

**The Colorado River Commission of Nevada (Commission) meeting was held at 1:32 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155.**

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Chairwoman  
Commissioner  
Commissioner  
Commissioner

Puoy K. Premsrirut  
Marilyn Kirkpatrick  
Dan Stewart  
Steve Walton

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Vice Chairwoman  
Commissioner  
Commissioner

Kara J. Kelley  
Allen J. Puliz  
Cody Winterton

**DEPUTY ATTORNEY(S) GENERAL**

Special Counsel, Attorney General  
Special Counsel, Attorney General

Michelle D. Briggs  
David W Newton

**COMMISSION STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Executive Director  
Senior Assistant Director  
Chief of Finance and Administration  
Assistant Director, Engineering and Operations  
Assistant Director, Energy Information Systems  
Assistant Director, Hydropower  
Assistant Director, Natural Resources  
Natural Resource Specialist  
Chief Accountant  
Power Systems Operations Manager  
Hydropower Program Manager  
Senior Energy Accountant  
Senior Energy Accountant  
Hydropower Analyst  
System Coordinator  
Application Specialist  
Executive Assistant Manager  
Office Manager  
Administrative Assistant IV  
Administrative Assistant III  
Administrative Assistant II  
Administrative Assistant II

Eric Witkoski  
Sara Price  
Douglas N. Beatty  
Shae Pelkowski  
Kaleb Hall  
Gail Bates  
Warren Turkett, Ph.D.  
Danielle Collins  
Gail L. Benton  
Walter Shupe  
Craig Pyper  
Hyelim Hong  
Andrew Weart  
Elissa Emery  
Chris Smith  
John Sagmani  
Gina L. Goodman  
Noah Fischel  
Elsa Nava  
Tamisha Randolph  
Joshua Cleveland  
Bobbie Hickman

**OTHERS PRESENT: REPRESENTING**

City Of Henderson  
Lincoln County Power District  
Legislative Counsel Bureau  
NV Energy  
Southern Nevada Water Authority  
Self  
Self

Becky Reese  
Dane Bradfield  
Justin Luna  
Abigail Watkins  
Scott Krantz  
Alicia Ashcraft  
George Caan

**COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION OF NEVADA**

**MEETING OF**

**DECEMBER 10, 2024**

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The Colorado River Commission of Nevada (Commission) meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Premsrirut at 1:33 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**A. Conformance to Open Meeting Law.**

Executive Director, Eric Witkoski confirmed that the meeting was posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

**B. Comments from the public. Members of the public are invited to comment on items on the meeting agenda or on items not contained therein. No action may be taken on a matter raised during public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item for possible action.**

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

**C. *For Possible Action: Approval of minutes of the November 12, 2024, meeting.***

Commissioner Stewart moved for approval the minutes of the November 12, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walton and approved by unanimous vote of those present.

**D. *For Possible Action: By the Colorado River Commission of Nevada (Commission) to adjust the amount of collateral posted by the Commission's retail industrial contractors for Calendar Year 2025.***

The Commission discussed the annual adjustment of collateral amounts for its retail industrial contractors at the BMI complex to protect against financial risks, as required by Commission regulations. Mr. Witkoski introduced the item, and Assistant Director of Hydropower Gail Bates presented the details. Collateral amounts, set at a minimum of 25% of contractors' gross annual purchases, were reviewed based on payment history and calculated for the 2025 calendar year. The proposed amounts were as follows: Lhoist North America (\$23,568.23), TIMET (\$596,523.63), EMD (\$610,574.69), Olin Chlor Alkali (\$36,423.10), and Henderson UC LLC (\$3,563.79). All amounts reflected decreases, with Henderson UC LLC seeing a significant reduction due to inheriting a high collateral requirement from Basic Water Company in a prior transaction.

Chairwoman Premsrirut noted that collateral adjustments rarely differ from the minimum unless substantial credit or payment issues arise, which was not the case this year. Ms. Bates confirmed that no late payment patterns or increased load projections justified higher collateral, and contractors had the flexibility to provide collateral in cash or letters of credit. The motion to approve the proposed adjustments was made by Commissioner Marilyn Kirkpatrick, seconded by Commissioner Steve Walton, and passed unanimously. The record also noted Commissioner Kirkpatrick's presence.

