



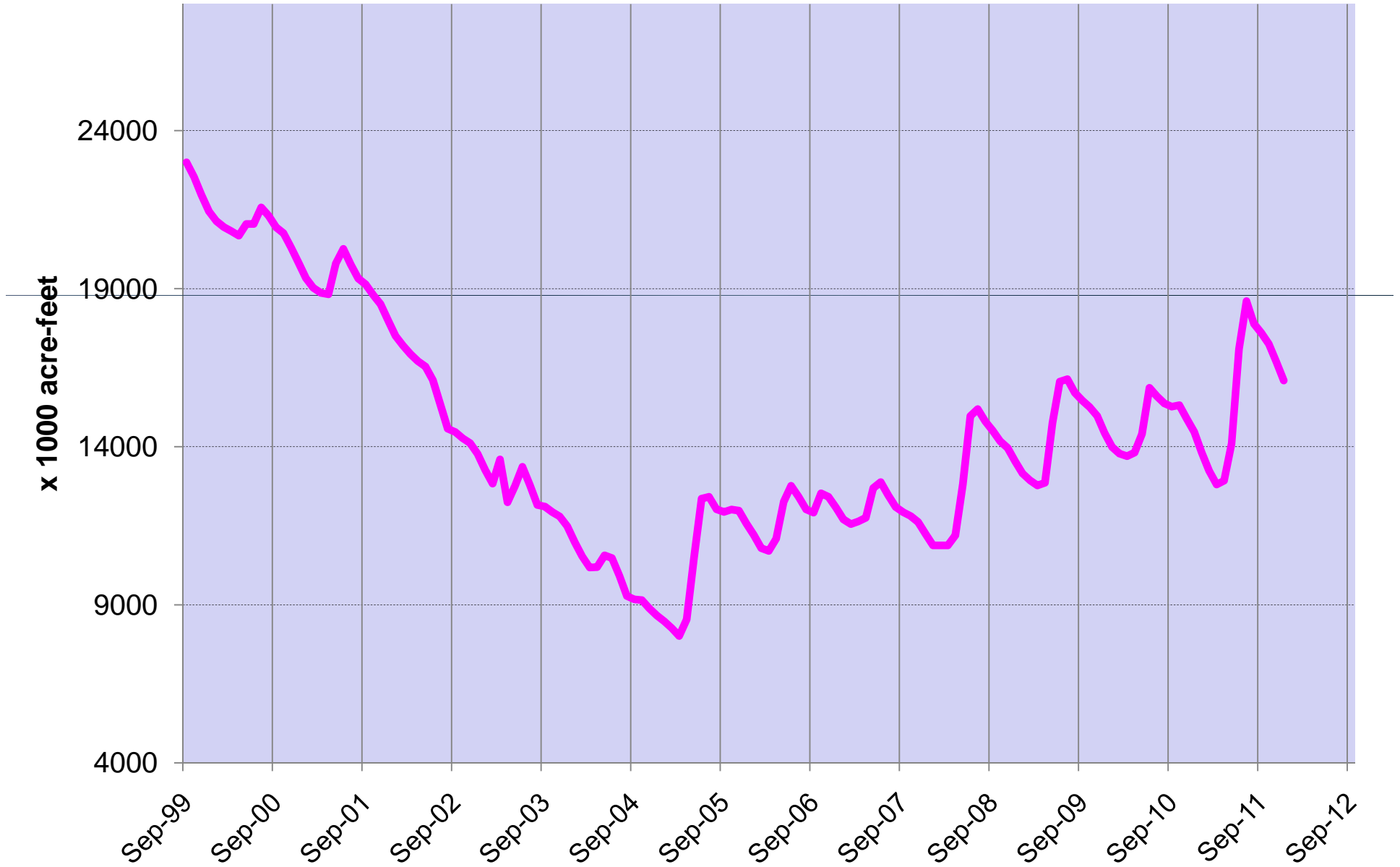
# Colorado River Management Report

Water Planning and Stewardship Committee  
Item 7b  
January 9, 2012

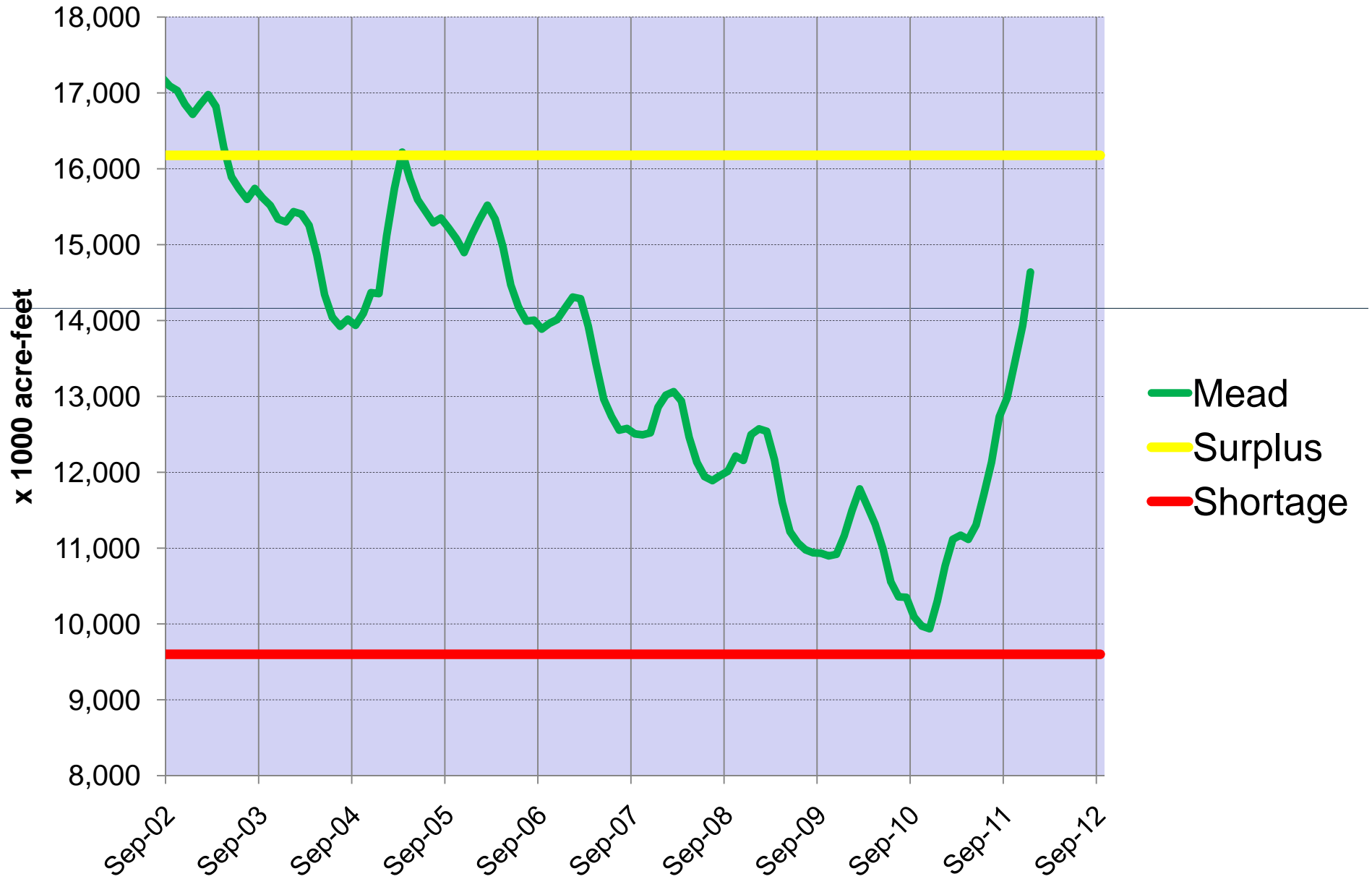
# Report Overview

- **Water Supply Conditions Review**
- **Issues to be addressed in 2012**
  - **Binational Agreement with Mexico**
  - **State Involvement in QSA**
  - **Addressing IID's Under-conservation in 2011**
- **USBR Staffing Changes**

