



# Provisional Accounting MOU

**Upper Division States & Bureau of Reclamation** 

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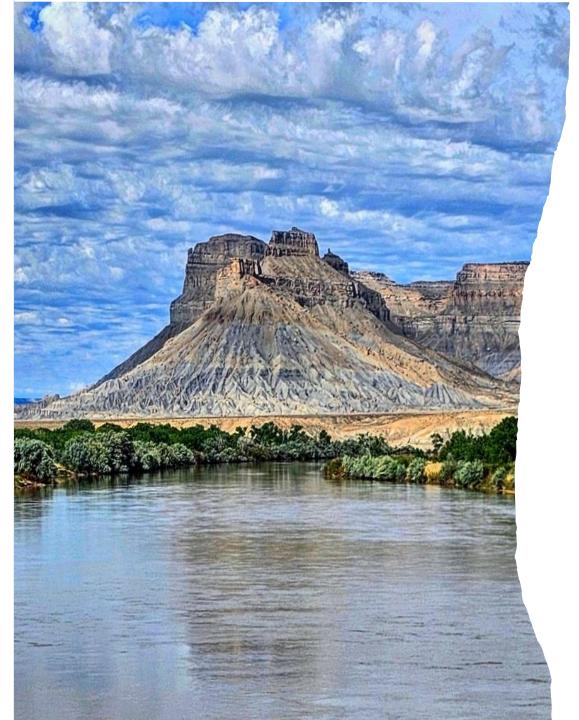


## **Upper Division States**

- 2025 / 2026
- Implement Conservation & Demonstration Projects (Qualifying Activities)
- Verify & Account for Volumes of Conserved Water
- Seek Credit for Conserved Water that Flows to and is Stored in Upper Colorado River Basin Reservoirs







# **Qualifying Activities**

- Result in Reductions in <u>Use or</u> <u>Demand</u> of Water Supplies
- Inform Accounting Procedures
- Yields Other Helpful Information
- Initiated on or before December 31, 2026





# Criteria for Qualifying Activities

#### Regulatory Considerations

- Easy or Difficulty of Implementation
- Required Permits / Approvals

#### Volume & Timing Considerations

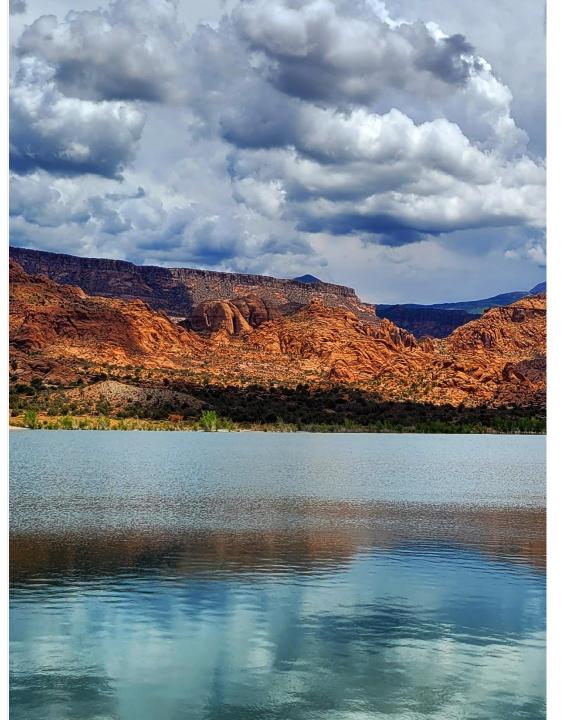
- Quantity of Water
- Yield Helpful Information

#### Quantifiable Reductions

- Water Use or Demand
- Inform Accounting Procedures
- Provide Multiple Benefits



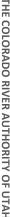




#### **Selection Process**

- States Identify Qualifying Activities

   Coordination or Input from DWRi /
   DWRe / UDAF / Others
- Notify other Upper Division States (UDS) through UCRC
- UDS, through UCRC, Select
  Qualifying Activities (QA) for
  inclusion in Provisional Accounting
- UDS/UCRC propose to Reclamation selected QA





