

Drought Resilience: Priorities, Partnerships, & Investment Opportunities


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Biden-Harris Administration Drought Priorities: Colorado River Basin

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Biden-Harris Administration Announces Historic Consensus System Conservation Proposal to Protect the Colorado River Basin

Seven Basin states agree on analyzing consensus-based approach proposed by the Lower Basin

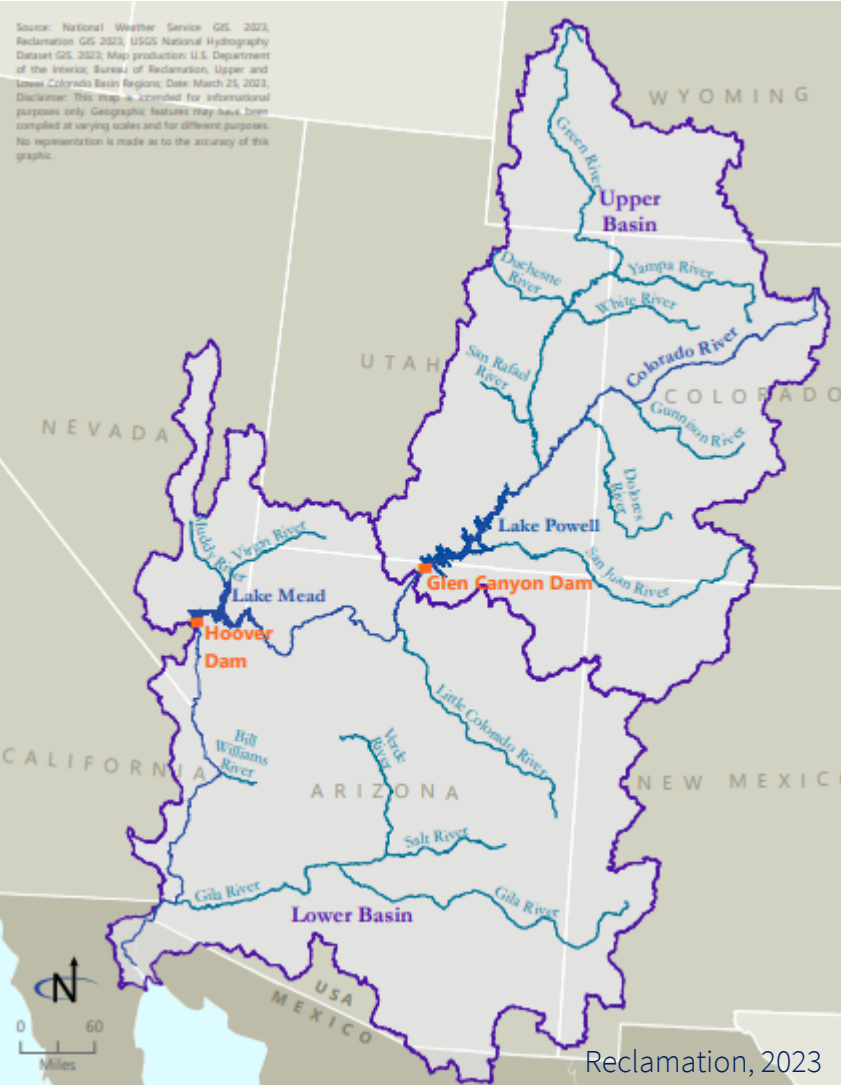
Funding from President Biden's Investing in America agenda combined with voluntary commitments will conserve 3-million-acre feet of water through 2026

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WASHINGTON — The Department of the Interior today announced significant new developments in the Biden-Harris administration's efforts to protect the stability and sustainability of the Colorado River System now and into the future.

