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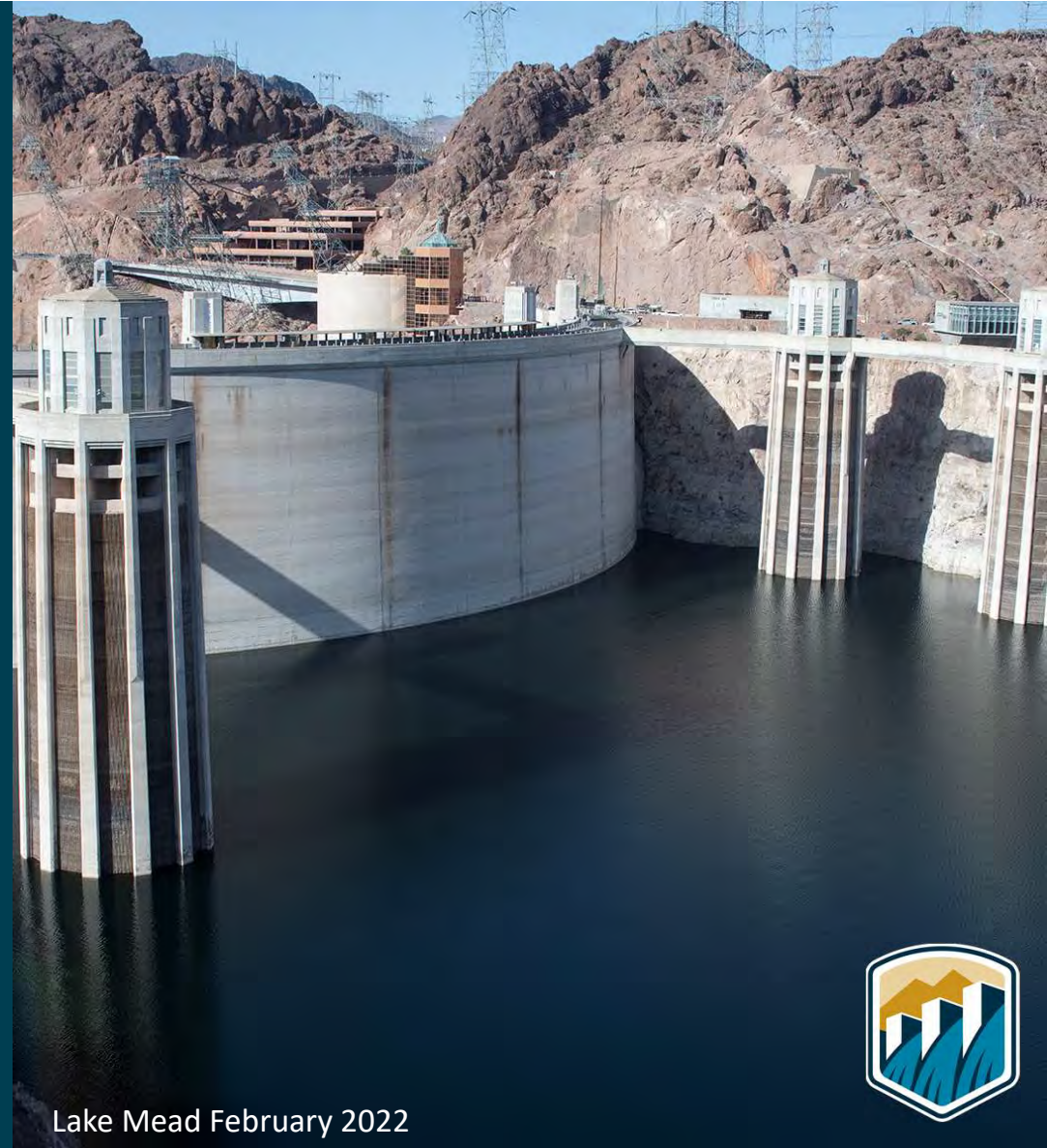
Funding the Future of Water CRWUA 2022

