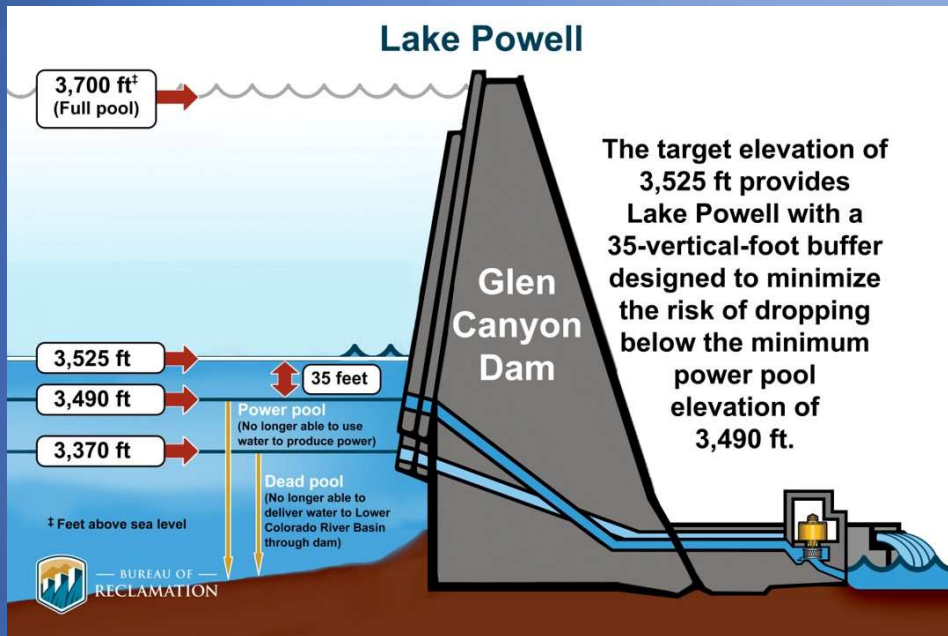


Tradeoffs & Turbulence: Lessons for Times to Come



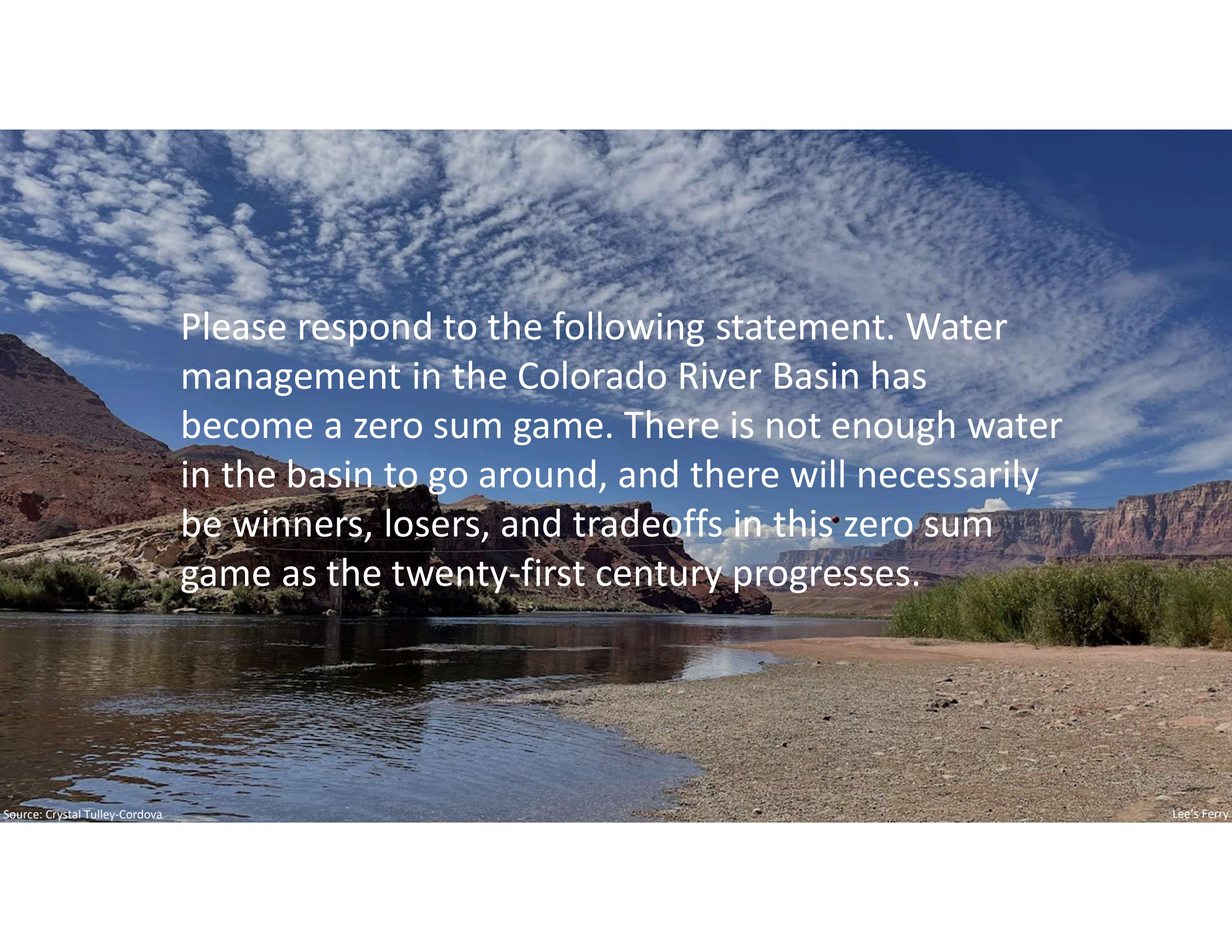
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