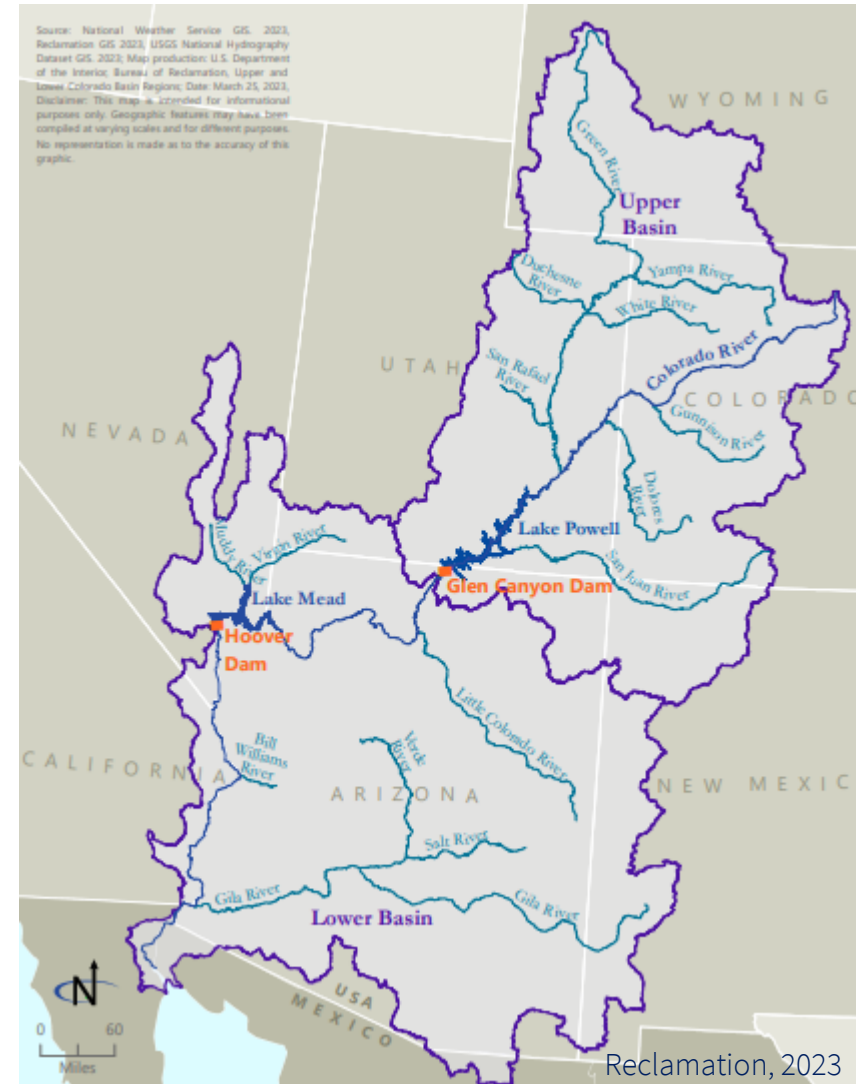
As part of the Department's [continued efforts](#) to address ongoing severe drought conditions and a changing climate in the Colorado River Basin, representatives from the seven Colorado River Basin states have [agreed to the submission](#) of a Lower Basin,



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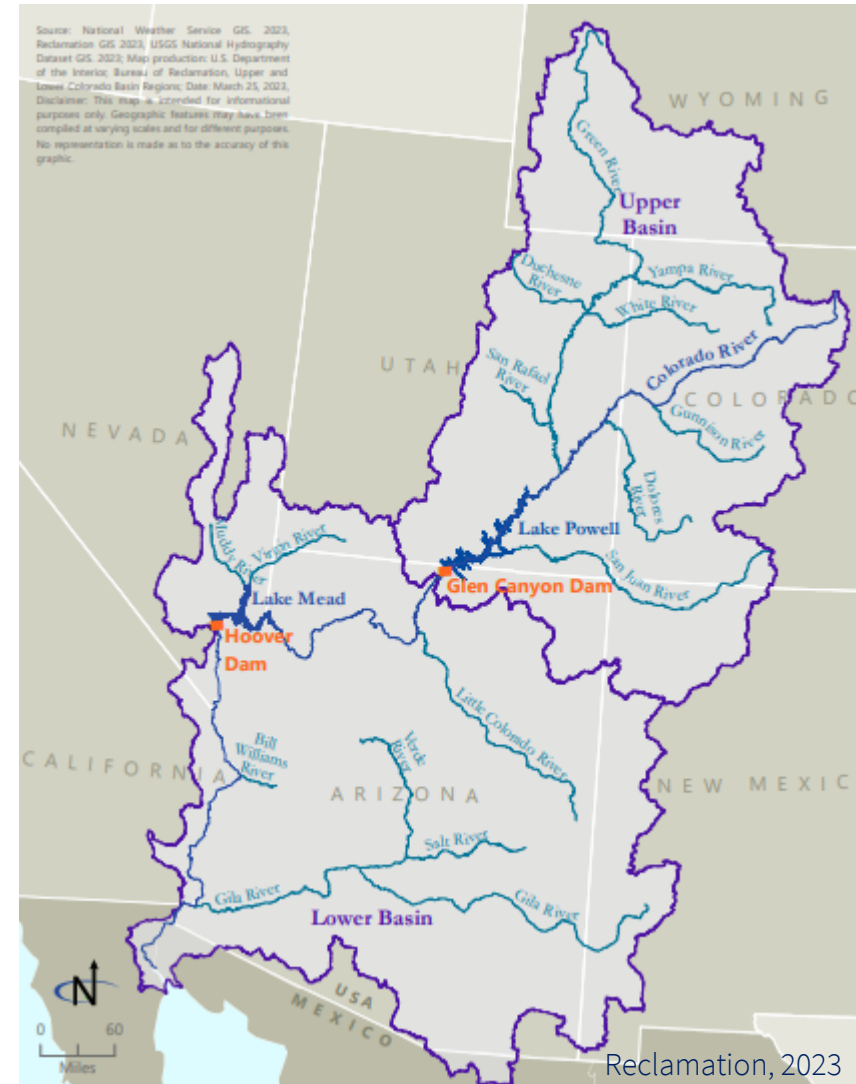
Statement from President Joe Biden on Historic Agreement to Protect Colorado River System