**E. For Possible Action: To approve Amendment No. 3 for Contract No. LS-20-02 between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Summit Line Construction, Inc for labor services related to Transmission and Distribution System Support Services to extend the contract until May 1, 2025.**

The Commission considered an extension to contract LS-20-02 between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Summit Line Construction, Inc. for labor services related to transmission and distribution system support. Mr. Witkoski explained that the extension, via Amendment 3, would extend the contract until May 1, 2025, providing time to complete an RFP process and negotiate a new contract. He clarified that the amendment involved no changes to the material terms of the agreement.

Chairwoman Premsrut confirmed this understanding and asked if any other commissioners had questions or comments, but none were raised. Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved to approve the amendment, and Commissioner Stewart seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**F. For Possible Action: To approve Amendment No. 1 to Joint Management Agreement (Contract No. P18-JMA) among the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and customers at the Black Mountain Industrial Complex that includes:**

- **Henderson WC LLC**
- **Lhoist North America of Arizona Inc.**
- **Pioneer Americas LLC d/b/a Olin Chlor Alkali Products**
- **Titanium Metals Corporation**
- **EMD Acquisition d/b/a Borman Specialty Material.**

The Commission reviewed Amendment 1 to the Joint Management Agreement (JMA), Contract P18-JMA, involving the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and contractors at the Black Mountain Industrial Complex, including Henderson WWC LLC, Lhoist North America of Arizona Inc., Pioneer Americas LLC (Olin Chlor Alkali Products), Titanium Metals Corporation (TIMET), and EMD (Borman Specialty Materials). Mr. Witkoski explained that the JMA, originally established in 2021, outlines the sharing of expenses and revenues among contractors and allows energy pooling to balance excess and shortfalls in energy within the complex before external sales. Since regulations limit such agreements to three years, the amendment seeks to extend the JMA for another three-year term.

Ms. Bates elaborated, confirming that the agreement functions smoothly without any issues and involves no changes to its terms or operations. Chairwoman Premsrut inquired about past performance, and Ms. Bates clarified the absence of any problems.

Commissioner Walton moved to approve the amendment, with Commissioner Stewart seconding. The motion carried unanimously.



**G. *For Possible Action:* To approve Contract No. P08-TINF between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Valley Electric Association, Inc., for Electricity Transmission Services over the Parker-Davis Project Southern Nevada Facilities**

The Commission reviewed Contract P08-TINF between the Colorado River Commission of Nevada and Valley Electric Association, Inc. for electric transmission services over the Parker Davis Project, Southern Nevada facilities. Mr. Witkoski introduced the item, and Ms. Bates provided details. She explained that the Commission purchases transmission from the Western Area Power Administration over the Parker Davis Project, which includes 230kV lines extending from the Mead Substation in Boulder City to the BMI complex in Henderson. Along this route, interconnection points with Boulder City and Valley Electric Association exist at Boulder City Tap and Amargosa Substation, respectively.

To ensure cost recovery for capital and maintenance expenses related to these interconnections, the Commission required Boulder City and Valley Electric Association to enter transmission agreements as a condition for renewing the SLCAIP contract. While Boulder City already fulfilled this condition through an existing agreement, the current contract with Valley Electric Association completes the requirement.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick commended the staff for streamlining such contracts, noting the absence of public opposition, which was common in earlier years. She made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Walton. The motion passed unanimously.

**H. *For Information Only:* Update on budget submitted for the FY 2026 and FY 2027 and related matters and upcoming 2025 Legislative session.**

The Commission received an informational update on the budget submittal process for fiscal years 2026 and 2027, along with related matters concerning the upcoming 2025 legislative session. Mr. Witkoski introduced the item, and Mr. Doug Beatty provided details.

Mr. Beatty reported that the Governor's Finance Office (GFO) and the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) Fiscal Analysis Division had completed their review of the Commission's base budgets, with minor adjustments that were agreed upon by all parties. The final base budgets have been approved by both GFO and LCB. Additionally, questions on enhancement units were recently addressed, with clarifications provided to the Governor's Finance Office regarding the rationale for specific enhancement requests.

Mr. Beatty anticipated no further follow-up from the Governor's offices before the legislative session. However, during legislative hearings, questions from legislators about customer-requested and funded projects are expected. The Commission will notify customers about hearing dates so they can provide support if needed.

