

# Colorado River Updates

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# Colorado River Recent Events

## **June 2022**

Reclamation announces need to conserve 2 to 4 million acre-feet per year in Colorado River System

## **July 2022**

Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming create the 5 Point Plan in response to Reclamation

## **December 2022**

Congress reauthorizes the System Conservation Pilot Program for voluntary Upper Basin conservation

## **January 2023**

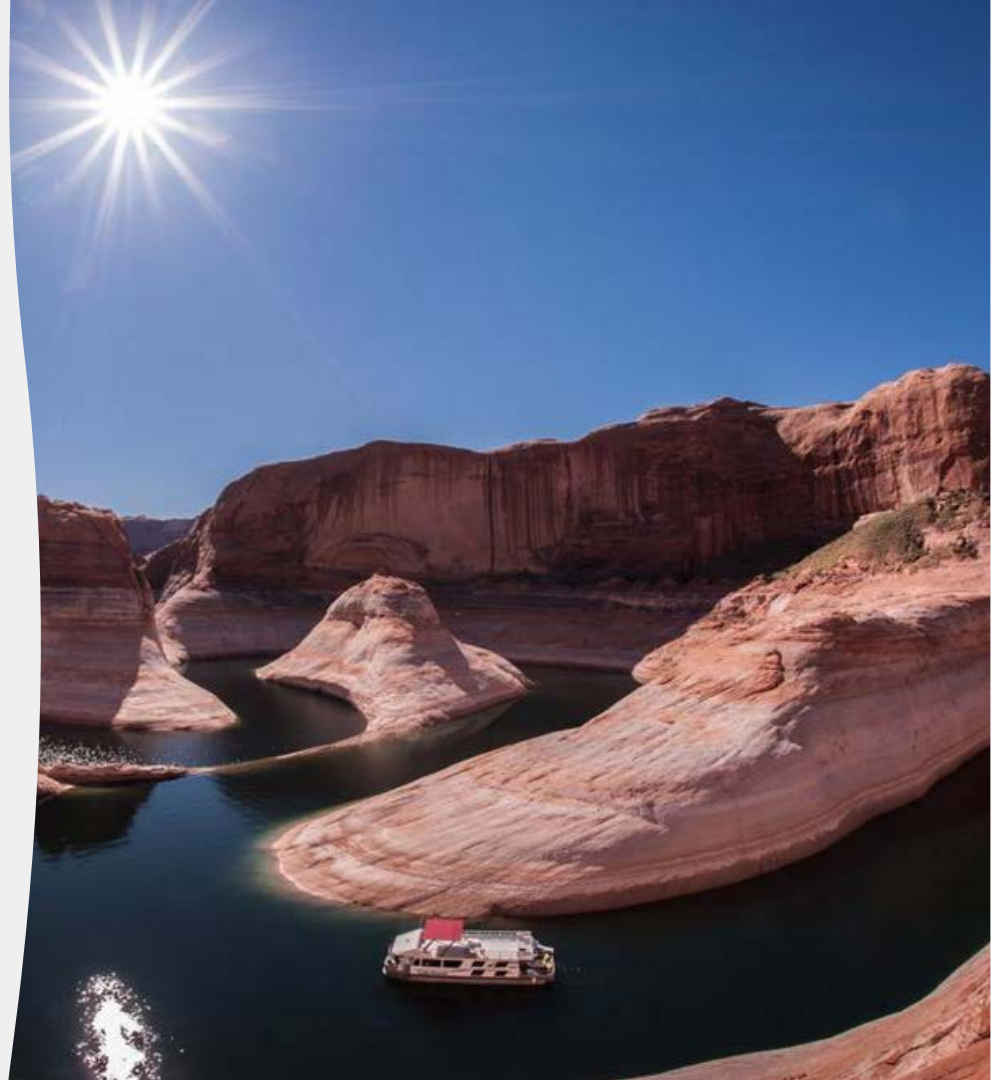
Six states reach consensus on an alternative to model in the SEIS