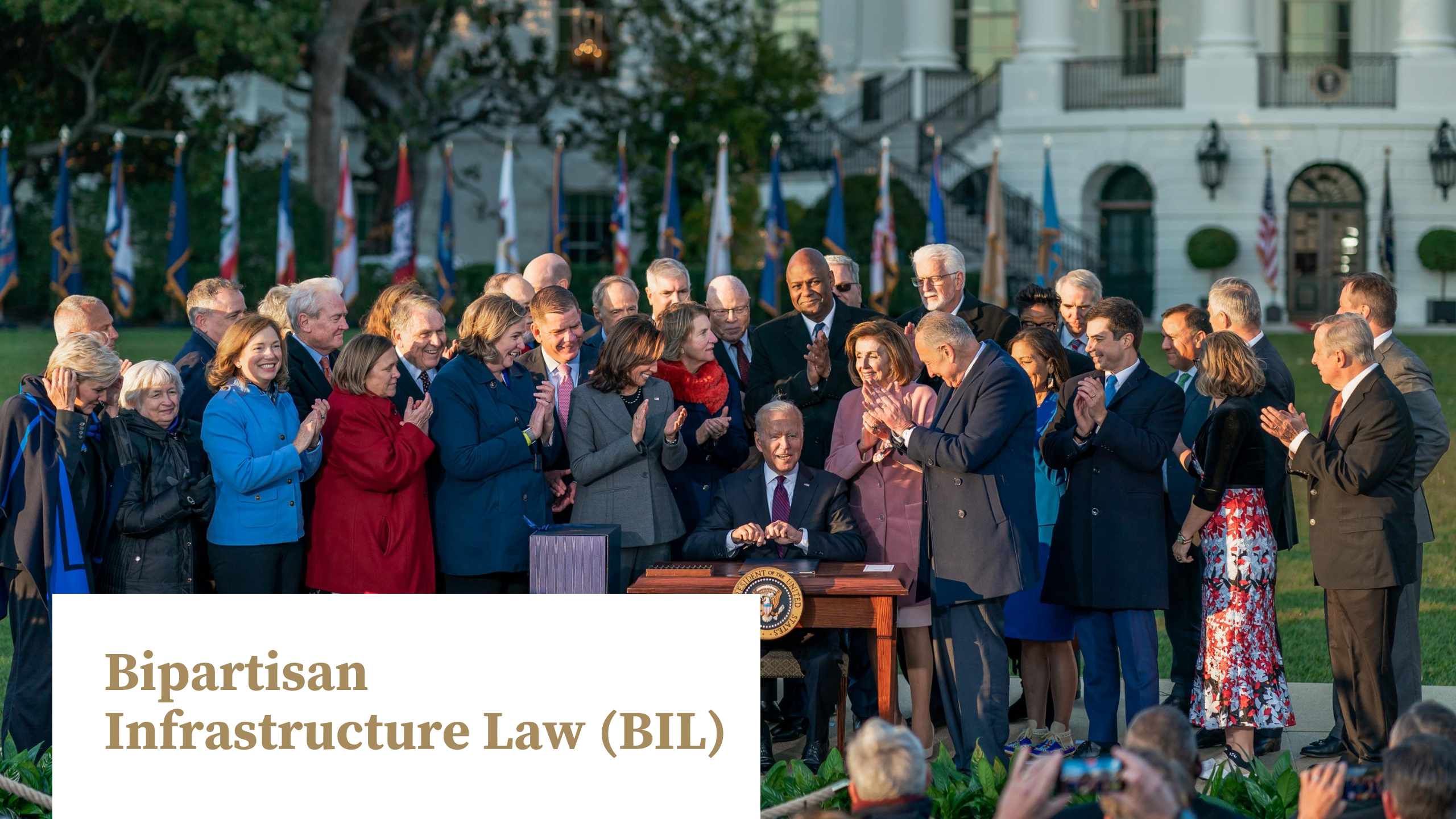
Today's agreement between the Department of the Interior and seven Colorado River Basin states on a consensus-based approach marks **an important step forward in our efforts to protect the stability of the Colorado River System in the face of climate change and historic drought conditions.** Thanks to my Investing in America agenda, we are deploying record resources to support water conservation and improve the Colorado River's long-term sustainability. This approach will benefit the 40 million people who rely on the Colorado River Basin for agriculture, drinking water, and power, and is a critical step to building a sustainable, resilient future for states, Tribes and communities throughout the West.



