

# Colorado River Basin Accounts - Lets Start!



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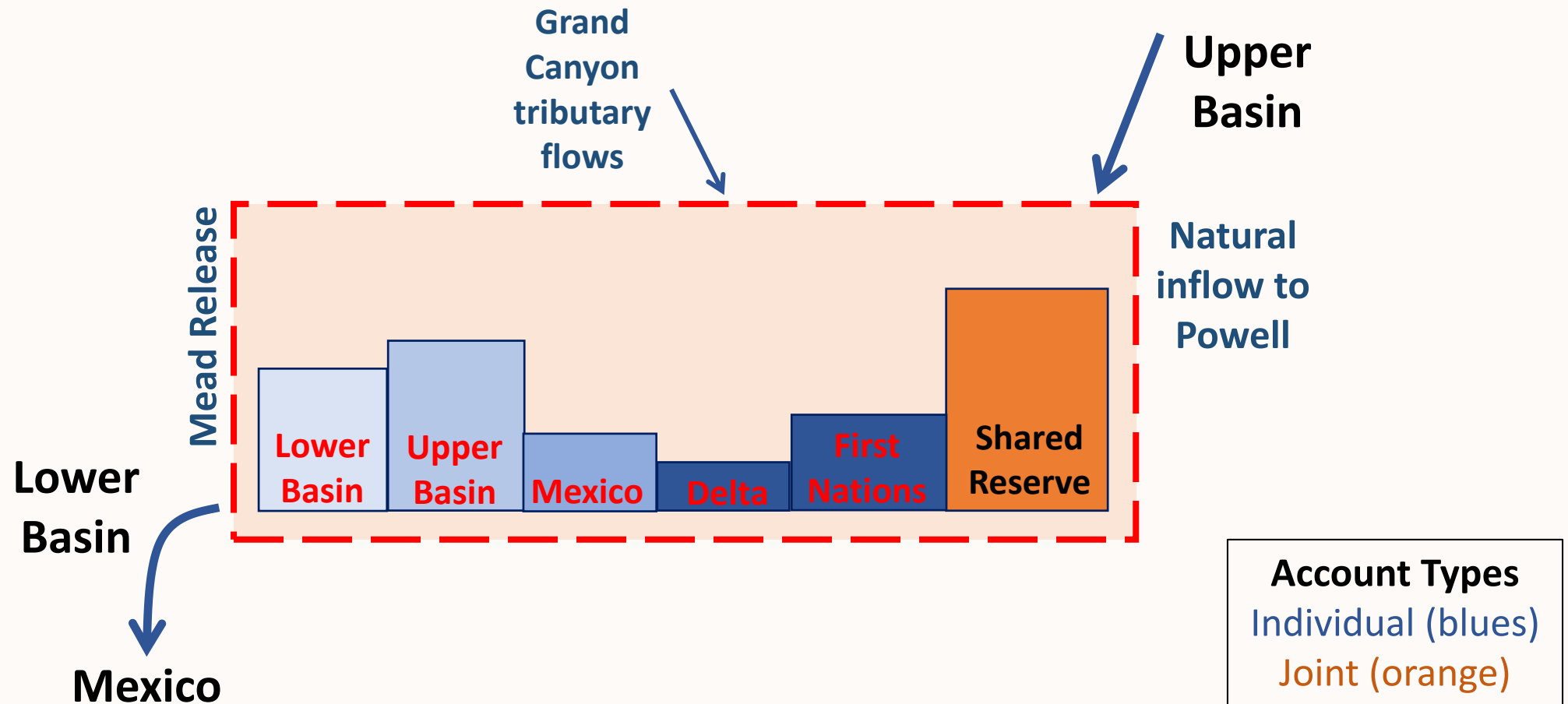
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# Today's Aim

Provoke thought and discussion on Colorado River basin accounts as a more flexible option to reservoir equalization operations that expire in 2026.

Colorado River basin account balances are the water stored in a combined Lake Powell-Lake Mead system.

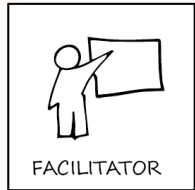


**Manage all available water not just prior conserved water.**

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccccc} \text{Available} & & & & & & & & & & \\ \text{Water} & = & \text{Account} & & \text{Share of} & & \text{Share of} & & \text{Purchases} & - & \text{Sales} \\ & & \text{Balance} & + & \text{natural} & - & \text{Evaporation} & + & & & \\ & & & & \text{flow} & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \underbrace{\hspace{10em}} & & \\ & & & & & & & & \text{Optional} & & \end{array}$$

**Adapt releases to natural flow and storage levels.**

# Ready to manage an account?



1. Identify facilitator



2. Download from <https://github.com/dzeke/ColoradoRiverCoding/tree/main/ModelMusings>



3. Move into Google Drive



4. Invite participants

5. Open ReadMe-directions sheet

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