Lower Basin Projected Water Use: 2025 - 2027

July 2025: Most Probable 24-Month Study

### 2025

Total projected water use **(7.547 maf)** – Based on Lake Mead Operating Condition of Level 1 Shortage and water savings contributions under the LB DCP Agreement and IBWC Minute 323.

#### U.S. Contractors: 6.306 maf

##### California: 4.130 maf

* MWD annual diversion of 953 kaf
  + Projected diversion includes the delivery of 158.1 kaf of ICS
* Total California System Conservation of 428.2 kaf
  + CVWD system conservation of 38.9 kaf
  + IID system conservation of 250 kaf
  + Bard system conservation of 9.3 kaf
  + Quechan system conservation of 13 kaf
  + PVID system conservation of 117 kaf
* Needles PSCP volume of 145 af

##### Arizona: 1.972 maf

* CAP annual diversion of 841 kaf
  + Projected diversion includes a Shortage volume of 320 kaf, DCP contribution of 192 kaf by CAWCD, and ICS delivery of 37 kaf
* DCP contribution will be made by creating 50 kaf of ICS and 142 kaf of non-ICS water
* Total non-CAWCD System Conservation of 196.8 kaf
  + FMYN : 13.9 kaf
  + GRIC : 115 kaf
  + SCAT : 23.5 kaf
  + Gabrych : 3.2 kaf
  + MVIDD : 13.7 kaf
  + Cathcart : 61 af
  + YMIDD : 22 kaf
  + CVIDD : 2.3 kaf
  + Hopi : 3.1 kaf
* Total CAWCD System Conservation of 128.4 kaf
  + ASARCO : 21 kaf
  + Gilbert : 0.8 kaf
  + Glendale : 7 kaf
  + Metro Water District : 5 kaf
  + Peoria : 7.2 kaf
  + Phoenix : 50 kaf
  + Scottsdale : 5 kaf
  + Tucson : 30 kaf
  + Spanish Trail Water Co. : 2.4 kaf
* Bullhead City PSCP volume of 3,201 af
* System water created by the 242 Well Field Expansion Project of 25.0 kaf

##### Nevada: 0.205 maf

* SNWA annual use of 197 kaf. Projected diversion includes:
  + Shortage volume of 13 kaf
* DCP contribution of 8 kaf through EC ICS conversion
* Total System Conservation of 117 kaf
  + Tributary conservation of 35 kaf
  + Other system conservation of 82 kaf

#### Mexico’s Scheduled Water Delivery: 1.240 maf

* Projected delivery includes:
  + Shortage volume of 50 kaf
  + Recoverable Water Savings Contribution of 30 kaf
  + Minute 330 System Conservation of 120.6 kaf
* Water Reserve delivery of 21.6 kaf
* Water Reserve creation of 80.6 kaf

### 2026

Total projected water use **(7.617 maf)** – Based on Lake Mead Operating Condition of Level 1 Shortage and water savings contributions under the LB DCP Agreement and IBWC Minute 323.

#### U.S. Contractors: 6.264 maf

##### California: 4.118 maf

* MWD annual diversion of 950 kaf
  + Projected diversion includes the delivery of 60.2 kaf of ICS
* Total California System Conservation of 341.6 kaf
  + CVWD system conservation of 45 kaf
  + IID system conservation of 192.4 kaf
  + Bard system conservation of 11.4 kaf
  + Quechan system conservation of 13 kaf
  + PVID system conservation of 79.8 kaf
* Needles PSCP volume of 145 af
* Binational ICS creation of 18.2 kaf by MWD and IID

##### Arizona: 1.944 maf

* CAP annual diversion of 767 kaf
  + Projected diversion includes a Shortage volume of 320 kaf, and DCP contribution of 192 kaf by CAWCD
* DCP contribution will be made by creating 50 kaf of ICS and 142 kaf of non-ICS water
* Total non-CAWCD System Conservation of 207.6 kaf
  + FMYN : 13.9 kaf
  + GRIC : 125 kaf
  + SCAT : 23.5 kaf
  + Gabrych : 3.2 kaf
  + MVIDD : 14.5 kaf
  + Cathcart : 61 af
  + YMIDD : 22 kaf
  + CVIDD : 2.3 kaf
  + Hopi : 3.1 kaf
* Total CAWCD System Conservation of 101.0 kaf
  + ASARCO : 21 kaf
  + Gilbert : 1.6 kaf
  + Glendale : 7 kaf
  + Metro Water District : 5 kaf
  + Peoria : 7.2 kaf
  + Scottsdale : 4 kaf
  + Tucson : 52.8 kaf
  + Spanish Trail Water Co. : 2.4 kaf
* Bullhead City PSCP volume of 3,052 af
* System water created by the 242 Well Field Expansion Project of 32.0 kaf
* Binational ICS creation of 18.2 kaf by CAWCD

##### Nevada: 0.201 maf

* SNWA annual use of 192 kaf. Projected diversion includes:
  + Shortage volume of 13 kaf
* DCP contribution of 8 kaf through EC ICS conversion
* Total System Conservation of 121 kaf
  + Tributary conservation of 35 kaf
  + Other system conservation of 86 kaf
* Binational ICS creation of 18.2 kaf by SNWA

#### Mexico’s Scheduled Water Delivery: 1.353 maf

* Projected delivery includes:
  + Shortage volume of 50 kaf
  + Recoverable Water Savings Contribution of 30 kaf
  + Minute 330 System Conservation of 67 kaf

### 2027

Total projected water use **(8.292 maf)** – Based on Lake Mead Operating Condition of Level 2 Shortage and water savings contributions under the LB DCP Agreement and IBWC Minute 323. For modeling purposes, simulated years beyond 2026 assume a continuation of the 2007 Interim Guidelines, the 2019 Colorado River Basin Drought Contingency Plans, and Minute 323, including the Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan. Except for certain provisions related to ICS recovery and Upper Basin demand management, operations under these agreements are in effect through 2026. Reclamation initiated the process to develop operations for post-2026 in June 2023, and the modeling assumptions described here are subject to change.