Chairwoman Premsrirut expressed appreciation for Mr. Beatty's diligent and efficient handling of the budget process, ensuring smooth communication with all stakeholders. This agenda item was for informational purposes only, and no action was required.

**I. For Information Only: Update on pending legal matters, including Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Utilities Commission of Nevada filings and Federal Legislation.**

The Commission received an informational update on pending legal matters, focusing primarily on the status of the "Help the Hoover Dam Act." Mr. Witkoski explained that the Act, which could direct up to \$50 million for immediate use at Hoover Dam as run into an issue due to a Congressional Budget Office (CBO) scoring issue. Although the funds exist and are sourced from customers rather than the Treasury, the CBO treats them as federal funds.

In response to Chairwoman Premrsirut's inquiry, Mr. Witkoski noted that Staff plans to pursue both legislative and administrative strategies, including collaboration with the Bureau of Reclamation. Commissioner Kirkpatrick inquired about coordination with the Governor's office and lobbyists. Mr. Witkoski confirmed engagement was occurring. Discussions have included attaching the Act to public lands or natural resource legislation before the end of the year. Commissioner Kirkpatrick suggested leveraging Nevada representatives on finance committees to address the scoring issue.

This agenda item was for informational purposes only, and no action was required.

**J. For Information Only: Status update from Staff on the hydrological conditions, drought, and climate of the Colorado River Basin, Nevada's consumptive use of Colorado River water, basin negotiations, impacts on hydropower generation, electrical construction activities and other developments on the Colorado River.**

The Commission received an update on hydrological conditions, water use, basin negotiations, hydropower generation, and electrical infrastructure projects along the Colorado River.

Dr. Warren Turkett provided an overview of current hydrological conditions in the Upper Basin. November precipitation was 114% of average, contributing to a strong cumulative water year total of 113% of average. A late-November storm significantly increased snowpack levels, though dry conditions have prevailed since. The snowpack is currently at 95% of the median, and runoff projections for water year 2025 are at 8.7 million acre-feet, or 91% of average. These improved conditions have led to operational adjustments, with anticipated releases from Lake Powell increasing from 7.48 million to 9 million acre-feet in 2026. This change would reduce Lake Powell's levels by 14 feet but raise Lake Mead's levels by 17 feet, benefiting downstream storage.

Dr. Turkett also reported on Nevada's water use, which totaled 188,587 acre-feet from January to October 2024—a 6% decrease compared to the three-year average. In response to a question from Chairwoman Premrsirut, Dr. Turkett explained that artificial intelligence (AI) is being studied for improving runoff forecasts but is not yet integrated into the 24-month operational studies. (Attachment A)



Following Dr. Turkett's presentation, Mr. Shae Pelkowski provided an update on the Commission's electrical construction activities. He outlined a range of ongoing and planned projects aimed at modernizing aging infrastructure, including cable and relay replacements, communications upgrades, and equipment updates. Many of the systems are 20–30 years old and require significant investment to maintain reliability. A graphical overview showed that 14 projects are planned for 2025, with forecasts extending to 2034.

Mr. Pelkowski emphasized that the project list is dynamic, with new items added weekly as needs evolve. He also highlighted staffing limitations, noting that the engineering team consists of only two individuals, which constrains the pace of project scoping and execution. Chairwoman Premsrut and Commissioner Kirkpatrick discussed the importance of aligning project priorities with available staffing and funding resources.

The Commissioners praised the staff for their diligence and the comprehensive data presented. This agenda item was for informational purposes, and no action was required.

**K. Comments from the public. Members of the public are invited to comment on items on the meeting agenda or on items not contained therein. No action may be taken on a matter raised during public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item for possible action.**

Chairwoman Premsrut asked if there were any comments from any member of the public present in the Chamber or any member of the public participating remotely that wish to address the Commission. There were none.

**L. Comments and questions from the Commission members.**

Chairwoman Premsrut asked if there were any comments or questions from the Commission members. There were none.

