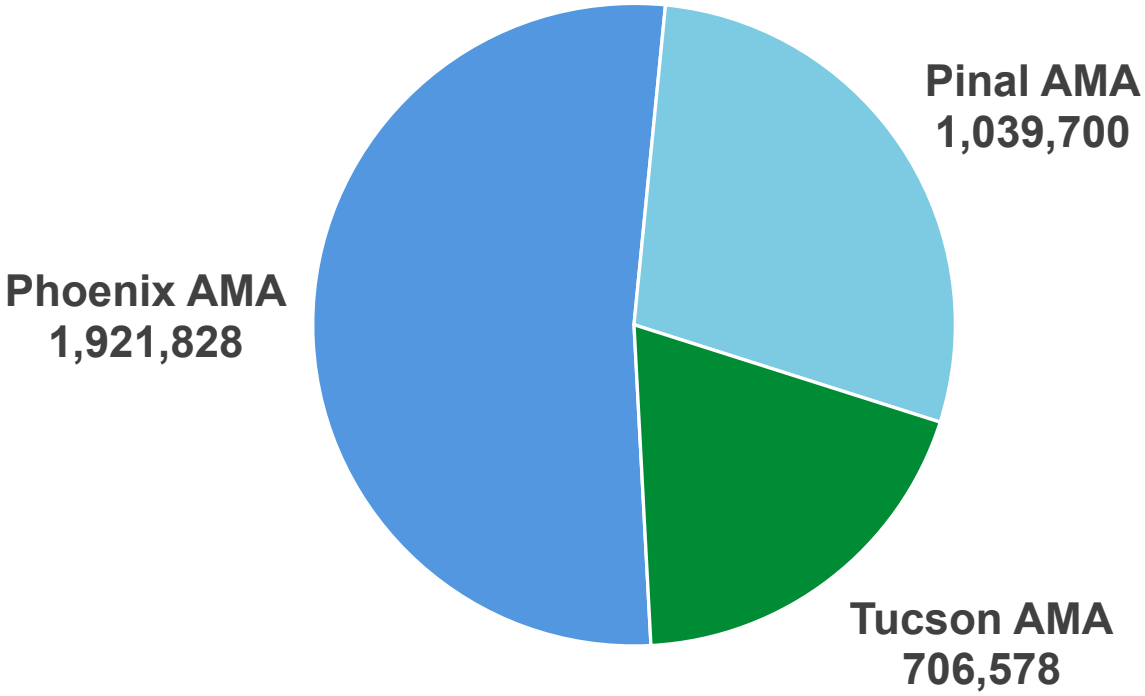
Arizona Colorado River – Priority System

Sixth Priority	Entitlements to surplus.
Fifth Priority	Entitlements to unused Arizona entitlement or unused apportionment water.
Fourth Priority	Entitlements (i) entered into after September 30, 1968 for use on Federal, State, or privately-owned lands in the State of Arizona (for a total quantity of not to exceed 164,652 acre-feet per year); and (ii) CAP Contract No. 14-06-W-245, as amended dated December 15,1972. Entitlements in (i) and (ii) are coequal.
Third Priority	Entitlements pursuant to contracts executed on or before September 30, 1968.
Second Priority	Secretarial Reservations and Perfected Rights established or effective prior to September 30, 1968.
First Priority	Present Perfected Rights (PPRs) existing as of June 25, 1929, as recognized in the Consolidated Decree in *Arizona v. California*.

Arizona Water Banking Authority

Back-Up Supplies During Shortage

Arizona Water Banking Authority Intrastate Firming Credits = 3,668,109 Acre-Feet



How SRP is Helping

Regional partnerships are key

Gilbert Road Pipeline

Credit Recovery Planning

Roosevelt Flood Control

Verde Reservoirs

SRP-CAP Interconnection

San Diego MOU

Looking Ahead

Regional partnerships are key

Updates on the SRP - CAP Interconnection Facility

Kyle Tilghman, Director of Water Strategic Projects

Water Committee

August 18, 2026

Agenda

- SCIF
  - Purpose
  - Partners
  - Updates
  - NEPA
  - Schedule

Purpose

- Improve regional water system resiliency and flexibility
- Jointly funded project to move non-SRP Shareholder water into the CAP canal
- Increase value in managing water supplies through an uncertain future of drought and surface water flows

