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

WATER COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 11, 2025, 9:30 AM

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

Committee Members: Paul Rovey, Chair; Randy Miller, Vice Chair; and Casey Clowes, Krista O'Brien, Mark Pace, Jack White Jr., and Leslie Williams

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 PAUL ROVEY

   - Request for approval of the minutes for the meeting of October 21, 2025.

2. SRP's Forest Health Goal Update ..... ELVY BARTON

   Informational presentation regarding SRP's forest health goal, partnerships, and projects for 2025.

3. Colorado River Hydrology and Operations Update .....LUCAS SHAW

   Informational presentation regarding Colorado River hydrology and efforts by the United States, the seven basin states, Tribes, water users, and other related interests in the basin to address drought conditions, including interim measures to conserve water prior to the expiration of the 2007 Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead, and the development of the Post-2026 Operational Guidelines and Strategies for Lake Powell and Lake Mead.

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

5. Future Agenda Topics ..... CHAIR PAUL ROVEY

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.

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THE NEXT WATER COMMITTEE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026

12/04/2025

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WATER COMMITTEE
SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT

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October 21, 2025

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, October 21, 2025, 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 P. Rovey, Chair; R. Miller, Vice Chair; and C. Clowes, M. Pace, J. White Jr., and L. Williams.

Committee Member absent at roll call was K. O'Brien.

Also present were President D. Rousseau; Vice President C. Dobson; Board Members R. Arnett, N. Brown, M. Herrera, and S. Williams; Board Member L. Rovey of the Association; Council Chair R. Shelton; Council Vice Chair B. Paceley; Council Liaisons S. Naylor and P. Van Hofwegen; Council Members W. Lines, M. Rakow, C. Resch-Geretti, and N. Vanderwey; I. Avalos, M. Burger, A. Chabrier, J. Coggins, J. Felty, L. Garcia, L. Hobaica, I. Insua, V. Kisicki, M. Klein, B. Koch, C. Larson, K. Lee, S. Lutz, C. McJunkin, M. Mendonca, L. Meyers, K. Morrison, M. O'Connor, B. Olsen, B. Pane, J. Pratt, M. Purnell, C. Sifuentes-Kohlbeck, P. Sigl, and R. Taylor of SRP; and Paul Bergelin of Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA).

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, October 17, 2025.

Chair P. Rovey called the meeting to order.

Consent Agenda

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

On a motion duly made by Board Member M. Pace and seconded by Board Member L. Williams, the Committee unanimously approved and adopted the following item on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the Water Committee meeting on September 23, 2025, as presented.

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

YES:	Board Members P. Rovey, Chair; R. Miller, Vice Chair; and C. Clowes, M. Pace, J. White Jr., and L. Williams	(6)
NO:	None	(0)
ABSTAINED:	None	(0)
ABSENT:	Board Member K. O'Brien	(1)

Canyon Lake Drawdown Project

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Craig Larson, SRP Senior Director of Power Generation, stated that the purpose of the presentation was to provide information regarding the Canyon Lake drawdown project, which includes SRP lowering the water level in Canyon Lake in the Fall of 2026 as part of routine maintenance and 20-year cycle inspections by SRP and the Bureau of Reclamation of normally submerged infrastructure at Horse Mesa and Mormon Flat Dams, both components of the Salt River Federal Reclamation Project.

C. Larson provided an overview of the project and explained the reasoning for lowering the lake level. C. Larson provided an overview of SRP's coordination, communication, and outreach with external stakeholders related to the project beginning in April of 2024.

C. Larson noted SRP's recent communications regarding the project on various platforms such as the SRP and project websites, media coverage, and social media. They discussed water operations and presented images depicting the size of Canyon Lake during the drawdown process.

C. Larson provided a breakdown of work to be completed at the Mormon Flat Dam and Horse Mesa Dam and discussed channel work and restrictions downstream of Horse Mesa Dam. C. Larson presented images from 2007 of the Horse Mesa Plunge Pool and Fish Creek Delta. They concluded with a review of areas impacted by the project.

C. Larson and Ivan Insua, SRP Director of Hydro Generation, 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.

Council Liaison S. Naylor left the meeting during the presentation. Board Member S. Kennedy entered the meeting during the presentation.

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. They introduced McKell Purnell as the new SRP Associate General Manager and Chief Human Resources Executive.

Future Agenda Topics

Chair P. Rovey asked the Committee if there were any future agenda topics. None were requested.

There being no further business to come before the Water Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

John Felty
Corporate Secretary

FOREST HEALTH INITIATIVES UPDATE

WATER COMMITTEE

Elvy Barton | Water & Forest Sustainability Sr. Manager

December 11, 2025

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FY25 Goal

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

FY25 Results:

Aggregate total of **240,283 acres** of forest thinned — an **increase of 45,719 acres** from FY24.

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FY25 Accomplishments

- Acres Funded: 33,815
- Acres Completed: 12,935
- Partner Funding: ~$6.7M

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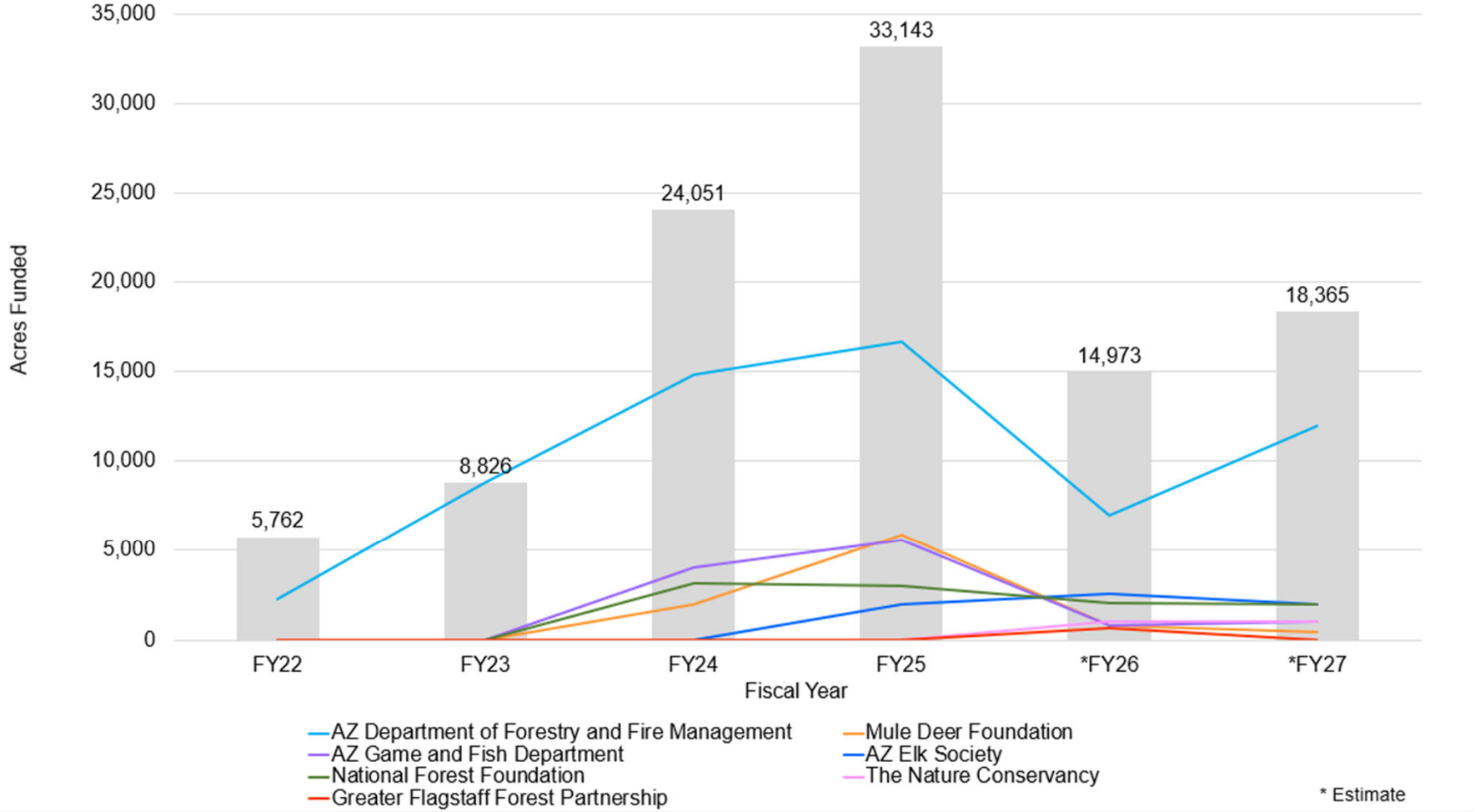
Forest Health Accomplishments: Funded Acres