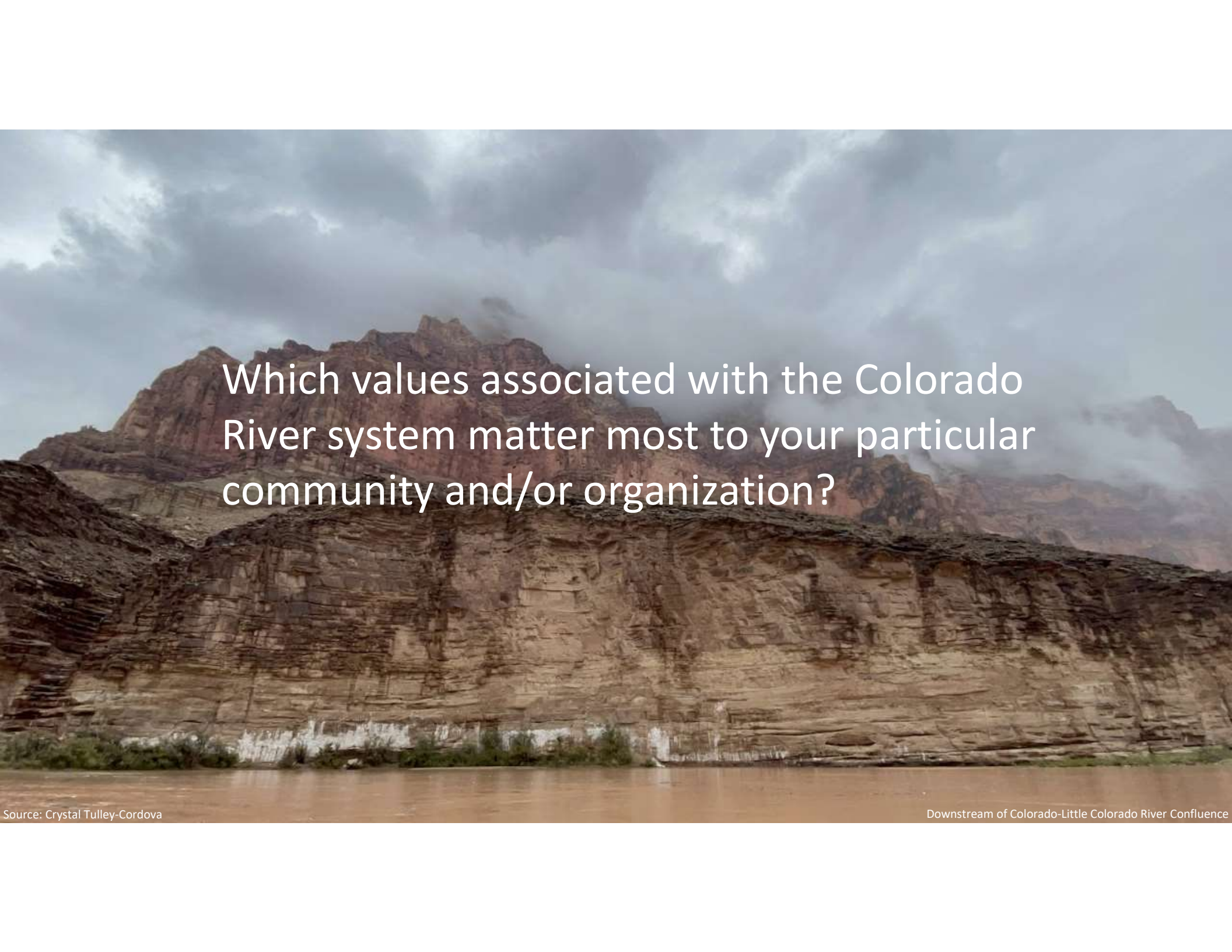
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Please respond to the following statement. Water management in the Colorado River Basin has become a zero sum game. There is not enough water in the basin to go around, and there will necessarily be winners, losers, and tradeoffs in this zero sum game as the twenty-first century progresses.

