



2024 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

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CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT AUTHORITIES AND OPERATIONS

CAP POSITION:

- Monitor legislative and regulatory efforts that could impact CAP's contractual authorities or impact CAP water supplies and operations.

COLORADO RIVER WATER SUPPLY

CAP POSITION:

- Support the federal government's ability to address drought on the Colorado River and define its authority to carry out actions that ensure Arizona and CAP do not continue to carry a disproportionate burden of reductions.
- Support the development of a near term plan to satisfy the United States' responsibility to augment water supplies in the Lower Basin.
- Engage and support ongoing efforts regarding future Colorado River operating rules (Reconsultation) and pursue equitable sharing of reductions from other Colorado River Basin States.
- Support federal funding for USBR's efforts to conserve 100,000 acre-feet or more per year as part of the federal government's Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) commitments.
- Support implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Package and Inflation Reduction Act in a manner that provides durable benefits to the Colorado River.
- Urge the federal government to utilize previously appropriated funds to prioritize infrastructure improvement and efficiency projects that will prevent deliveries in excess of international treaties and federal agreements.
- Support continued implementation of Minute 323 for binational benefits and encourage continued binational cooperation on Colorado River issues, including efforts to pursue further proportional reductions from Mexico.
- Support Federal actions, in cooperation with State, local, Tribal, and other stakeholders, to improve the resilience of the Colorado River water supply through system conservation programs, enhanced water conservation, large-scale water augmentation activities including desalination, weather modification, water storage, water reuse and recycling programs, while continuing to protect environmental values.
- Support Federal investments in enhanced monitoring of Colorado River resources and improved understanding of climate change impacts on Colorado River Basin resources.
- Identify and support legislative efforts to fund appropriate Western water drought activities and actions to address aging infrastructure.
- Work with Federal and non-Federal Lower Colorado River Multispecies Conservation Program permittees to ensure continued Endangered Species Act compliance and funding for drought response actions.

CYBERSECURITY

CAP POSITION:

- Monitor legislative efforts to address cybersecurity and potential threats to critical infrastructure and vital computer systems.

CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

CAP POSITION:

- Monitor proposals by the Executive and Congress to provide financing opportunities to modernize U.S. infrastructure and determine possible opportunities for CAP.

ENERGY

CAP POSITION:

- Monitor legislative efforts that may impact CAP operations, including CAP's ability to secure affordable energy and ensure reliable transmission delivery, and proposals to address the impact of declining reservoir levels on hydropower.

WATER QUALITY AND SALINITY

CAP POSITION:

- Monitor water quality issues impacting the Colorado River that may affect CAP operations.
- Support the activities of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum, including efforts to secure adequate funding and improve water management.
- Support the efforts of the Lower Colorado River Water Quality Partnership to address water quality issues of the Colorado River.
- Urge the federal government to implement the water quality guidance document to position CAP to begin accepting wheeling agreements under the System Use Agreement.

INDIAN WATER RIGHTS AND SETTLEMENTS

CAP POSITION:

- Collaborate with Arizona Tribes and other stakeholders to help resolve water rights claims and support opportunities for Arizona Tribes with Colorado River decreed water rights to manage their resources more flexibly.

LANDS

CAP POSITION:

- Support the transfer and/or management of CAP lands located on Bureau of Land Management property to the Bureau of Reclamation.

FEDERAL RULEMAKING

CAP POSITION:

- Monitor federal rulemaking and implementation related to energy, air quality, water quality, and other issues that may affect CAP operations.

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