**M. Selection of the next possible meeting date .**

**The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on February 11, 2025, at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.**

**N. Adjournment .**

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.**

  
Eric Witkoski, Executive Director

APPROVED:

  
Puoy K. Premsrut, Chairwoman

# Colorado River Commission of Nevada

## Hydrology and River Updates

Warren Turkett

December 10, 2024

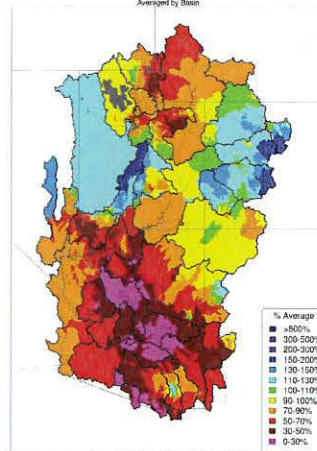


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## Precipitation and Temperature

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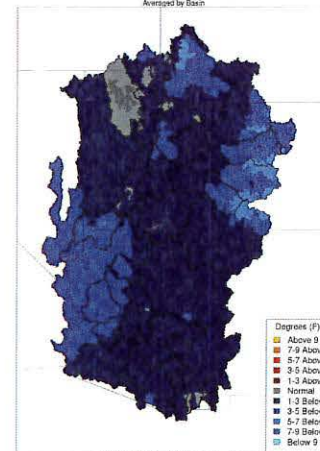
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Max Temp - Monthly Deviation - November 2024

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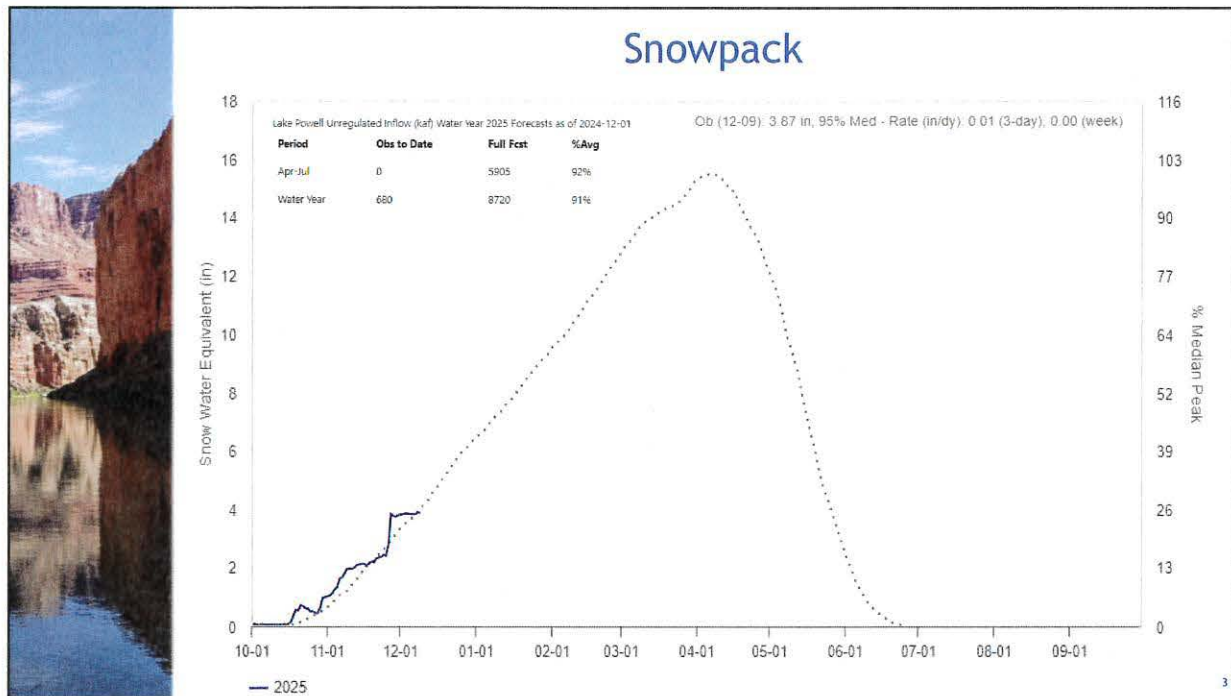