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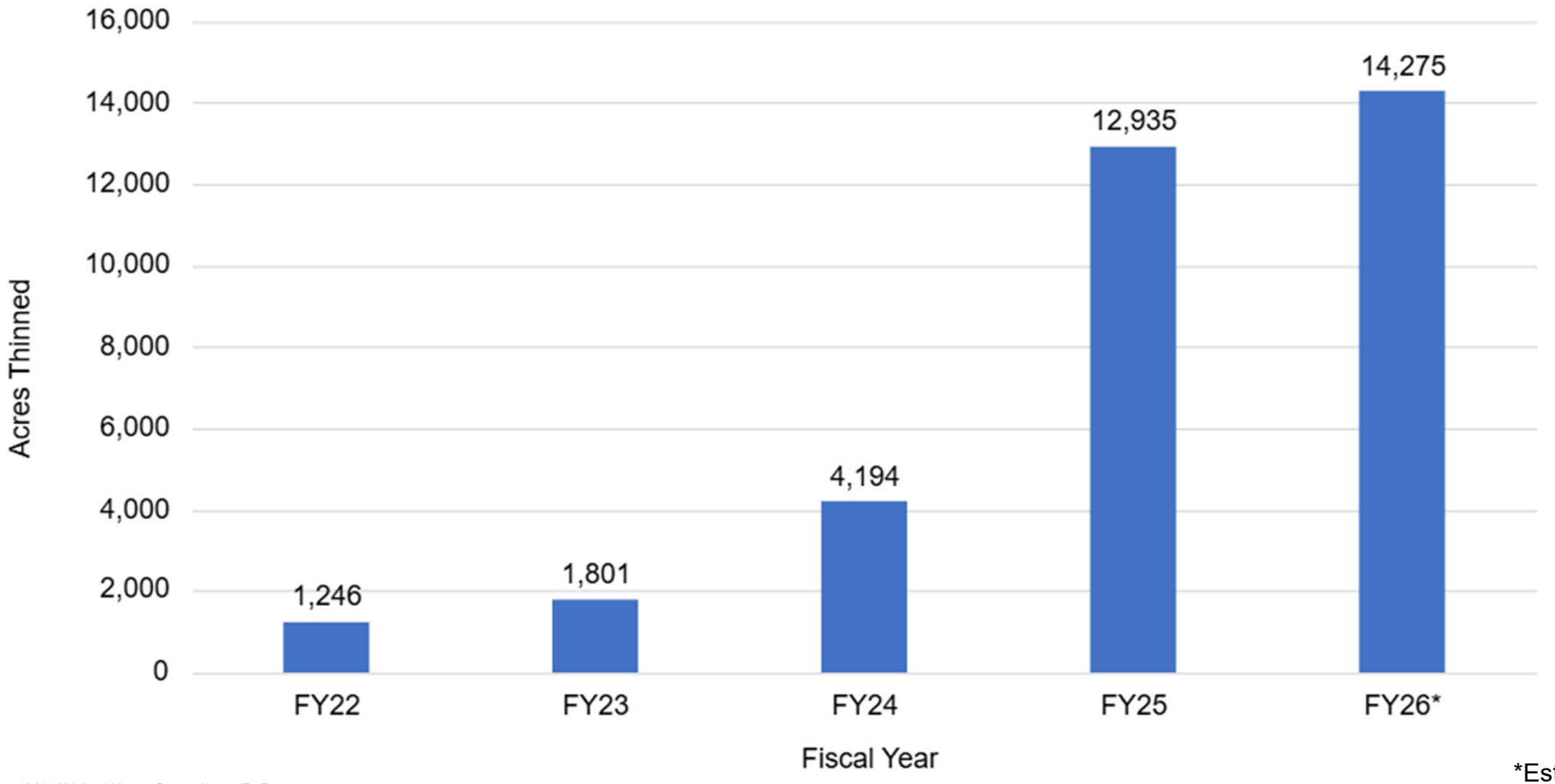

*Estimate

12/11/2025, Water Committee, E. Barton

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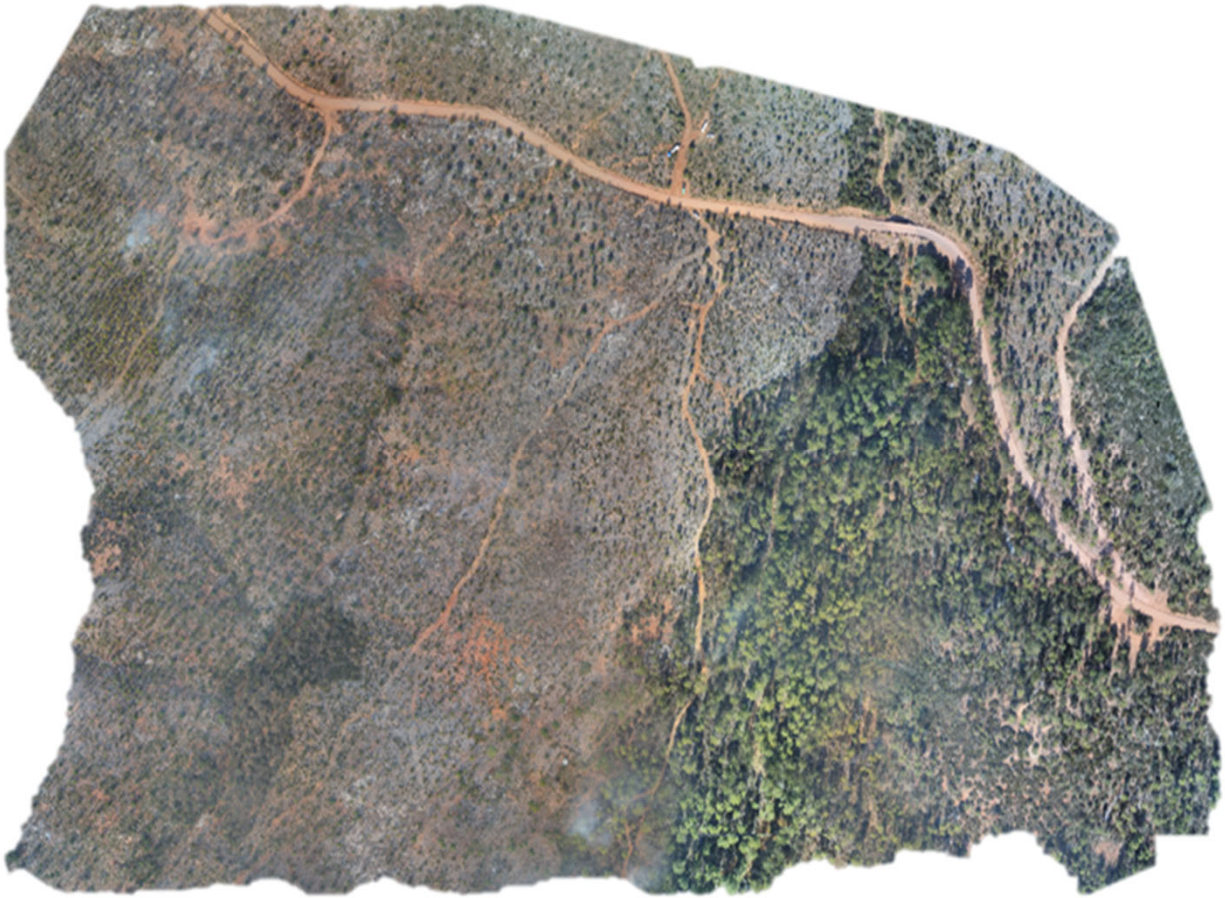
FY26 Outlook