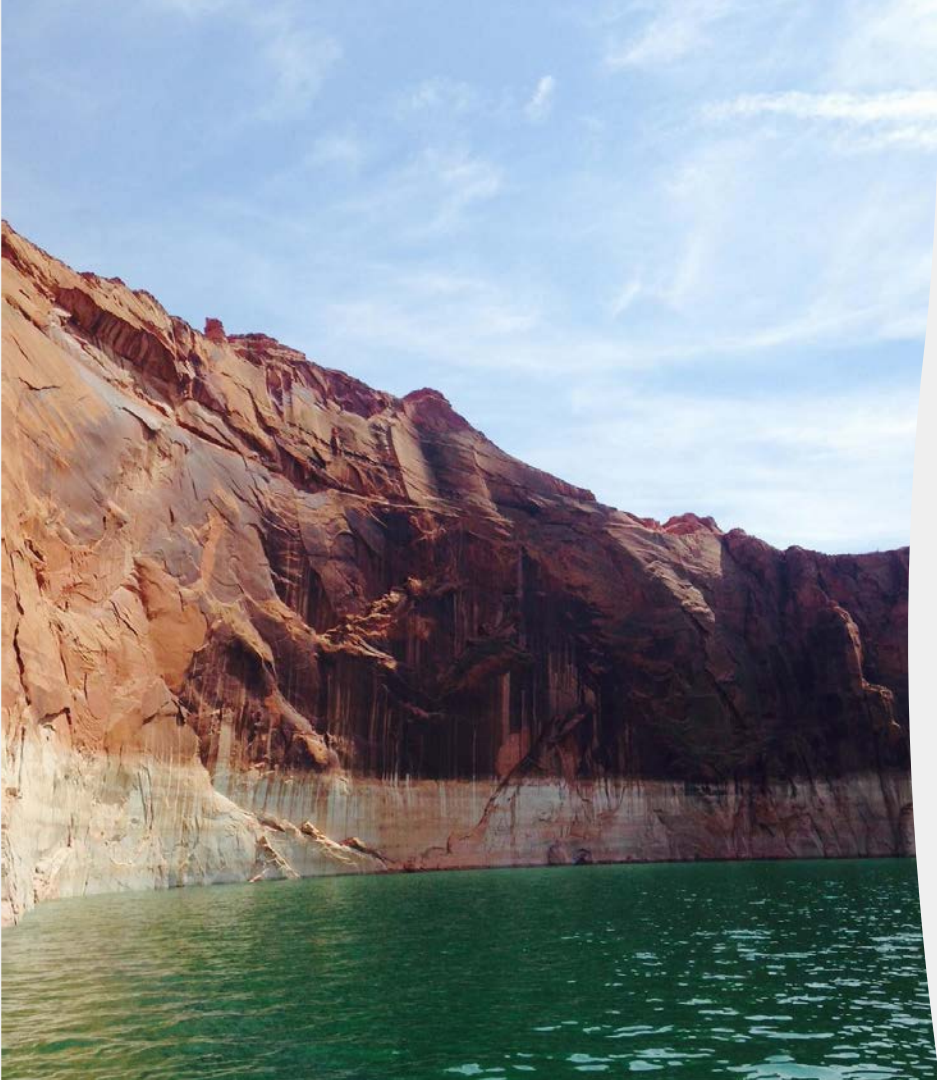
## **April 2023**

Reclamation releases the draft SEIS to adjust current operations for Glen Canyon and Hoover Dams

# Draft SEIS

- A mechanism to adjust the current operating guidelines for Glen Canyon and Hoover Dams
- Provides tools for Reclamation to adapt to potentially dry years in the next few water years.





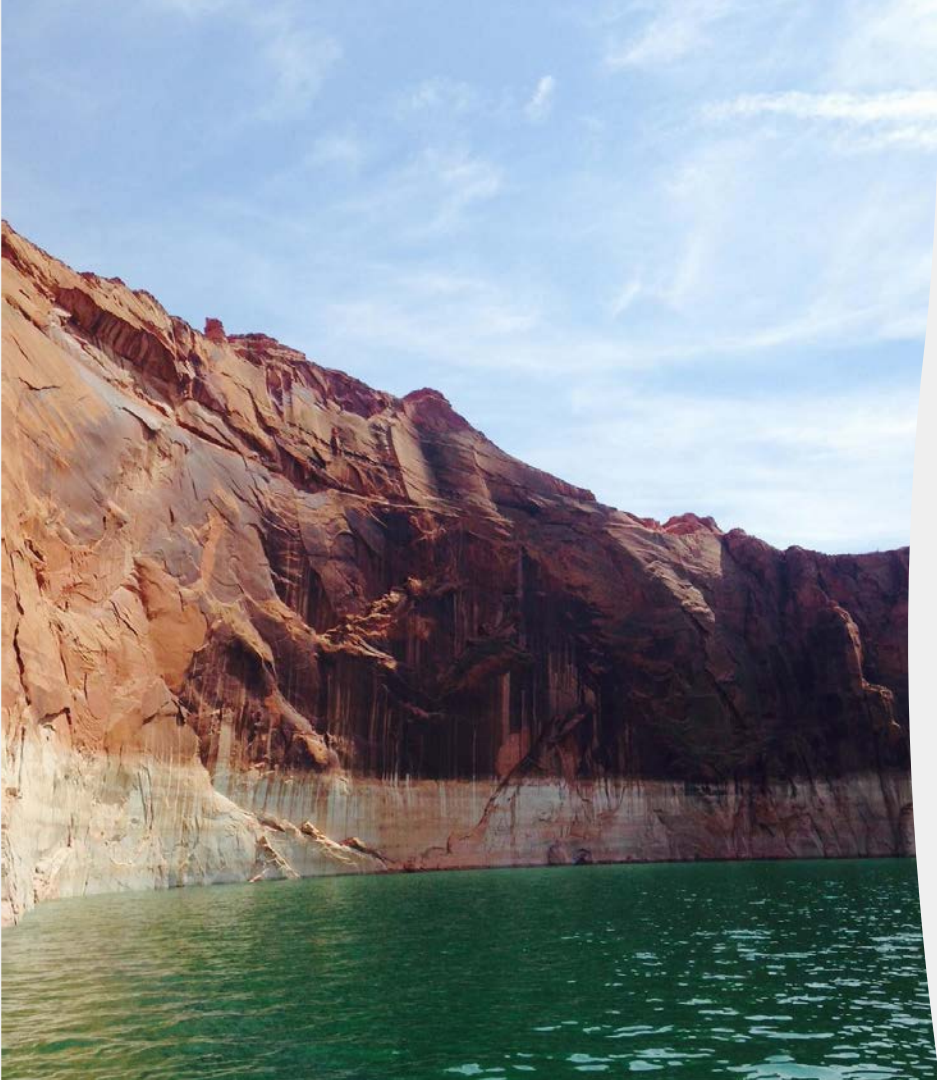
# Observations

- Primarily addresses water use in the Lower Basin
- The BOR has significantly more authority in the Lower Basin
- Modifies the '07 Guidelines; all changes are subordinate to the Compact

# Next Steps

- Current process suspended to consider Lower Basin proposal
- Colorado has not been provided sufficient information or time to analyze this proposal or take a position on it
- Reclamation to analyze the proposal in new Draft SEIS





# 1922 Colorado River Compact

- Colorado has never been out of compliance
- Not renegotiating the Compact
- Provides for equal sharing of the River between Upper and Lower Basins

# Be Involved

- EngageCWCB.org