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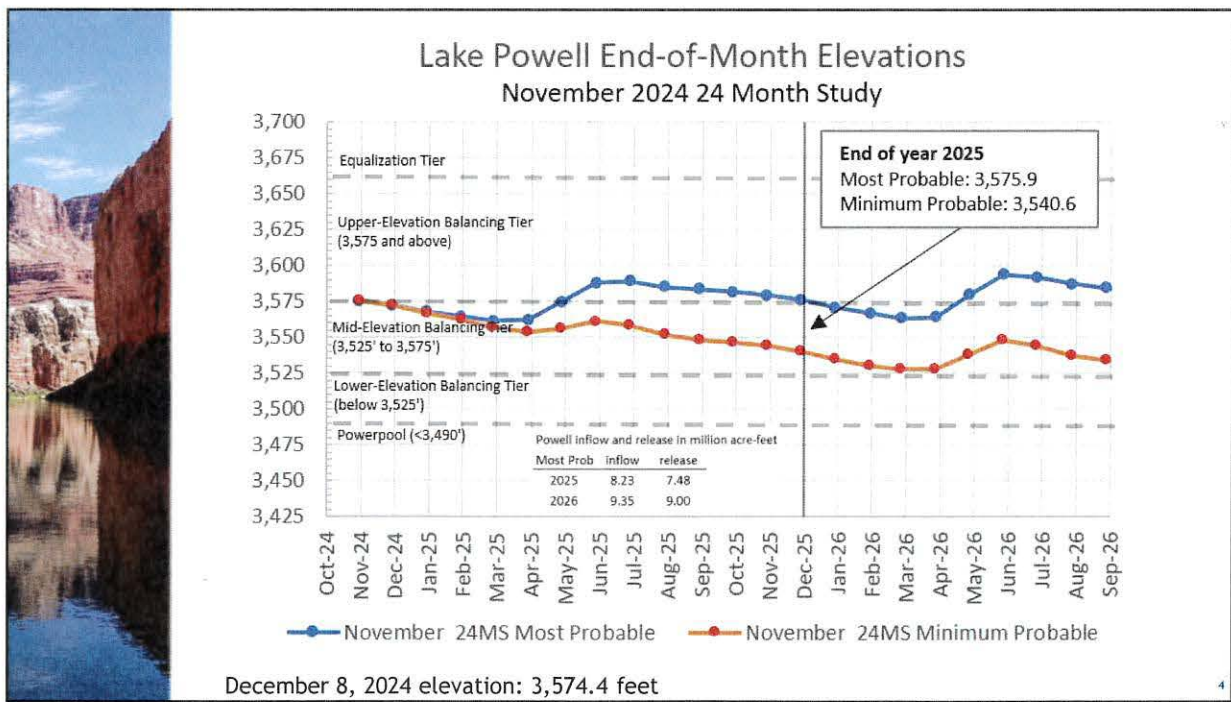
Lake Powell 95Average Precipitation Water Year 2025

Area	Oct	Nov	Water Year
UC-Powell	111	114	113

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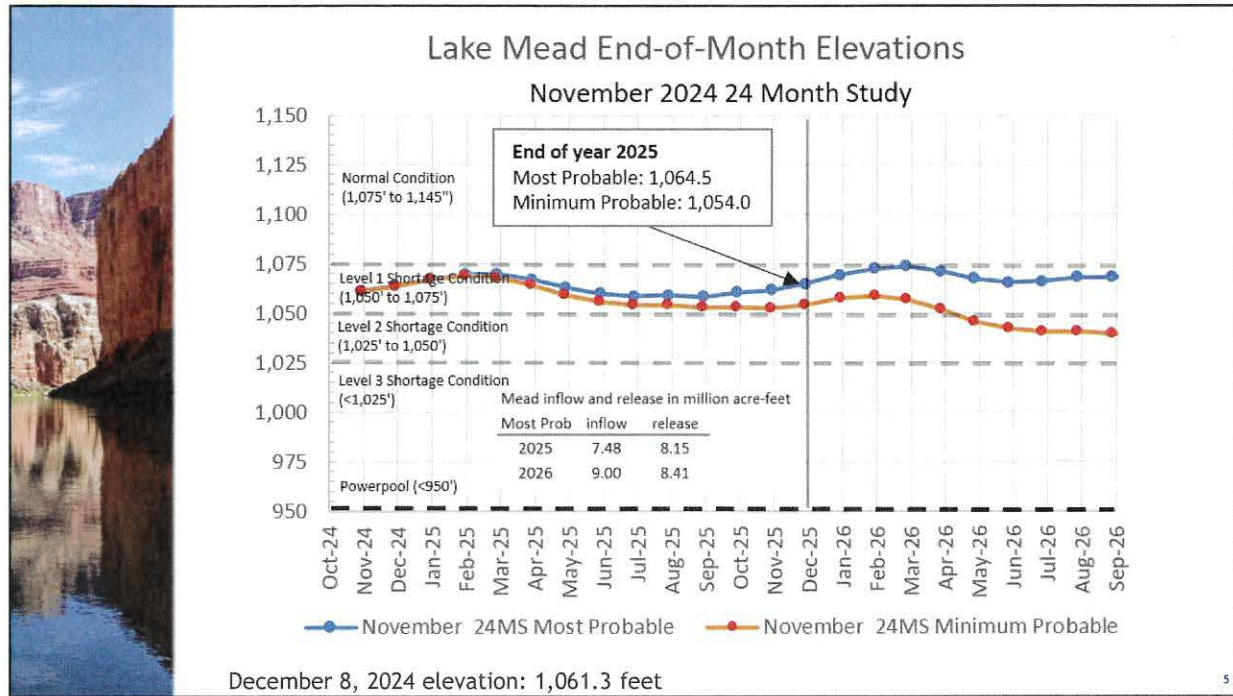