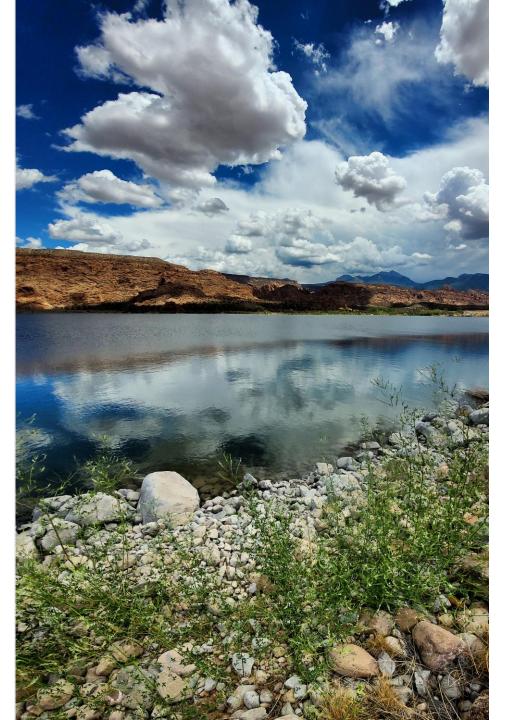
### **Accounting Protocol & Process**

- Conservation Projects
  - Conserved Consumptive Use (CCU) Irrigated Agricultural Projects
    - OpenET eeMetric v. 2.3
    - Processes used in 2023/24 SCPP
    - Other Methods
- Demonstration Projects
  - State-derived Estimate of Volume of Water to Consider for PA including CCU <u>if applicable</u>
    - Other Methods









### **Calculation of Losses**

- Proximity to Upper Colorado River Basin Reservoir
- Intervening Points of Diversion
- Conveyance Losses
- Timing of Activity
- Other Considerations





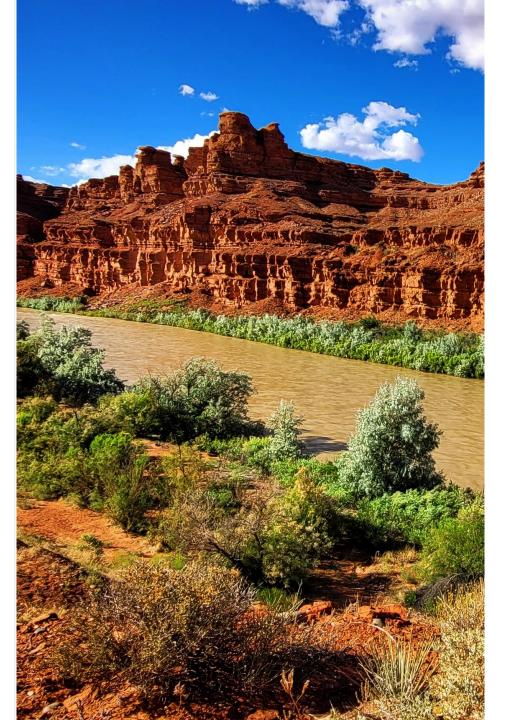
# **Calculation of Evaporation & Spills at UCRB Reservoirs**

- State-derived Estimate Consistent with Reclamation's Methods, or
- Justification for Using other Data / Methods









### **Timeline**

- UCRC convene Mid-Year "Check-in"
- 60-Days After Completion of QA, State Provides UCRC draft Provisional Accounting
- UDS Review
- Within 90-Days of UDS Review,
   Parties will Jointly Review
- Reclamation w/ UDS Prepare Report





# **Conversion of Provisional Accounting into Credit**

Will be Negotiated with Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), may include:

- Agreements executed by UDS and BOR in conjunction with Post-2026 operations of Lakes Powell and Mead
- Agreements executed in accordance with DMSA
- Consultation with Lower Division
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