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# AGENDA

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# 2025 CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT AUTHORITIES AND OPERATIONS

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

## COLORADO RIVER WATER SUPPLY

- 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 an expeditious and implementable 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 the Bureau of Reclamation's (USBR) 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.
- Identify avenues for a long-term funding mechanism that provides durable benefits to the River.
- Urge the federal government to prioritize and fund infrastructure improvement and efficiency projects that will prevent deliveries in excess of international treaties and federal agreements and reduce the impact of bypass flows on the Colorado River system.
- Support continued implementation of Minute 323 and Minute 330 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, water efficiency 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, including infrastructure issues at Glen Canyon Dam that could impact water deliveries.
- Work with Federal and non-Federal Lower Colorado River Multispecies Conservation Program (MSCP) permittees to ensure

continued Endangered Species Act compliance and funding for drought response actions.

- Support proposals that allow the accounts in which USBR holds the contributed non-federal funds for MSCP to earn interest.

## CYBERSECURITY

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

## CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

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

## ENERGY

- 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

- 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 to the extent that they provide both water quality and water quantity benefits.
- 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 move forward with necessary environmental reviews for projects to begin wheeling non-Colorado River water under the System Use Agreement.

## INDIAN WATER RIGHTS AND SETTLEMENTS

- 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.
- Support legislation necessary and appropriate to enact the Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement and the Yavapai-Apache Nation Water Rights Settlement.

## LANDS

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

## FEDERAL RULEMAKING

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

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