Project Partners

- 11 Project Participants

Apache Junction Water District	City of Phoenix
Arizona Water Company	Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority
Carefree Water Company	Town of Queen Creek
Town of Gilbert	City of Scottsdale
City of Mesa	Central Arizona Project (CAP)
Salt River Project (SRP)	

Updates

- Design and Preconstruction Services
  - Development of 60% - Final Design
  - Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) bid selection
  - SRP Substation
- System Conservation Implementation Agreement (SCIA)
- NEPA Preparation
  - CAP Stakeholder Meetings
  - Draft Notice of Intent (NOI) under Reclamation review

What is NEPA?

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Signed into law on January 1, 1970
- Created in response to public sentiment that federal agencies should evaluate environmental impacts
- NEPA requires federal agencies to assess the environmental effects of their proposed actions prior to making decisions
- Federal agencies prepare Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) to evaluate the effects

NEPA Process

Environmental Milestones

Notice of Intent (NOI)

- NOI anticipated to be published in the Federal Register Fall 2026
- Official EIS 2-year 'clock' begins

Public Scoping

- 30-day public scoping period begins
- Scoping Letters concurrent with NOI
- 4 Public Scoping Meetings Planned

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

- SRP and our consultant are preparing the statement evaluating the environmental impacts of the proposed federal actions