Biden-Harris Administration Drought Priorities: Colorado River Basin

- Whole-of-government approach
- Coordination across the White House
- Engagement on-the-ground including Basin state stops during the Biden-Harris Investing in America Tour
- Investments from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to support water conservation & augmentation





Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Overview

BIL investments will ensure communities and infrastructure are more resilient to the impacts of climate change, including drought, heat, flood, and wildfire.

This legislation is the largest investment in the resilience of physical and natural systems in American history.

Select Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Investments



\$3.203B

Wildland Fire
Management

\$2.693B

Ecosystem Restoration



\$1.9B

Aquatic Ecosystem
Restoration

\$4B

Operations &
Maintenance



\$1.458B

Wildland Fire
Management

\$2.5B

Indian Water Rights
Settlement Completion
Fund



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\$8.3B

Water Infrastructure Programs

\$1B

Water Recycling & Reuse Projects

\$3.2B

Aging Infrastructure

\$1B

Rural Water Projects

\$1.15B

Water Storage, Groundwater, and
Conveyance Projects



Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

Inflation Reduction Act Overview

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law made a historic down payment on strengthening the country's climate resilience, and the **Inflation Reduction Act** will go even further with new funding to mitigate extreme drought, and support Tribal and other communities that are most vulnerable to climate impacts.

This legislation marks the largest investment ever in clean energy and tackling the climate change crisis in the history of the United States.

Select Inflation Reduction Act Investments



\$390M

Weather & Climate
Research &
Forecasting



\$4.95B

Regional Conservation
Partnership Program

\$1.4B

Agricultural
Conservation Easement
Program



\$260M

Tribal Support



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\$4.6B

Drought in Colorado River
Basin

\$550M

Domestic Water Supplies
for Disadvantaged
Communities

Drought Resilience Funding in BIL & IRA



TOTAL BIL & IRA
FUNDING FOR DROUGHT
RESILIENCE: **\$15.4B**

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law & Inflation Reduction Act : Colorado River Basin Investments

- **\$250M:** Salton Sea Restoration
- **\$233M:** Gila River Water Project
- **\$26M:** Coachella Valley Water Conservation
- **\$20M:** Small-scale CA and UT Storage Projects
- **\$54M:** Imperial Dam Improvements
- **\$19.3M:** Aging Infrastructure Replacements
- **\$281M:** Water Recycling Projects
- **\$71M:** Drought Resilience Projects
- **\$427M:** WaterSMART Projects