- Estimated Partner Funding: ~$3.9M
- November: RX fire on Dude project
  - 2,030 acres



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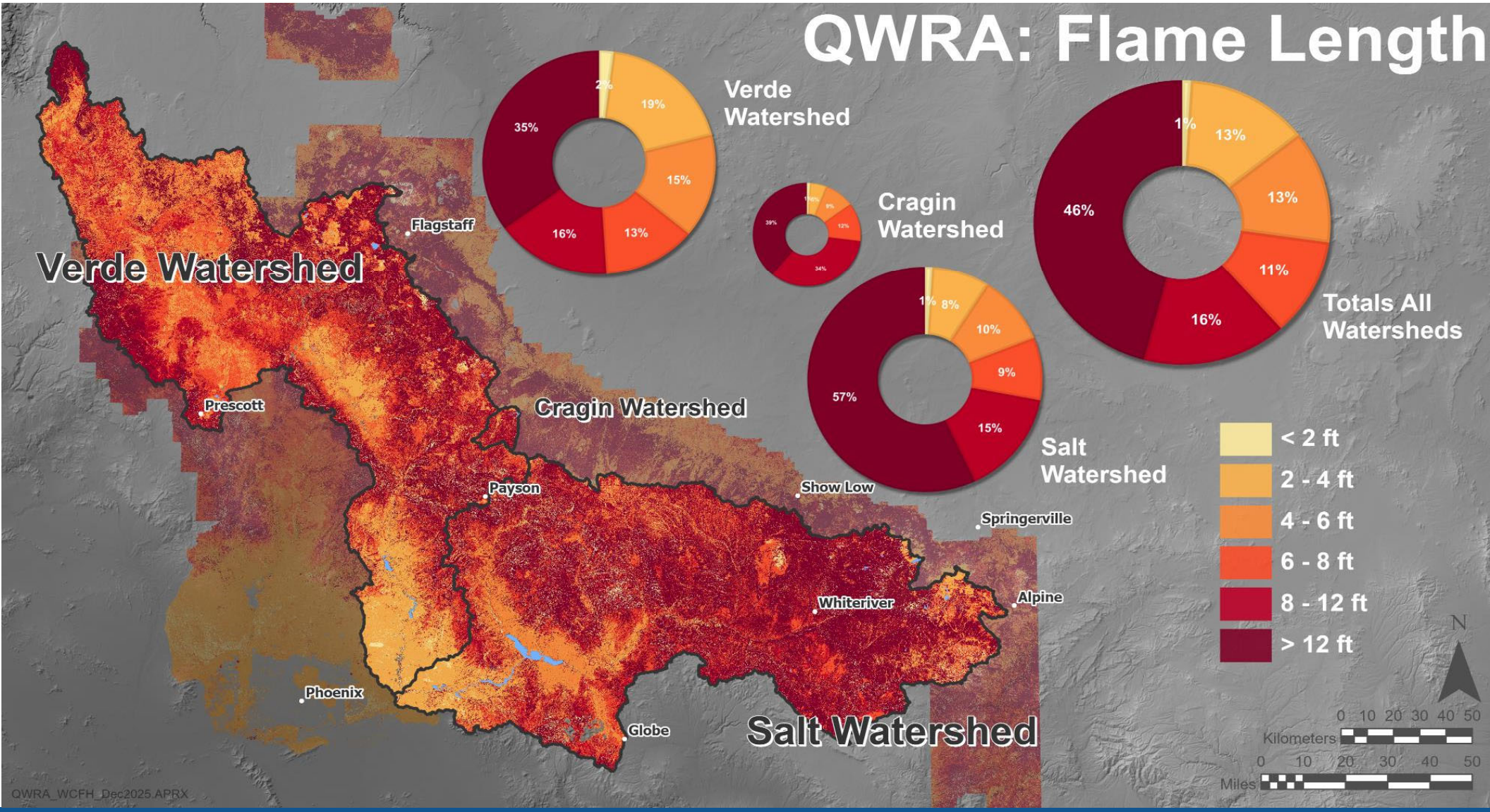
QUANTIFIED WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT (QWRA)



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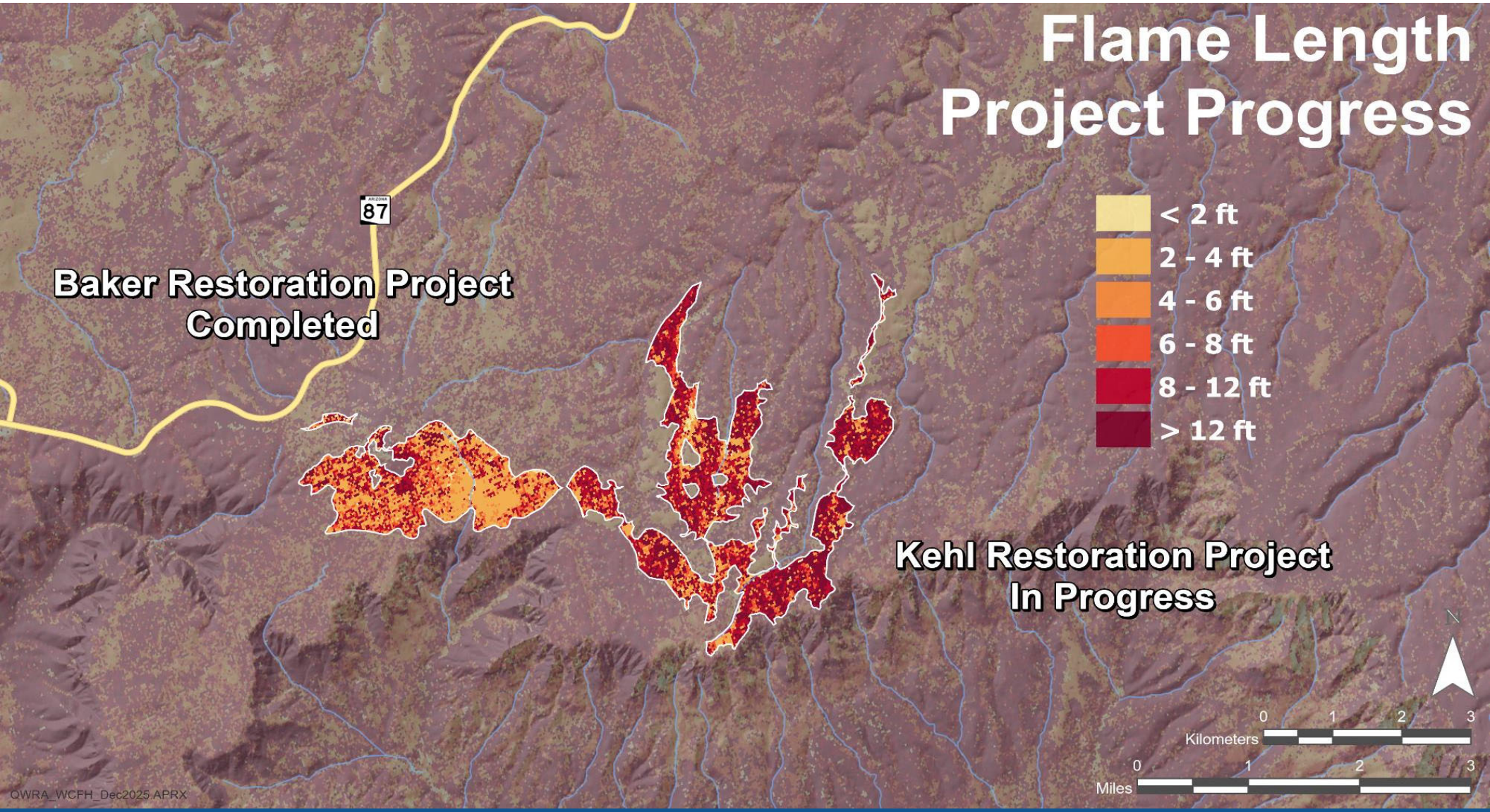