# Lake Powell Storage 2000 – 2011

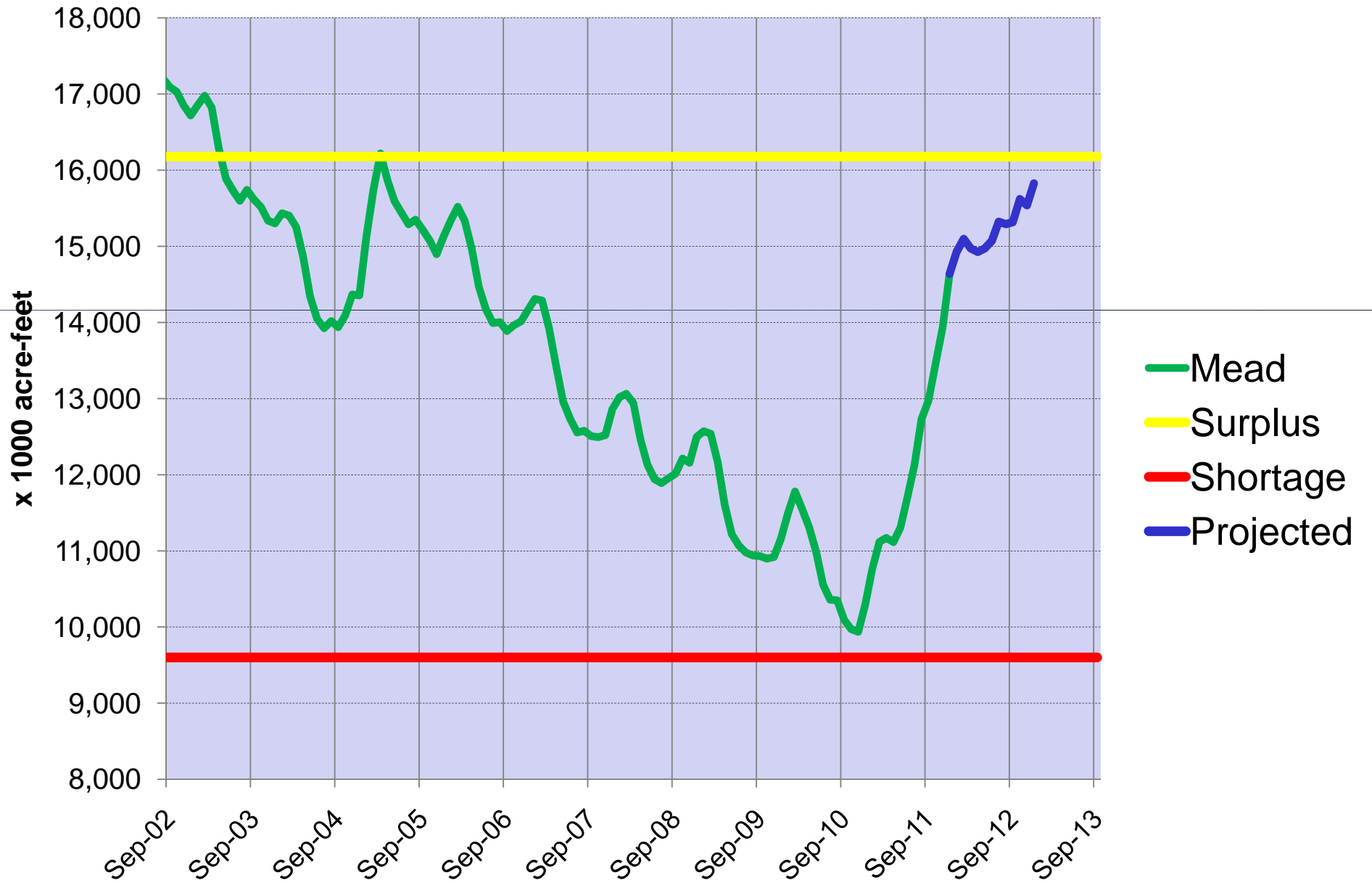


# Lake Mead Storage 2002 – 2011

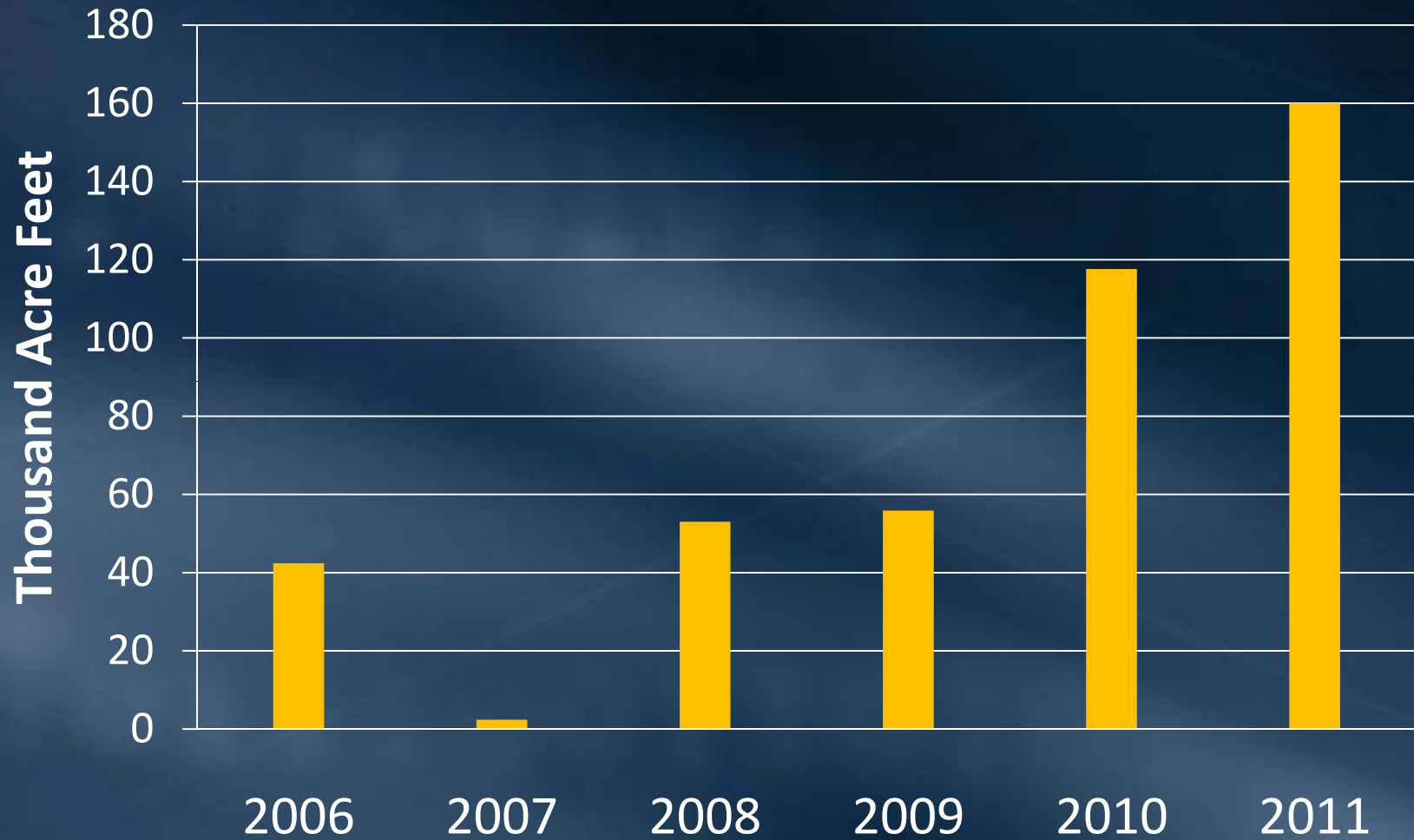


# Lake Mead Storage

## 2002 – 2012, with average snowfall in 2012



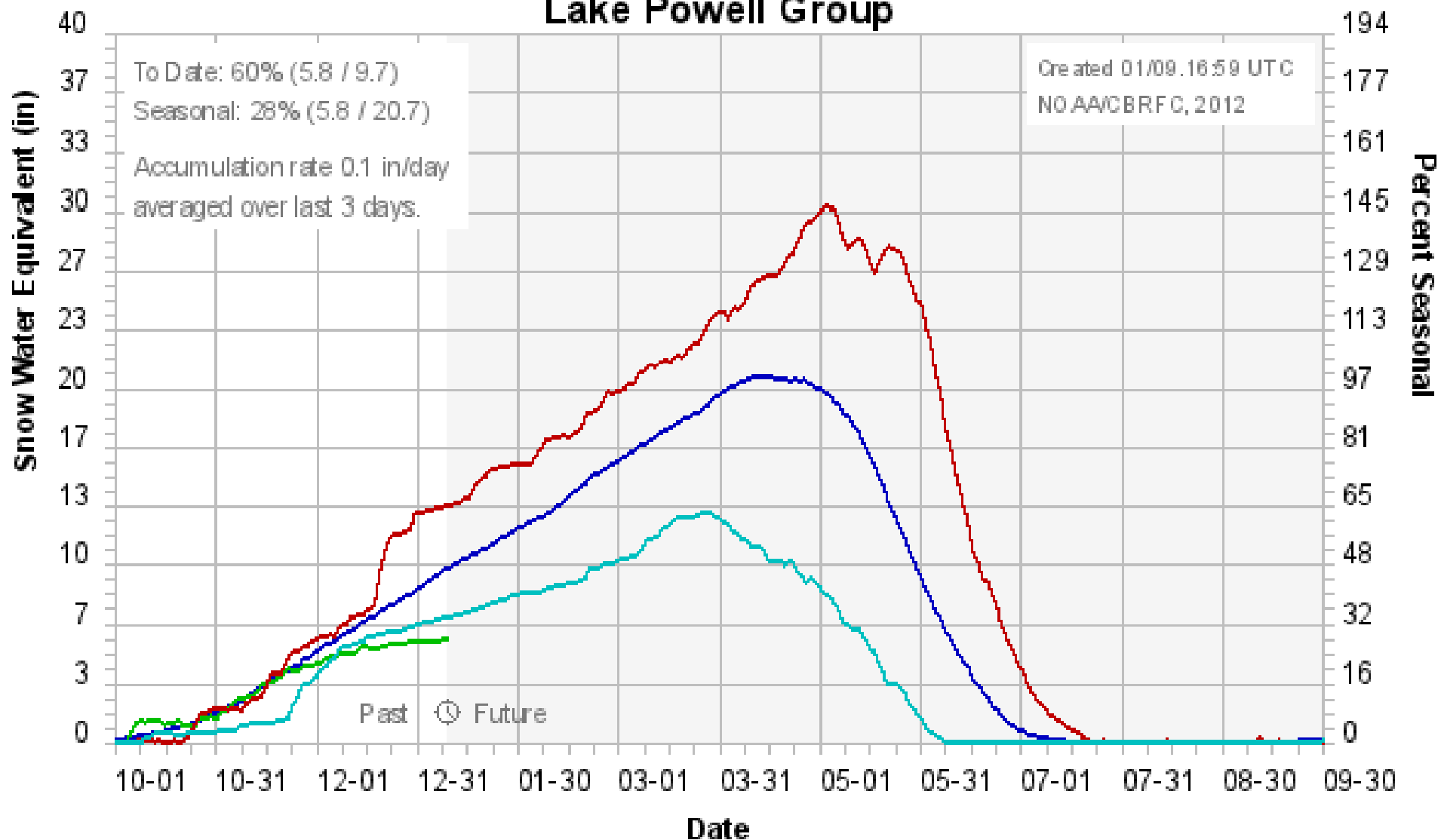
# MWD's Net ICS Creation 2006-11



2011 Data Provisional

Total 2012 ICS balance, after losses: 403 TAF

# Colorado Basin River Forecast Center Lake Powell Group



Average 1981-2010 — 2012 — 2011 — 2012 —

# Binational Agreement with Mexico

- IBWC's goal is to execute minute to 1944 U.S./Mexico Water Treaty in 2012
- Minute would address shortage, surplus, storage, and exchange opportunities
- State and federal agencies meeting later this week to attempt to reach consensus



