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**Statement from CAP General Manager Ted Cooke in response to the announcement from the Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Touton regarding deteriorating conditions on the Colorado River system.**

**Phoenix, Arizona (June 14, 2022)** The drought on the Colorado River is critical and we recognize the importance of taking additional actions now to protect the system.

Central Arizona Project has been participating with our partners in conservation efforts to protect Lake Mead since 2014. This has included voluntary contributions of funding and water, mandatory Tier 1 reductions and actions associated with the Drought Contingency Plan and the 500+ Plan.

In 2022 alone, this equals a contribution to Lake Mead of approximately 800,000 acre-feet. In Arizona, reductions have been borne primarily by CAP water users.

Despite our very best efforts, our reservoirs have rapidly declined to record low levels. This is a serious situation and it's clear that Colorado River Basin users need to do much more. We support the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to address this concerning issue.

Collaboration has been a hallmark in Arizona and across the Basin. Now, more than ever before, it will be essential to work together as we take action to address the effects of drought and climate change throughout the Colorado River Basin system.

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### **About Central Arizona Project**

*Central Arizona Project (CAP) is Arizona's single largest resource for renewable water supplies. CAP is designed to bring water from the Colorado River to Central and Southern Arizona every year. More than 80% of the state's population live in Maricopa, Pima and Pinal counties, where CAP water is delivered. It is a 336-mile long system of aqueducts, tunnels, pumping plants and pipelines. [www.CentralArizonaProject.com](http://www.CentralArizonaProject.com)*