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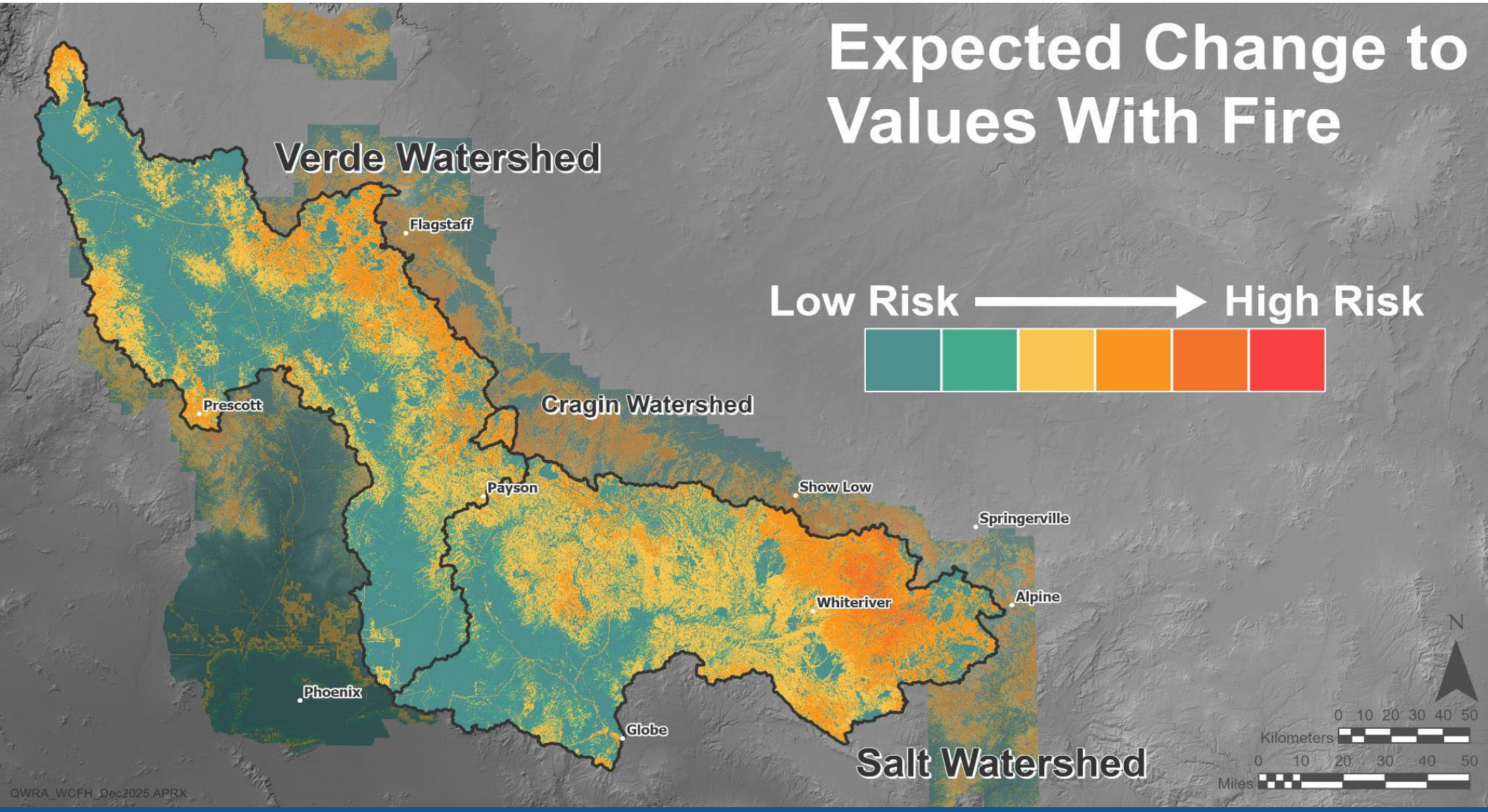

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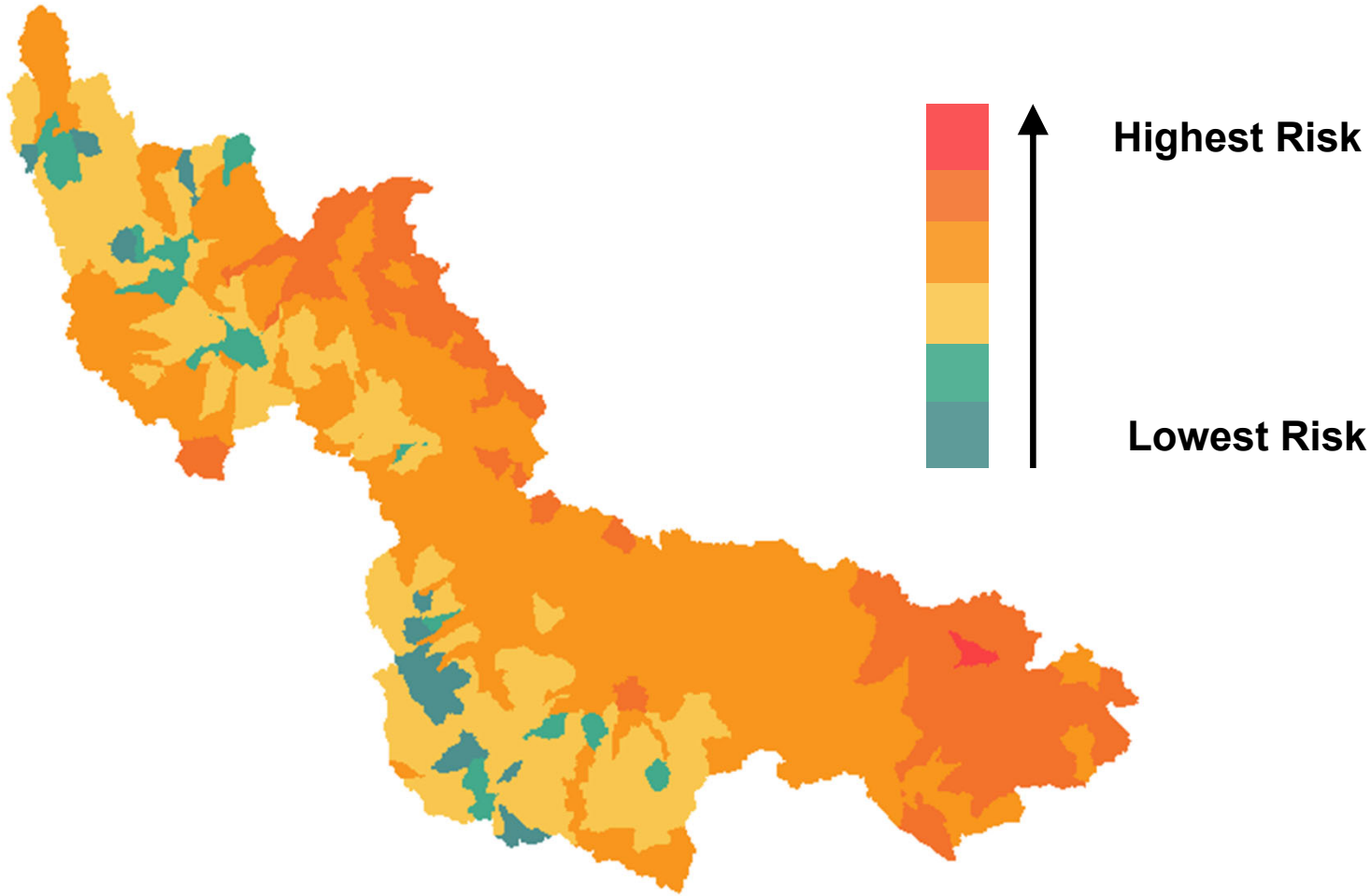
QWRA: Expected Change Proportional Risk



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Biochar Update

Biochar is created from biomass that is heated in the presence of low oxygen.