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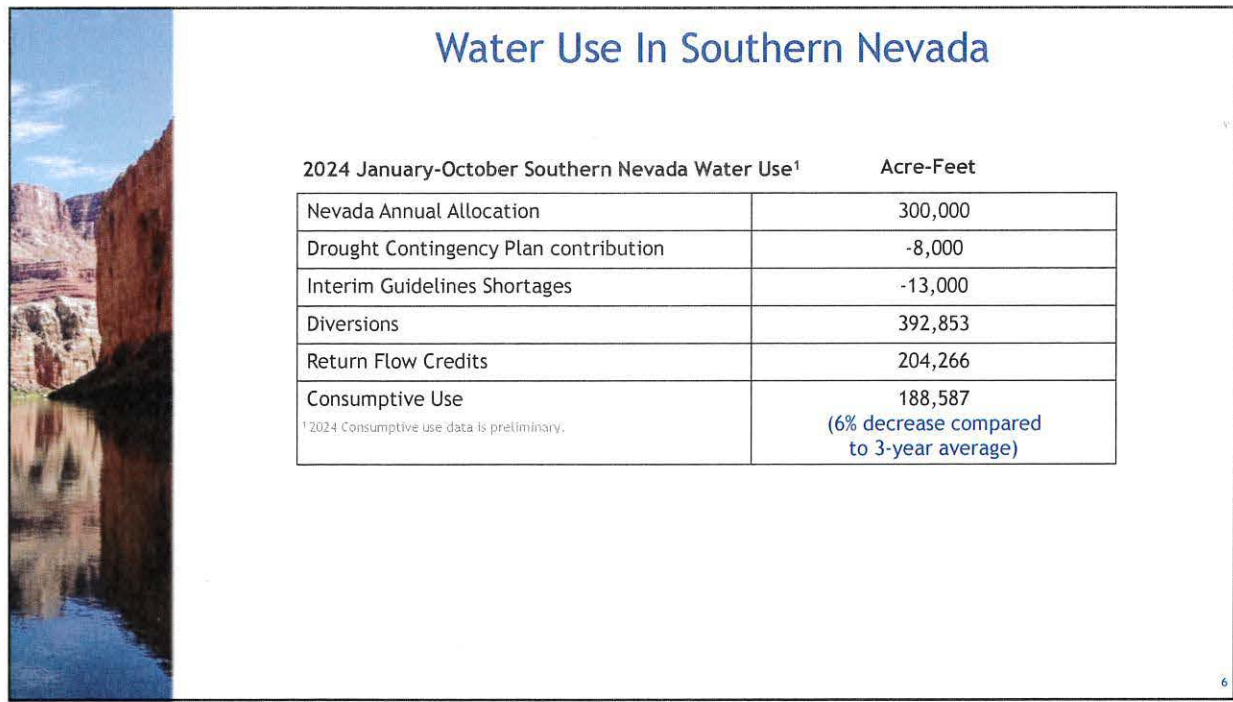


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