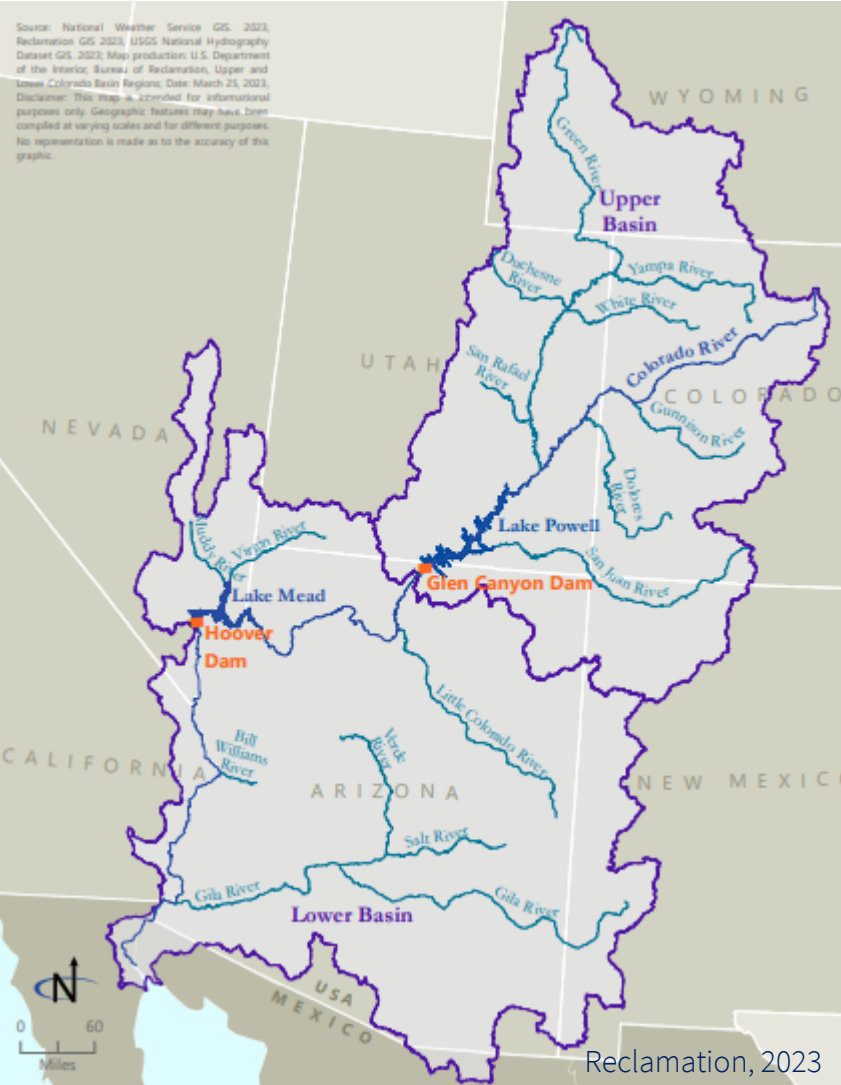
[White House Fact Sheet on the Colorado River](#)

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The whole-of-government approach in the Colorado River Basin can be used as a model for addressing water resource issues in other Basins.



Interagency Water & Drought-Related Entities

Advisory Committee on Water Information: National Water Quality Monitoring Council (NWQMC)	National Ground Water Monitoring Network (NGWMN)	Water Reuse Interagency Workgroup
Advisory Committee on Water Information: Subcommittee on Groundwater (SOGW)	National Hydrography Infrastructure Workgroup	Water Policy Committee
Advanced Water Mapping and Analytics Workgroup	National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS)	Water Treatment Interagency Working Group (WaTR)
EPA/State Monitoring and Assessment Partnership	National Source Water Collaborative (SWC)	Western States Federal Agency Support Team (WestFAST)
National Drought Resilience Partnership (NDRP)	Streamflow Duration Assessment Method Development Steering Committees	White House Drought Interagency Working Group
National Fish Habitat Partnership (NFHP)	Subcommittee on Global Change Research - Integrated Water Cycle Workgroup (IWCG)	White House Flood Resilience Interagency Working Group
National Water Quality Monitoring Council (NWQMC)	Urban Waters Federal Partnership (UWFP)	White House Climate Smart Infrastructure Working Group

Questions?

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