- Industry research and conversations identified two main biomass issues
  - Biomass feedstock supply chain
  - Biomass end uses
- SRP proposed solution to support biochar creation from forest biomass
- RFI Issued in November 2024
- RFP issued in October 2025

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Biochar Benefits

Biochar has many possible end uses. A few benefits of biochar application are:

Carbon Sequestration

Increased Water Retention

Increased Crop Yield

Industrial Uses

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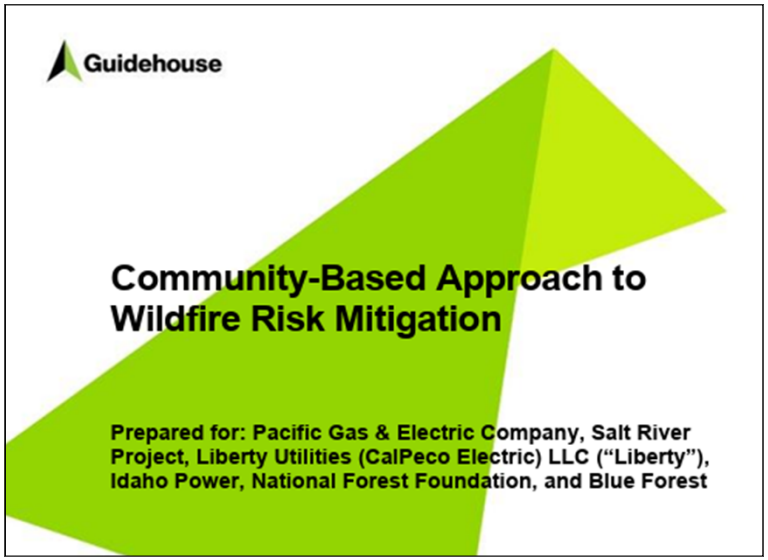
Forest Health Workgroups

- Wildfire Resilience Utility Workgroup
  - August 2024: Workgroup created
  - July 2025: Guidehouse whitepaper
  - Workgroup presented at 4 conferences and webinars in 2025
- Western Watershed and Wildfire Resiliency Workgroup
  - October 2025: Awarded $90,000 from Innovative Finance for National Forests Grant
  - Goal: Provide expert mentorship and support to western water utilities that demonstrate a desire to scale their watershed and wildfire resiliency efforts. Attract larger-scale investors wanting to achieve Colorado River Basin-wide benefits.



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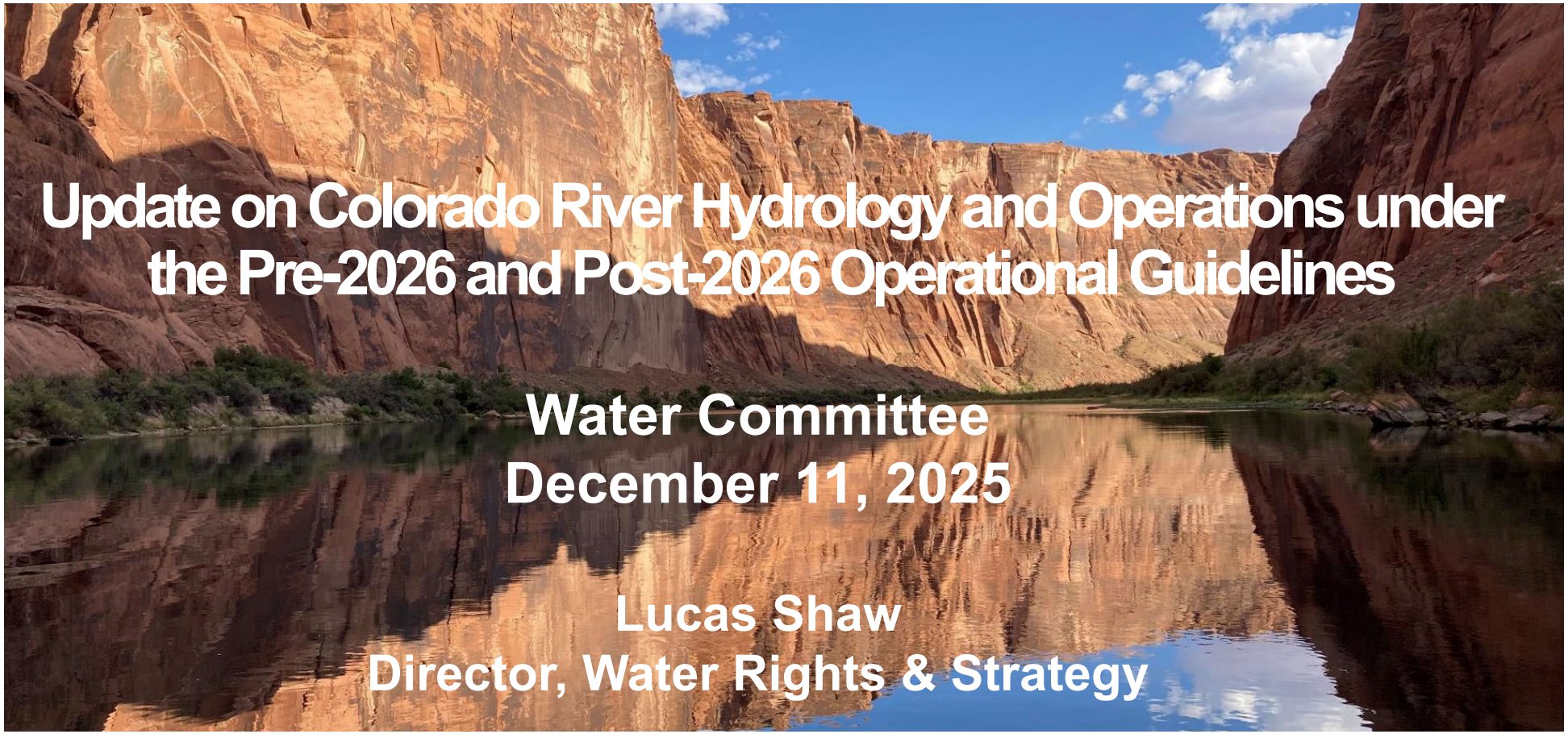

Update on Colorado River Hydrology and Operations under the Pre-2026 and Post-2026 Operational Guidelines