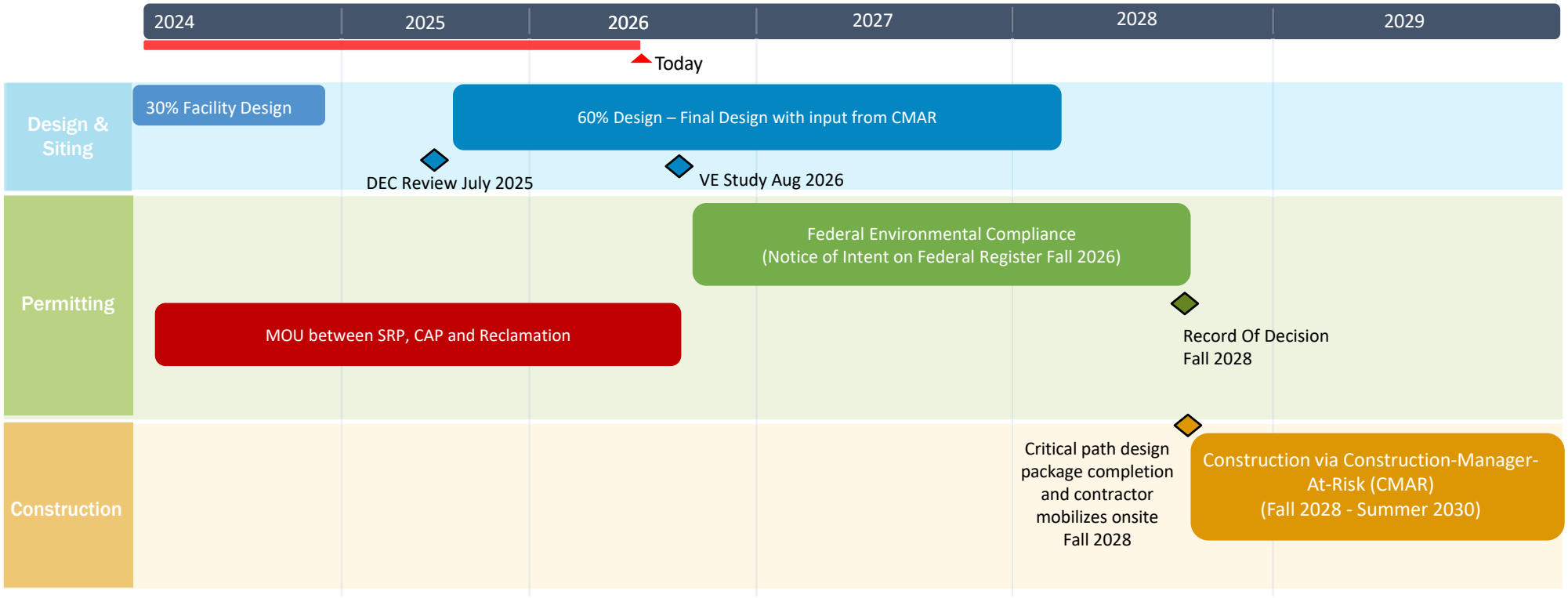
Draft EIS Notice of Availability

- Draft EIS available for 45-day public review and comment

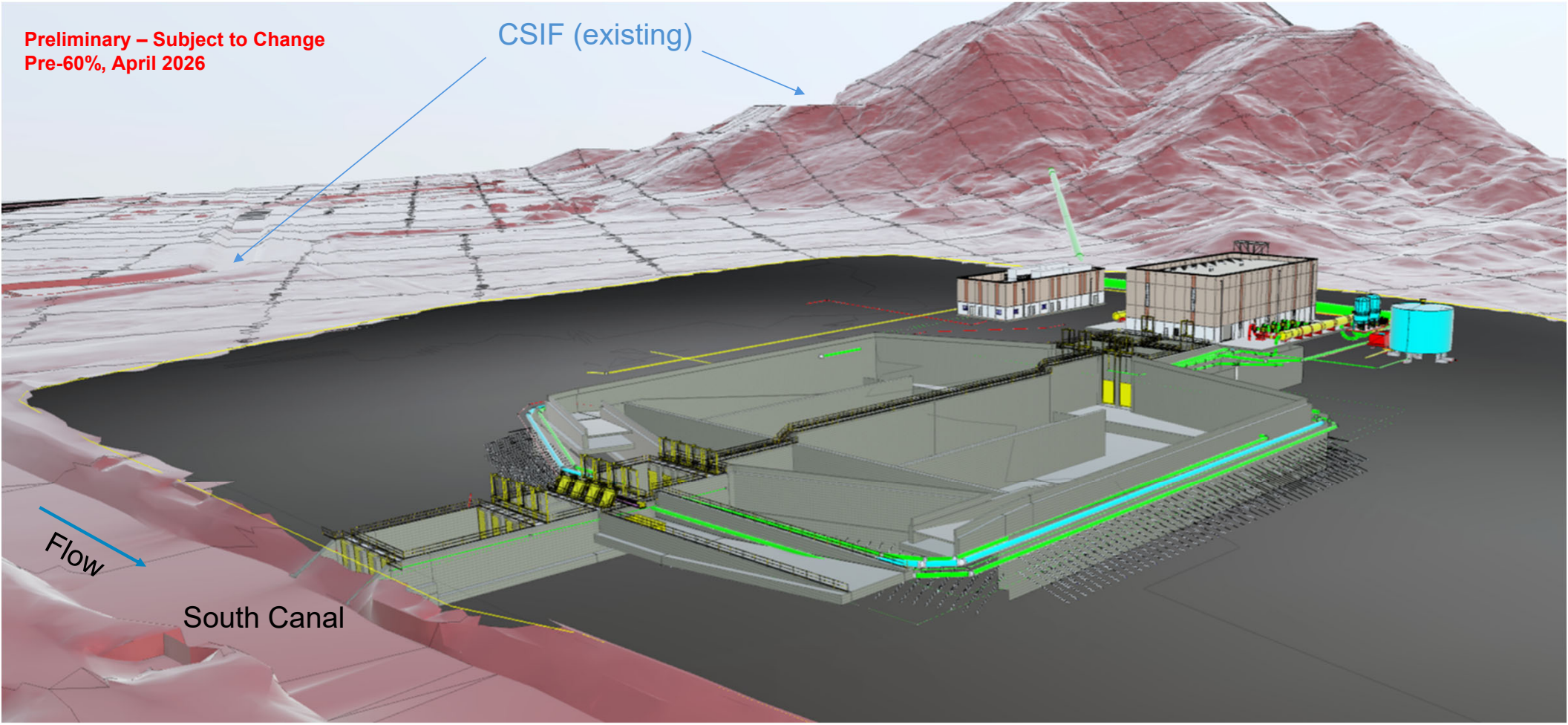
Anticipated Fall 2027

Final EIS & Record of Decision
Anticipated Fall 2028

SCIF Milestone Schedule



SCIF – Looking SE from SRP South Canal with tunnel/pipeline through the butte



thank you!