#### U.S. Contractors: 6.896 maf

##### California: 4.440 maf

* MWD annual diversion of 950 kaf
  + Projected diversion includes the delivery of 39.9 kaf of ICS
* Needles PSCP volume of 145 af

##### Arizona: 2.261 maf

* CAP annual diversion of 981 kaf
  + Projected diversion includes a Shortage volume of 400 kaf, DCP contribution of 192 kaf by CAWCD, and ICS delivery of 79.5 kaf (54.5 kaf post-2026 delivery plus 25.0 kaf GRIC firming)
* DCP contribution will be made by creating 50 kaf of ICS and 142 kaf of non-ICS water
* Total non-CAWCD System Conservation of 19.4 kaf
  + GRIC : 19.4 kaf
* Total CAWCD System Conservation of 7.2 kaf
  + Gilbert : 0.8 kaf
  + Scottsdale : 2.8 kaf
  + Tucson : 3.7 kaf

##### Nevada: 0.195 maf

* SNWA annual use of 186 kaf. Projected diversion includes:
  + Shortage volume of 17 kaf
  + EC ICS creation of 88 kaf
* DCP contribution of 8 kaf through EC ICS conversion
* Total System Conservation of 35 kaf
  + Tributary conservation of 35 kaf

#### Mexico’s Scheduled Water Delivery: 1.396 maf

* Projected delivery includes:
  + Shortage volume of 70 kaf
  + Recoverable Water Savings Contribution of 34 kaf

### ICS Totals

* Projected ICS Total Storage at the end of CY 2027: **2.648 maf**
* Projected ICS Storage Balances at the end of each calendar year in the study are as follows:

| **State (volumes in AF)** | **2025** | **2026** | **2027** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| AZ | 616,357 | 683,240 | 648,732 |
| CA | 1,414,305 | 1,390,481 | 1,350,603 |
| NV | 550,963 | 569,145 | 648,345 |
| **Total** | **2,581,625** | **2,642,866** | **2,647,680** |

### Modeled Lower Basin Conservation Actions

| **State** | **Conservation Activity** | **2025** | **2026** | **2027** | **Total** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **AZ** | CAP System Conservation Agreements | 128,400 | 101,000 | 7,224 | 236,624 |
| Cathcart Farms System Conservation | 61 | 61 | 0 | 122 |
| Cibola Valley IDD System Conservation | 2,328 | 2,329 | 0 | 4,657 |
| Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation System Conservation | 13,933 | 13,933 | 0 | 27,866 |
| GM Gabrych System Conservation | 3,240 | 3,240 | 0 | 6,480 |
| GRIC System Conservation | 115,000 | 125,000 | 19,432 | 259,432 |
| Hopi Tribe System Conservation | 3,059 | 3,059 | 0 | 6,118 |
| MVIDD System Conservation | 13,694 | 14,475 | 0 | 28,169 |
| San Carlos Apache Tribe System Conservation | 23,451 | 23,451 | 0 | 46,902 |
| YMIDD System Conservation | 22,010 | 22,010 | 0 | 44,020 |
| **CA** | Coachella Groundwater System Conservation | 35,000 | 35,000 | 0 | 70,000 |
| Coachella Ag System Conservation | 3,889 | 10,000 | 0 | 13,889 |
| IID System Conservation | 250,000 | 192,360 | 0 | 442,360 |
| MWD ICS Creation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Conserved Water | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PVID-MWD System Conservation | 117,021 | 79,830 | 0 | 196,851 |
| Bard-MWD System Conservation | 9,286 | 11,400 | 0 | 20,686 |
| Quechan Indian Tribe-MWD System Conservation | 13,000 | 13,000 | 0 | 26,000 |
| **NV** | SNWA Other Conserved Water | 82,000 | 86,000 | 0 | 168,000 |
| SNWA Tributary ICS/System Water | 35,000 | 35,000 | 35,000 | 105,000 |
| **Other** | 242 Wellfield Additional Pumping Agreement | 25,000 | 32,000 | 0 | 57,000 |
| PSCP | 3,346 | 3,197 | 145 | 6,688 |
|  | **Annual Total** | **898,718** | **806,345** | **61,801** | **1,766,864** |
| **Cumulative Total** | **898,718** | **1,705,063** | **1,766,864** |  |

| **State** | **2025** | **2026** | **2027** | **Total** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **AZ** | 325,176 | 308,558 | 26,656 | 660,390 |
| **CA** | 428,196 | 341,590 | 0 | 769,786 |
| **NV** | 117,000 | 121,000 | 35,000 | 273,000 |
| **Annual Total** | **870,372** | **771,148** | **61,656** | **1,703,176** |
| **Cumulative Total** | **870,372** | **1,641,520** | **1,703,176** |  |

## Notes and Disclaimers

* Modeled Conservation volumes reflect executed agreements and/or current operational projections/assumptions and are subject to change. Additional conservation activities are being considered. After new agreements are finalized and executed, these additional activities will be included in Reclamation’s operational modeling.
* Projected SEIS ROD Reservoir Protection Volume is 3.631 from 2023 through 2026.