# State Involvement in QSA

- In 2003, State of California agreed to
  - Undertake restoration of Salton Sea ecosystem
  - Cover any increase in QSA mitigation costs
- In 2011, appellate court upheld state's contract obligation to cover QSA cost increases
- To date, state has done little to advance restoration
- IID's delivery of 47,000 AF of non-conserved water to Salton Sea got attention of Basin States

# State Involvement in QSA (cont.)

- QSA parties concerned with lack of state involvement and budget constraints
  - DWR recommended unrealistic preferred alternative (\$9 billion capital, \$100 million annual O&M)
  - Parties met with Secretary Laird to encourage state to take action
- Concurrently, IID & SDCWA petitioned SWRCB to relieve them of mitigation water requirement for 2014 through 2017 (4 years early)

# IID's Under-conservation

- In November, IID informed USBR that it likely would be 15,000 AF short in meeting QSA conservation requirement for SDCWA transfer
  - Total transfer amount 80,000 AF in 2011
- USBR asked for input from QSA parties
  - MWD: Exchange requires conserved water; any shortfall would result in reduced deliveries to SDCWA
  - IID: Transfer shortfall should be considered an “Inadvertent Overrun”
  - NV: Transfer shortfall should be considered breach of QSA agreement

# USBR Staffing Changes

- Lorri Gray-Lee accepted Pacific Northwest Regional Director position
  - Will continue to assist on binational negotiations for next several months
- Terry Fulp named Acting Lower Colorado Regional Director