Deputy Commissioner Michael Brain

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The Issue

- 23 years of drought
- Declining supply
- Aridification



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The Impacts

- Water future
- Economic instability
- Food and energy security



Glen Canyon Dam April 2022

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The Outcome

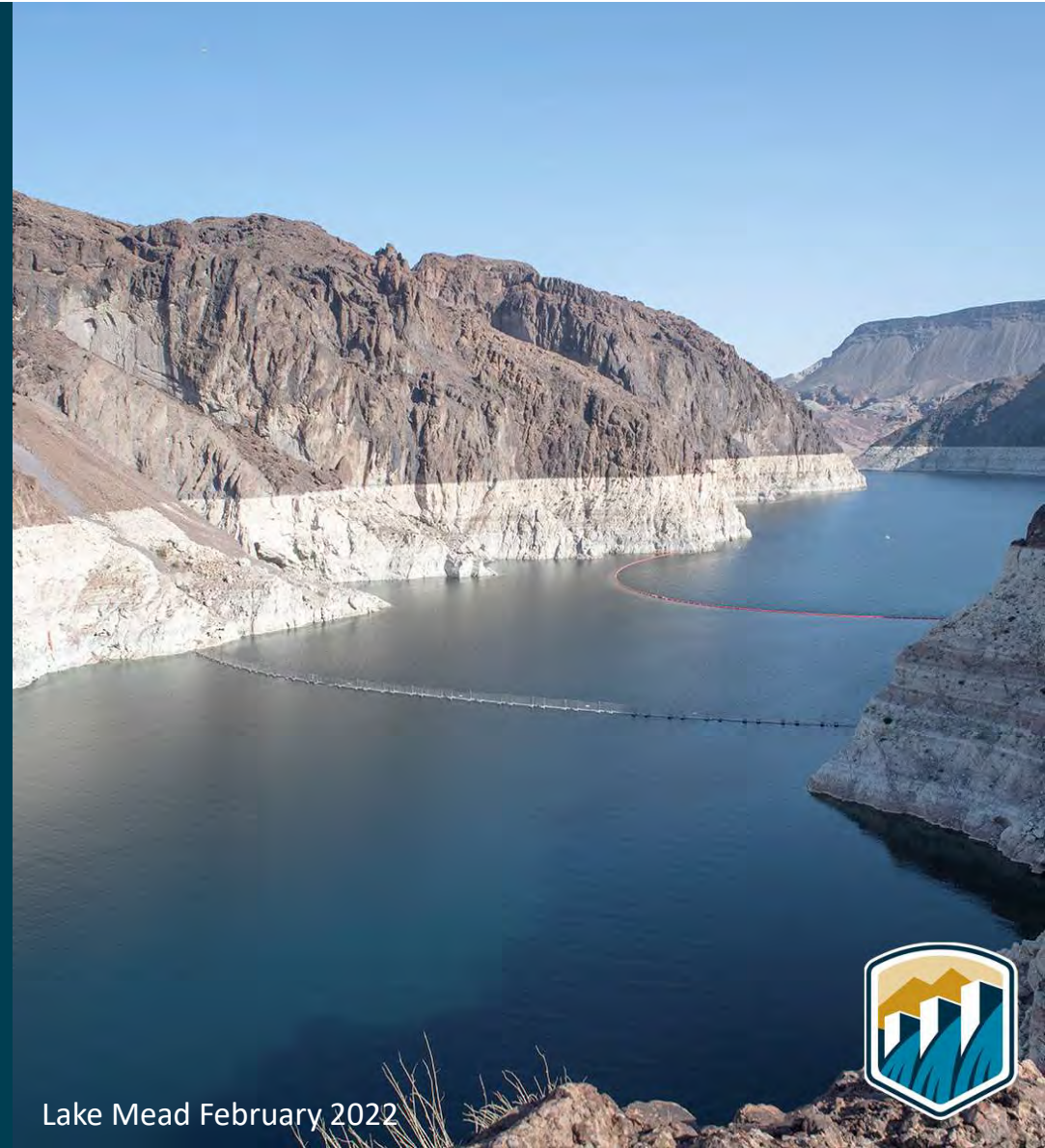
- Critically low elevations
- Continued decline
- Minimum Power Pool/Dead Pool (plausible scenarios)



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The Solution

- Operational
- Administrative
- Funding
- Collaborative



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- Combined – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act represent largest investments in climate resilience in the nation's history.
- Provide once-in-a-generation opportunity for work of the Interior Department.

Hoover Dam October 2022





Reclamation drought relief funding:

- \$1.89 billion FY 22 regular annual appropriations
- \$210 million in supplemental funding in Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022
 - \$10 million for Fire and \$200 million for Drought



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President Biden's
Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal is a
once-in-a-generation

INVESTMENT IN OUR NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE



Reclamation drought relief funding:

- \$8.3 billion in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- \$4.875 billion in the Inflation Reduction Act



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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding impacts –

- Project completions
- Water reliability
- Drought resilience
- Indian Water Rights Settlements
- Aging Infrastructure



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Actions to Date:

- \$1.3 billion allocated
- 114 projects
- 80 percent FY22 spend plan
- Approximately \$760 million to Basin states