Water Committee
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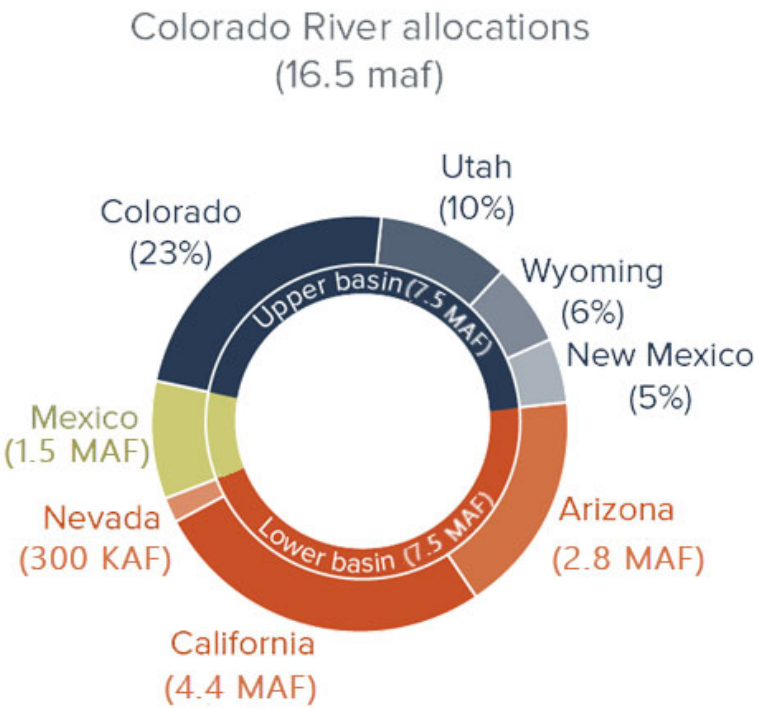
Lucas Shaw
Director, Water Rights & Strategy

Apportionment



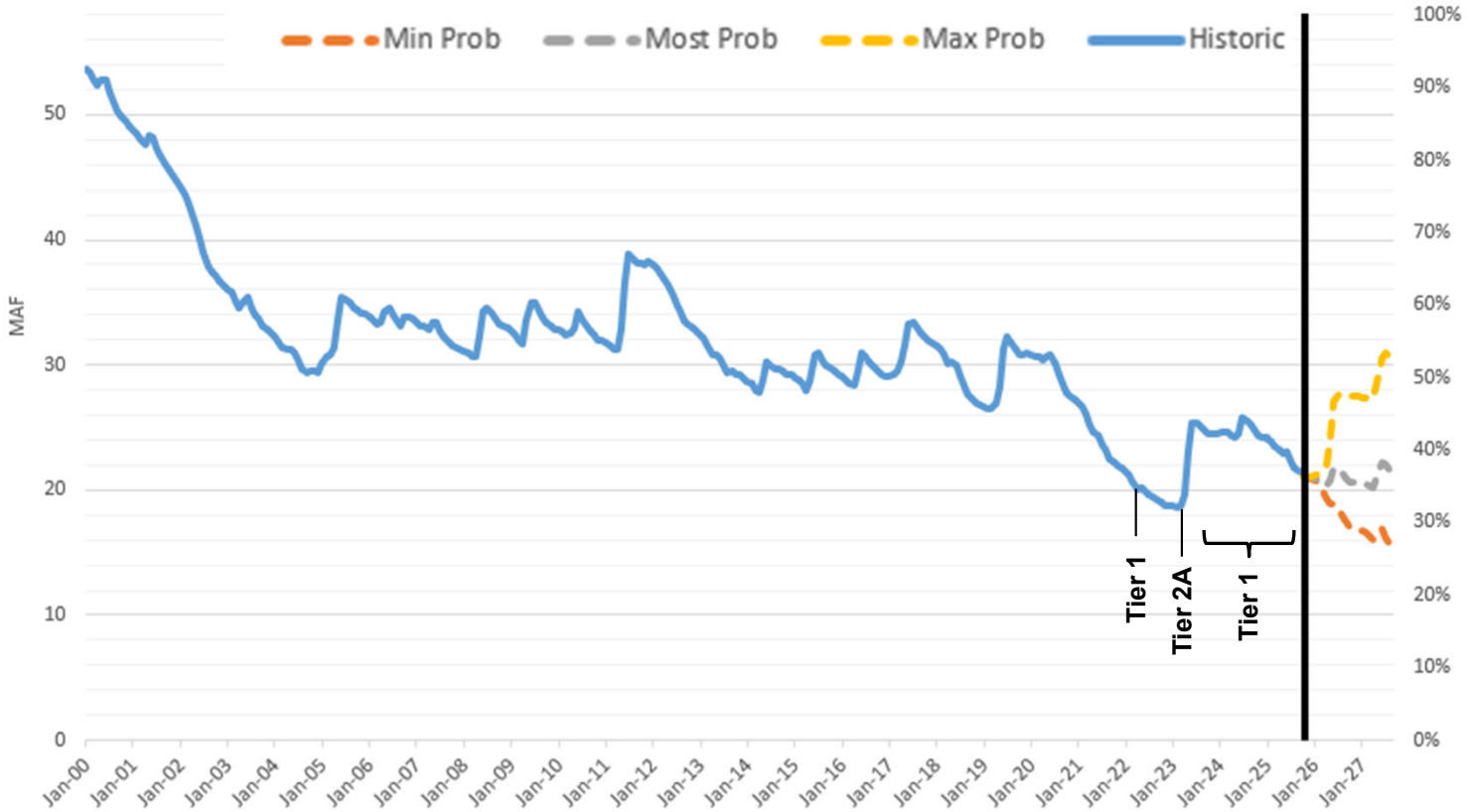
MAF = million acre-feet
Source: Adapted from *Public Policy Institute of California (2025)*

Where we've been:

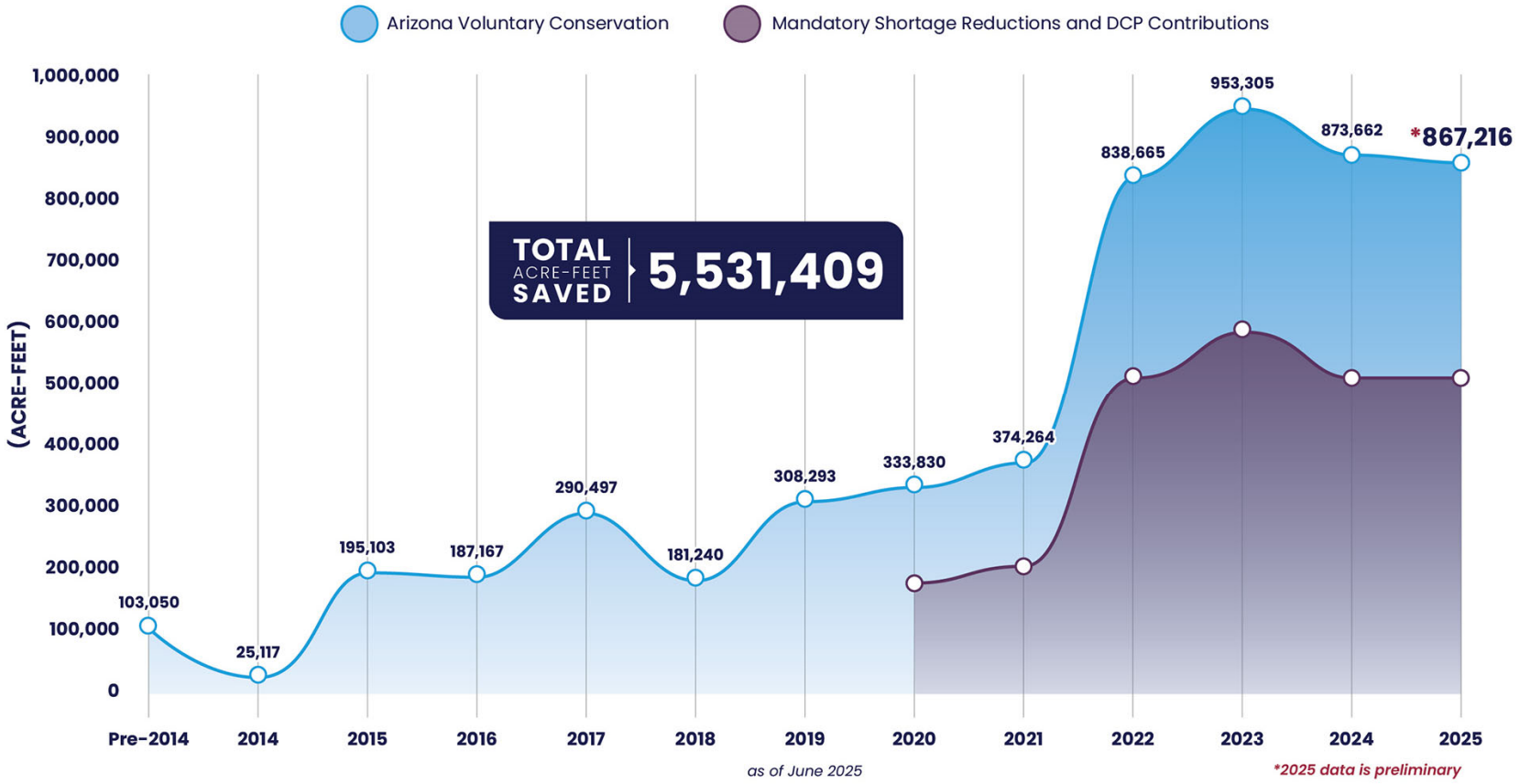
Stabilization efforts through 2026

Colorado River reservoir contents have decreased drastically since 2000

Colorado River reservoir storage (MAF), observed (2000 – 2025) and projected (2026 - 2027)

