

Colorado River Commission of Nevada

Hydrology and Water Use Update September 11, 2018



Summary

Lake Powell

- Upper Basin cumulative precipitation is at 68% of average
- Water Year 2018 is forecasted to be only 44% of average
- Glen Canyon Dam will release above average flows in 2019

Lake Mead

- A shortage will not occur in 2019
- Lake Mead is projected to maintain current elevations through the end of the calendar year

Nevada Water Supply

- Southern Nevada has 7 years of water supply banked
- **In 2017, Southern Nevada used 19% less than its annual allocation**

Storage	Elevation (f)	% Capacity	Change since last year
Lake Mead	1,079.3	38%	- 2.4 ft
Lake Powell	3,596.7	47%	- 6.8 ft

Water Use In Southern Nevada

Southern Nevada Water Use

2017 Actual Use in Acre-Feet

Nevada Annual Allocation	300,000
Diversion	470,271
Return Flows	226,846
Consumptive Use	243,425
Unused Allocation Available for Banking	56,575 (19%)

Southern Nevada Water Use

Diversions

Return Flows

Consumptive Use

January thru July 2018	275,359	134,788	140,571
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Banked Water (through end of 2017)

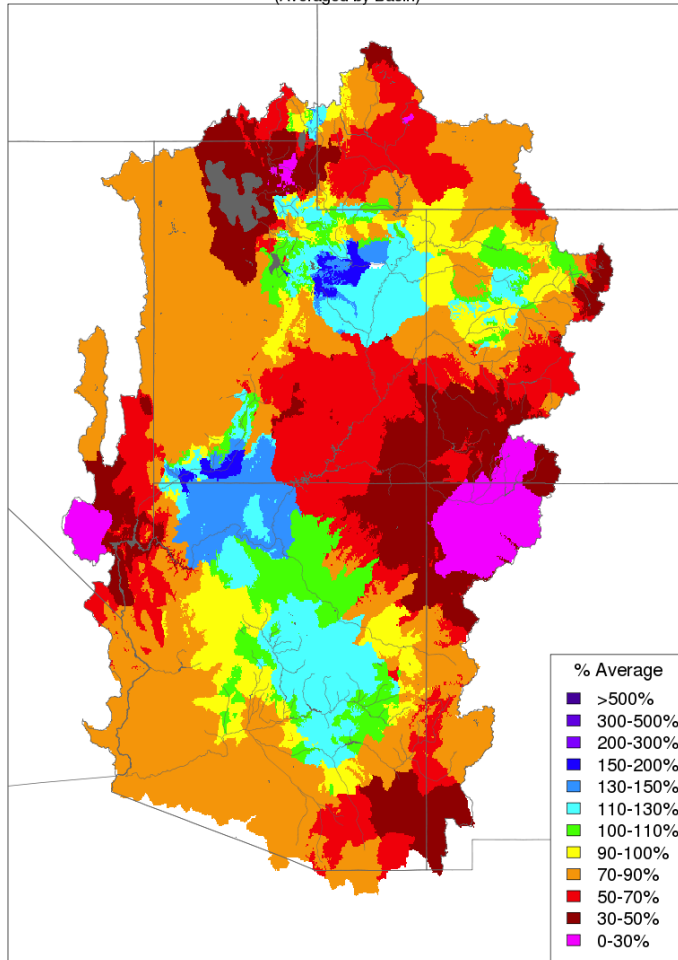
Acre-Feet

Ground Water Recharge in So. Nevada	359,045
Banked in Lake Mead	582,313
Banked in California and Arizona	931,226
Total	1,872,584

Precipitation and Temperature

Monthly Precipitation - August 2018

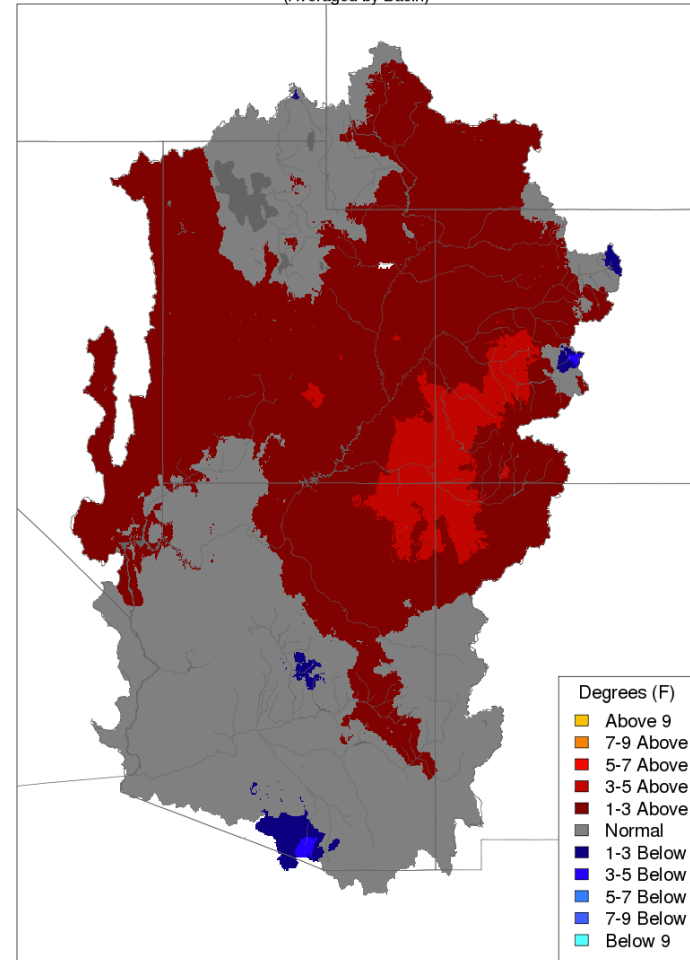
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Max Temp - Monthly Deviation - August 2018

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Above Lake Powell August Precipitation: 68%

Unregulated Inflow, Current and Projected Reservoir Status

Projected unregulated inflow to Lake Powell	Acre-Feet	% Average
Water Year 2018	4,761,000	44%
April thru July 2018 (observed)	2,602,000	36%

Reservoir	Current Elevation	Current Storage Acre-Feet	Current % Capacity	Projected Elevation on 1/1/2019 ¹
Lake Mead	1,079.3	9,951,000	38%	1,079.5
Lake Powell	3,596.7	11,437,000	47%	3,586.6

Data retrieved September 6th, 2018

¹ Based on Reclamation's August 2018 24 Month Study.

Lower Basin Conservation

2017 Actual Conservation

Acre-Feet

Arizona	290,497
California	373,485
Nevada	56,575
Total	720,557

Lower Basin consumptively used 6,779,443 of 7,500,000 allocation

Las Vegas Ground Water Accounting

- Since 1987, approximately 377,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water has been artificially recharged into local groundwater aquifers
- Las Vegas Valley Water District and North Las Vegas own separate groundwater rights that are recovered and used/accounted for to serve customers prior to recovering Colorado River water for use
- Once the groundwater rights have been utilized, Colorado River water is then recovered and used to continue to serve customers
- Every acre foot of separate groundwater rights water and artificially recharged Colorado River water is accounted for
- There is no accepted loss factor applied to the use of groundwater