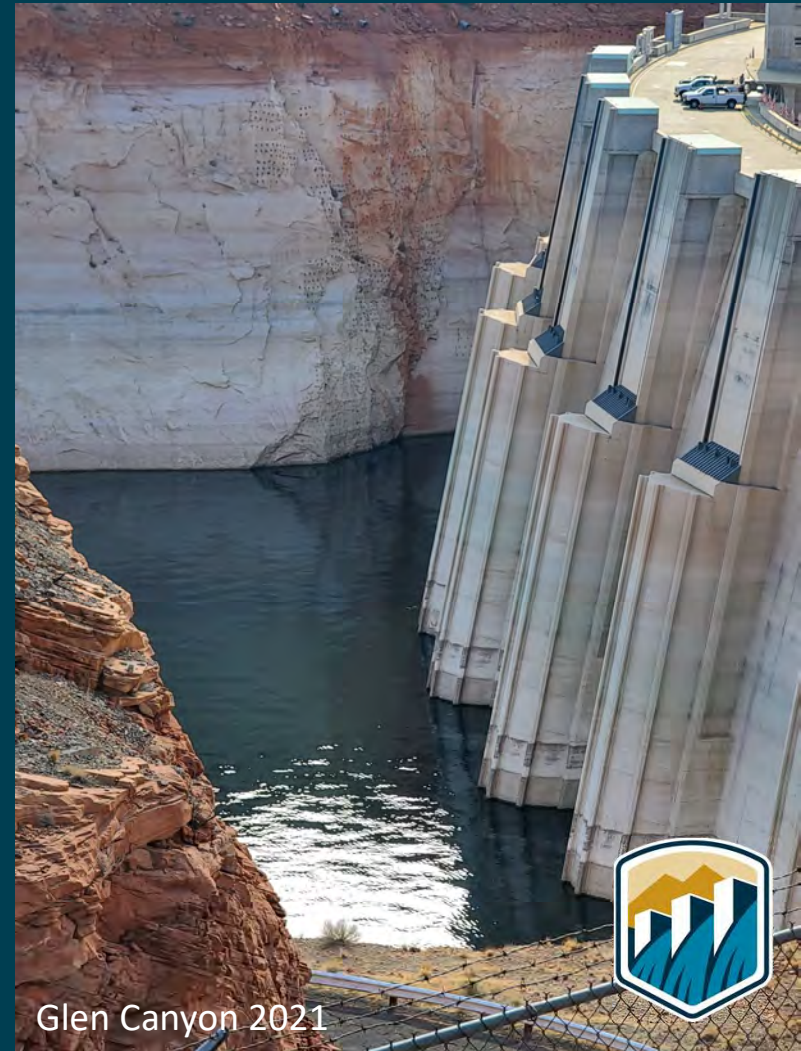


Truckee Canal Extraordinary Maintenance Project Groundbreaking

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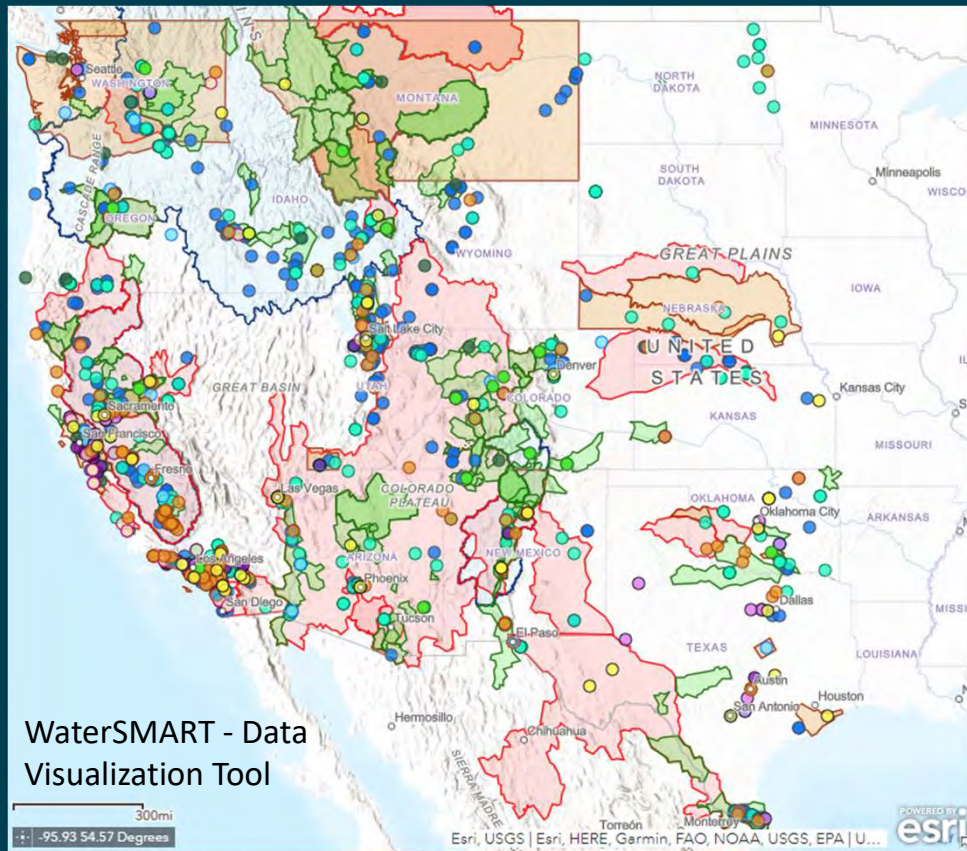
- 12 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Information Sessions
- 2 Inflation Reduction Act Listening Sessions
- Web site
- Feedback refining the process