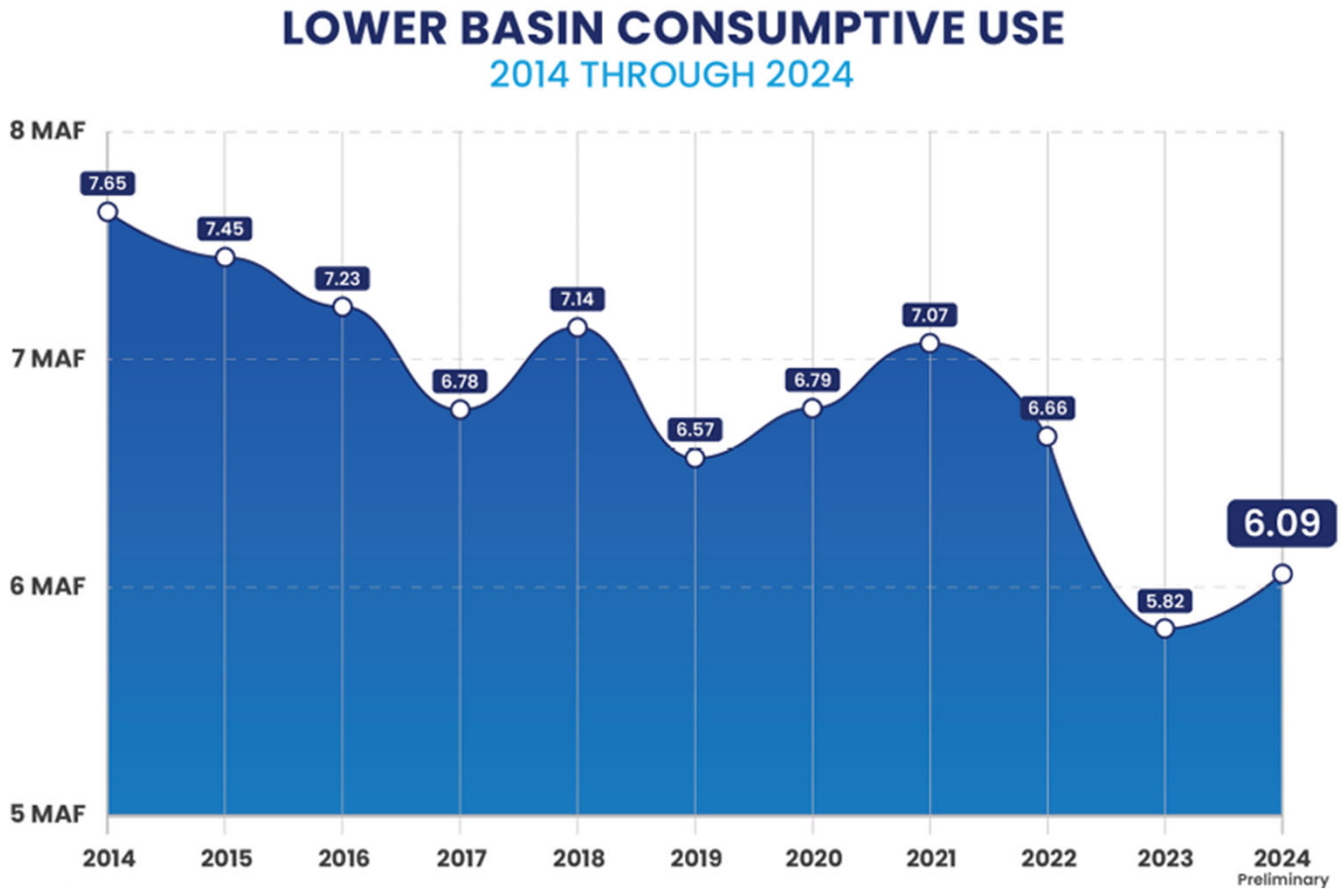


Arizona has actively conserved Colorado River water since before cuts were mandatory



Source: *Arizona Reconsultation Committee (June 2025)*

Lower Basin Water Use Trend Continues to Decline



Source: *Arizona Reconsultation Committee (June 2025)*

Where we are:

Underwhelming Water Year 2025 and concerns of reaching critical reservoir elevations

Colorado River System Conditions

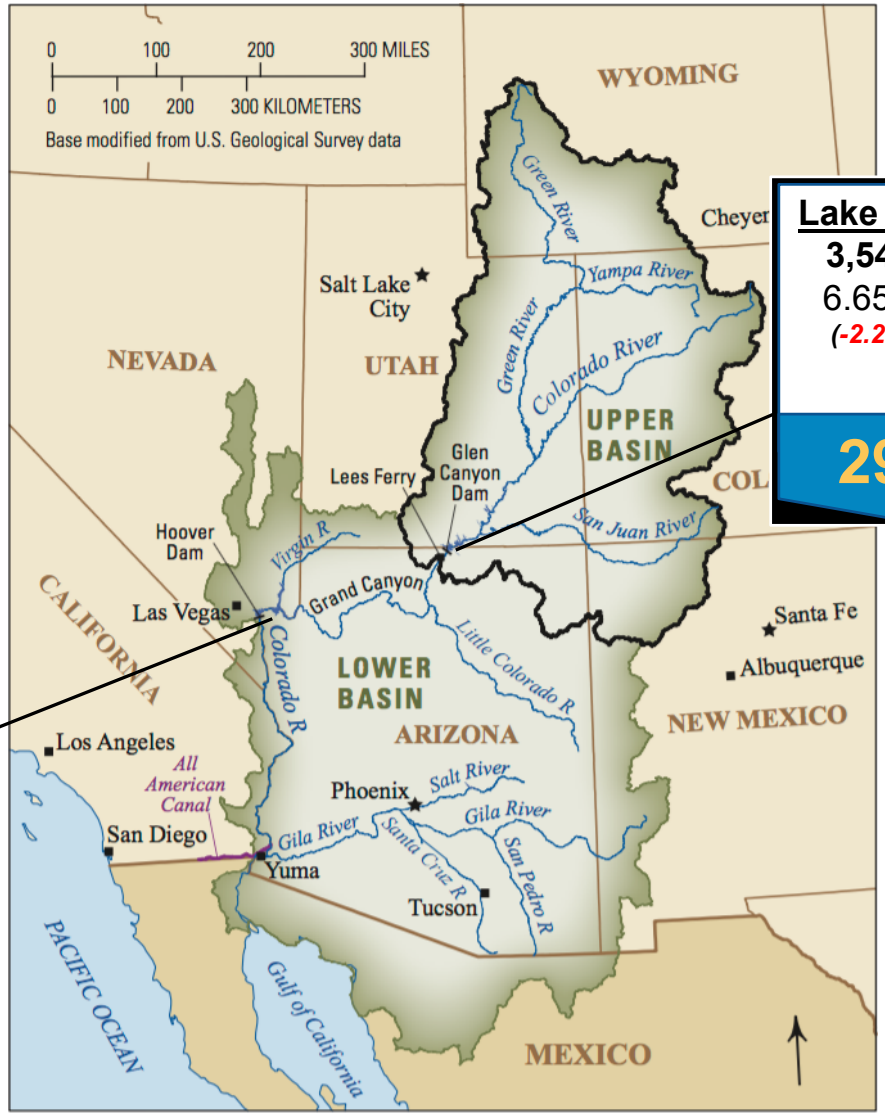
December 1, 2025

Total System Storage: 21.63 MAF (37%)

