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Next Steps to protect the Colorado River

Phoenix, Arizona (April 11, 2023) – We are encouraged that Reclamation is acting to address the 23-year drought on the Colorado River Basin. One good water year is not enough to protect the system. More action is necessary.

We are reviewing the draft and intend to provide comments to Reclamation within 45 days.

We're hopeful the alternatives that are laid out in the draft Environmental Impact Statement can help us move toward a seven state agreement and avoid conflict in the Colorado River basin.

As we have said in the past, burdens associated with managing risks on the Colorado River must be shared across all sectors and by all water users.

We recognize the draft SEIS calls for short-term actions. Ultimately, we will need long-term solutions to protect Arizonans.

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