A wide, muddy river flows at the base of a massive, layered rock cliff. The cliff face shows distinct horizontal geological strata. The sky above is filled with heavy, grey clouds. The text "Which values associated with the Colorado River system matter most to your particular community and/or organization?" is overlaid in white on the upper part of the cliff.

Which values associated with the Colorado River system matter most to your particular community and/or organization?





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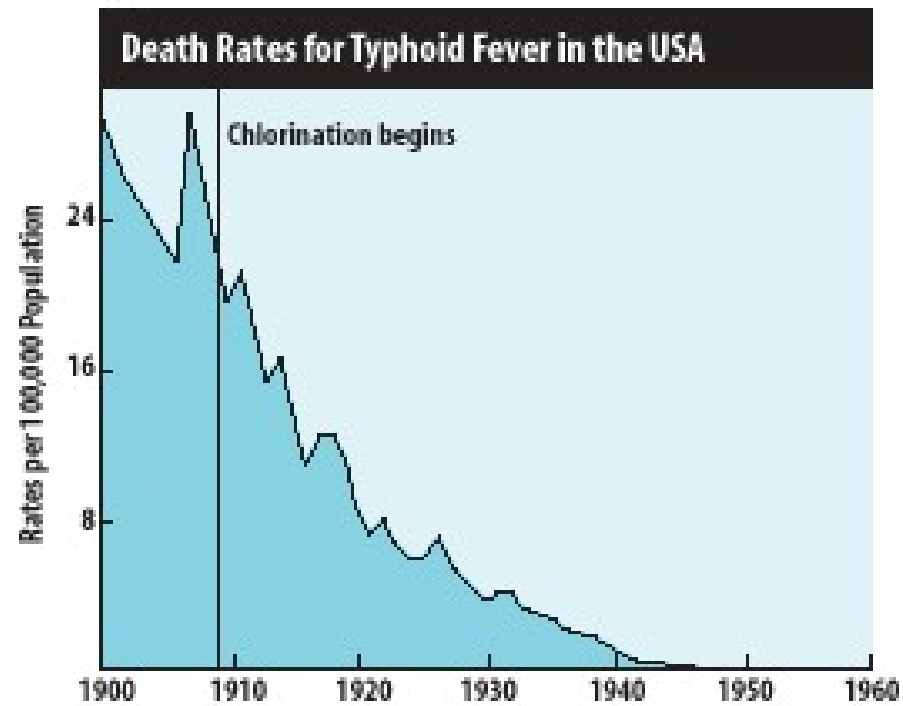
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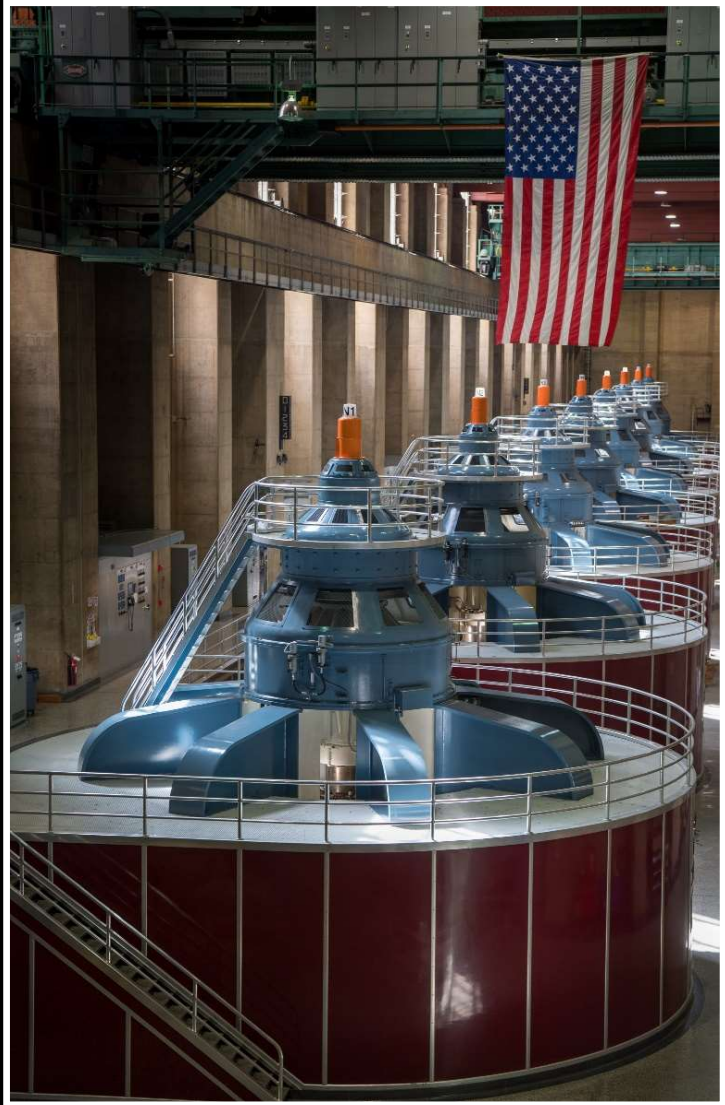


At times, more than 500 families line up outside the Church on Fillmore in Phoenix to take home food donations. The St. Mary's mobile food pantry sites focus on areas in the metro Phoenix area with a high population living in poverty. *Ryan Van Velzer/The Republic*