Glen Canyon 2021



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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Allocation Highlights

- \$420 million for Rural Water Projects
- \$309.8 million for WaterSMART projects
- \$210 million for surface and groundwater storage
- \$240 million for Aging Infrastructure



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- Inflation Reduction Act implementation
 - \$4.875 billion in four sections
 - Drought Relief in the Act



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Drought Mitigation Deep Dive

Short- and long-term system conservation agreements

➔ Temporary or multiyear reductions

Can support demand reduction

➔ System conservation projects

Projects to address issues directly caused by drought

➔ Ecosystem and habitat restoration



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Actions to Date:

- August 16 – Inflation Reduction Act signed into Law
- September 22 – Interior announces process for durable system efficiency projects
- October 12 – Reclamation released funding opportunity
- November 28, Interior announced \$250 million funding for Salton Sea



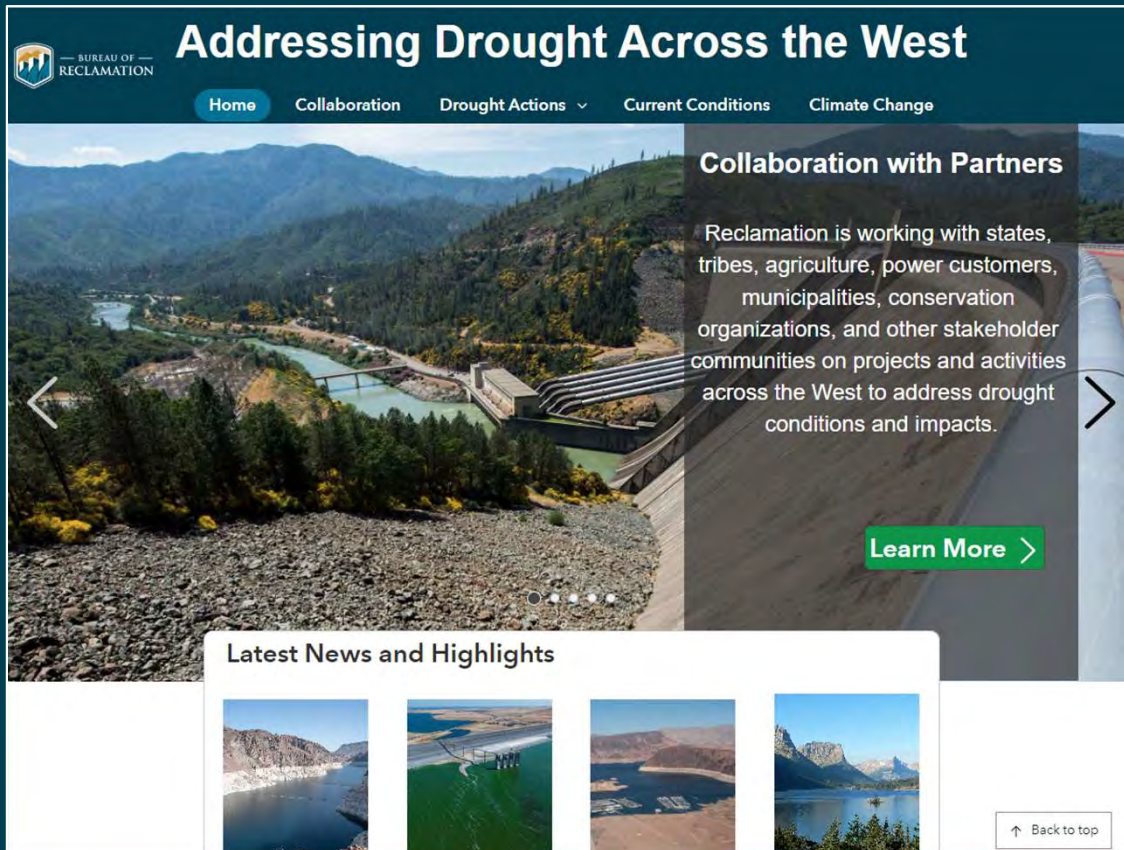
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The Path Forward

- Strong leadership
- Principle-centered actions
- Shared responsibility
- Collective obligation



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Resources

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
<https://www.usbr.gov/bil>

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USBR.BIL@usbr.gov

Inflation Reduction Act
<https://www.usbr.gov/inflation-reduction-act/>

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