- *Last Year (12/1/24): 24.28 MAF*

Last Winter:

- *Snowpack peaked at 91% median*
- *Reservoir Inflow: 49% median*



Lake Powell
3,543.16'
6.65 MAF
(-2.25 YTD)
29%

Lake Mead
1,059.03'
8.35 MAF
(-0.14 YTD)
32%

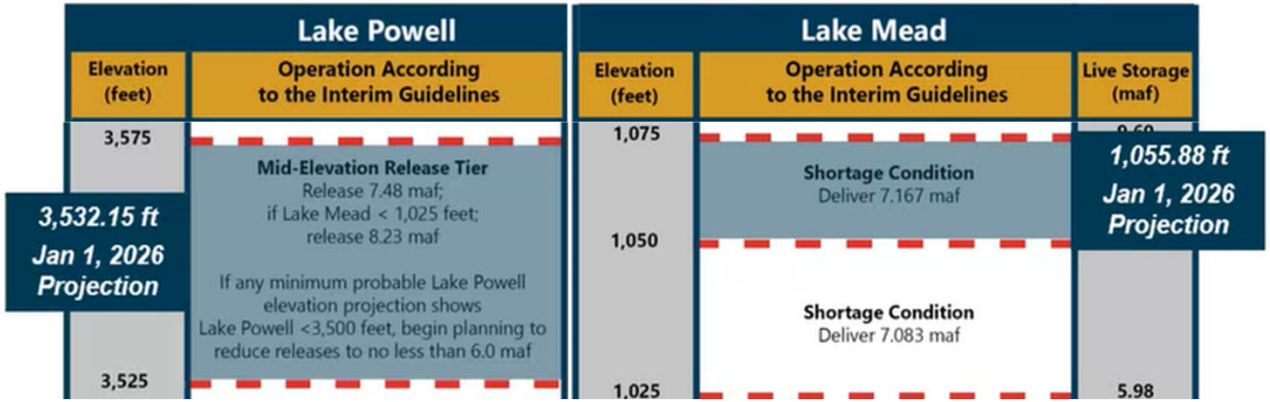
Water Year 2026 Operations: Same as 2025

Powell:

Mid-Elevation Release Tier

Mead:

Tier 1 Shortage Condition



Source: Bureau of Reclamation August 24-Month Study.

Where we're Going:

The State of Post-2026 Negotiations

Negotiations behind schedule, parties committed to keep talking

<u>November 12, 2025: Joint Statement, Seven Basin States and Interior/Reclamation:</u>

"The seven Colorado River Basin states together with the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation ***recognize the serious and ongoing challenges facing the Colorado River****.*

While more work needs to be done, collective progress has been made that warrants continued efforts *to define and approve details for a finalized agreement.*

Post-2026: Proposed and Current Schedule

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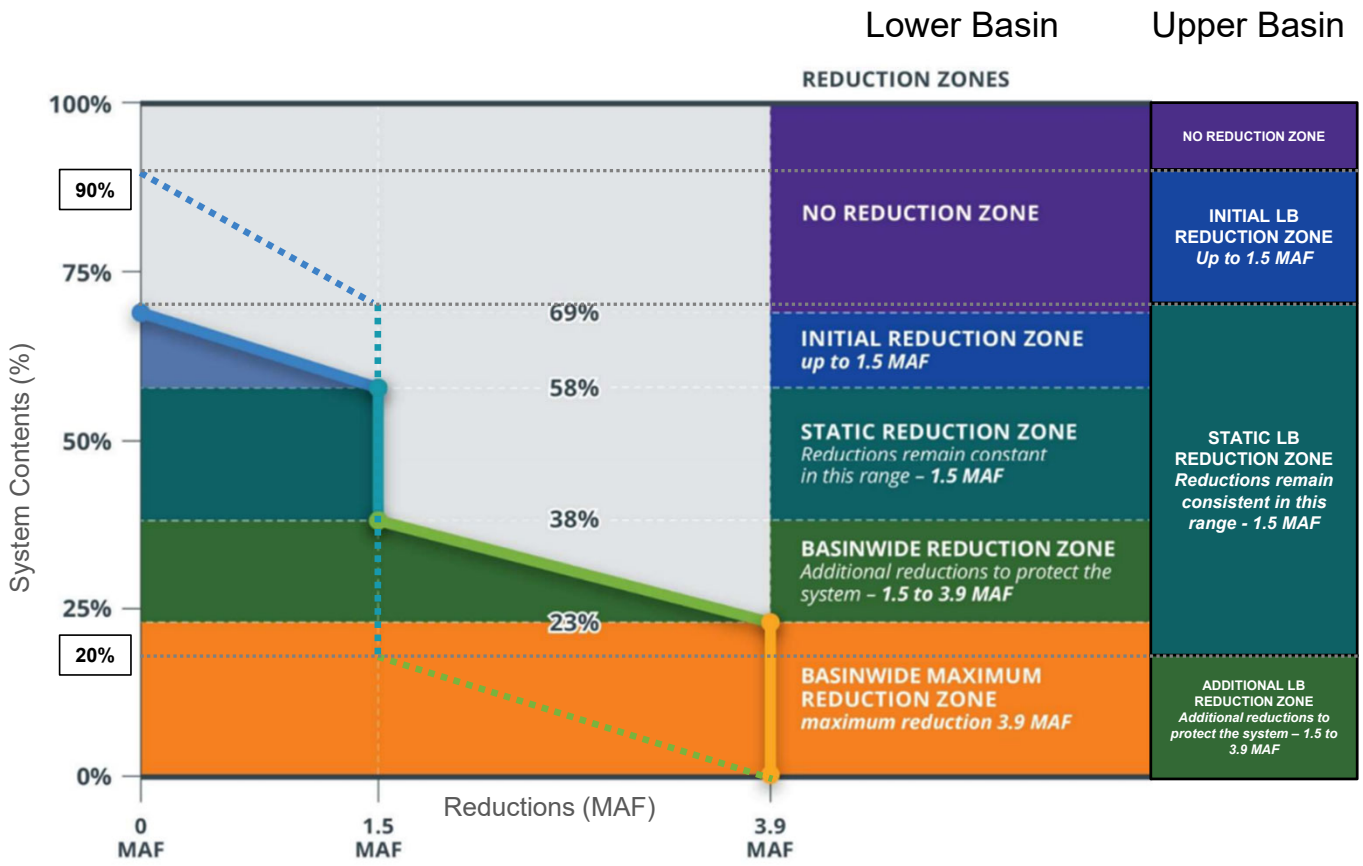
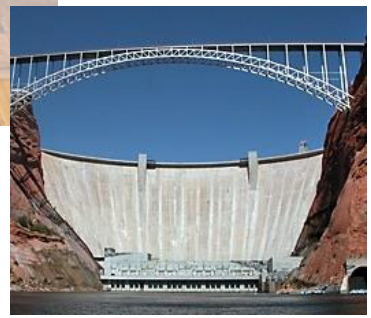
UB/LB Proposals Comparison on Reductions

- Lower Basin: start lower, total system contents, share reductions at lower %.
- Upper Basin: start higher (Powell/Mead) contents, reductions focused on Lower Basin.



What does it mean for SRP?

- Power generation and hydropower
- Exchanges and partnerships
- Common customers
- Regional economic impact



Gila River Water Storage

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