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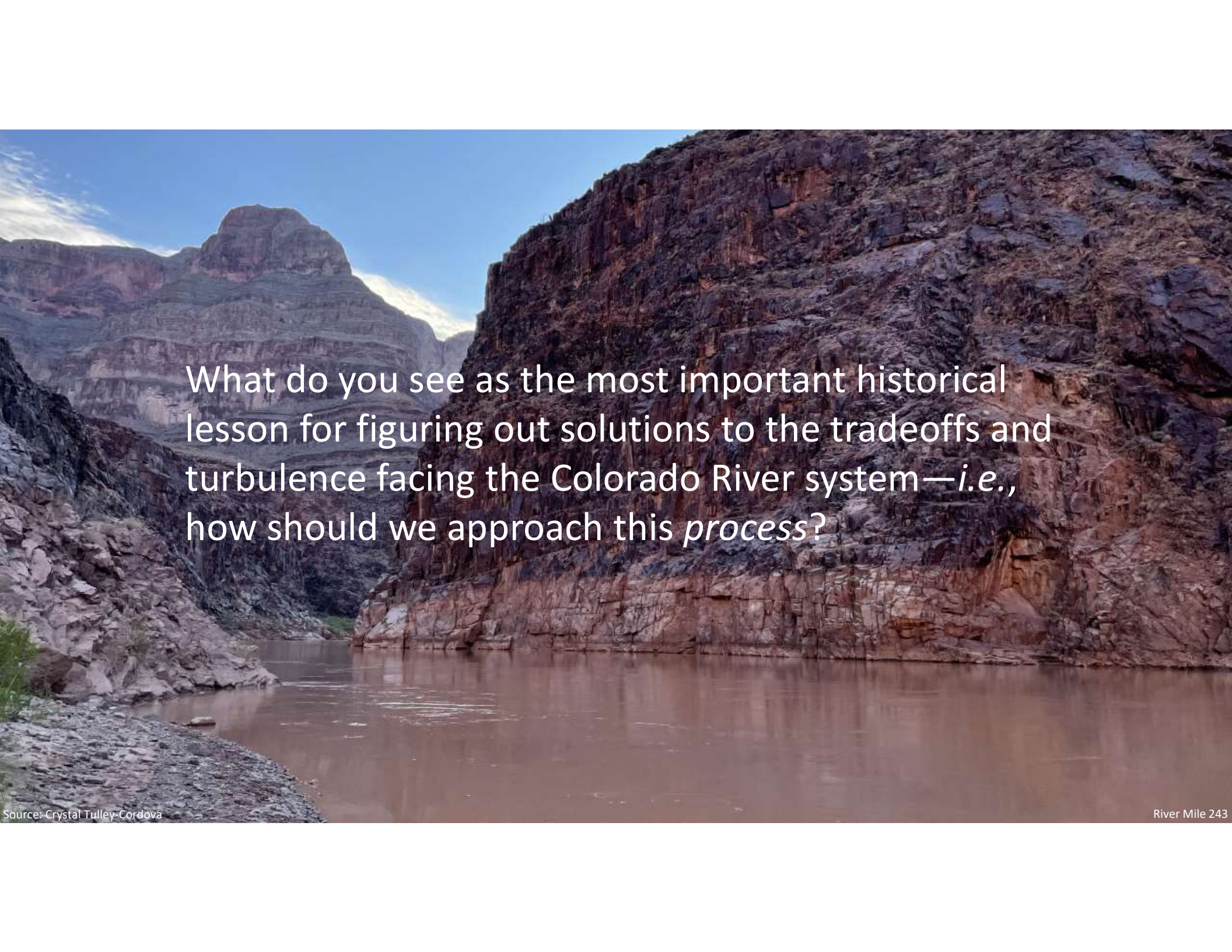





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How much turbulence, if any, exists between the values that matter most to your particular community and/or organization and potentially competing values that are critical to other communities and/or organizations?

A photograph of a vast, deep canyon. The river at the bottom is a muddy, brownish color. The canyon walls are composed of dark, layered rock formations. In the background, a prominent, rounded mountain peak rises above the canyon rim under a blue sky with some clouds.

What do you see as the most important historical lesson for figuring out solutions to the tradeoffs and turbulence facing the Colorado River system—*i.e.*, how should we approach this *process*?

A wide-angle landscape photograph showing a desert valley. In the foreground, there are rugged, rocky hills with sparse, dry vegetation. In the middle ground, a large body of water, likely Lake Mead, is visible, surrounded by more mountains. The background features a range of distant, hazy mountains under a bright blue sky filled with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is arid and expansive.

Please discuss one specific solution worth serious consideration for addressing the tradeoffs and turbulence facing the Colorado River system.

Question & Answer

