



# Colorado River Management Report

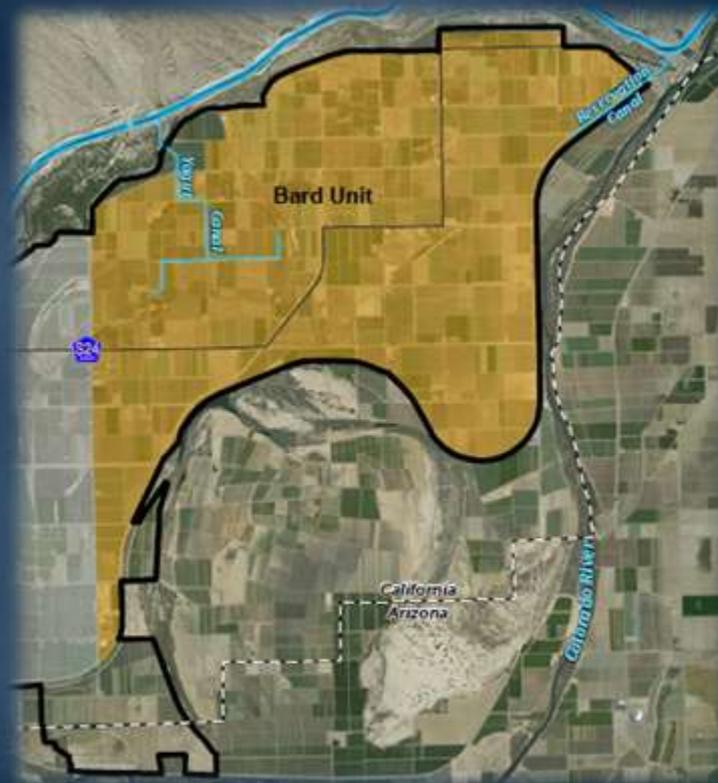
Water Planning and Stewardship Committee

Item 7b

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# Bard Water District Seasonal Following Program

Seeking Board Authorization in December



# Seasonal Fallowing Program Key Terms

- Agreement term through 2026
  - Consistent with Lake Mead ICS exhibit
- Up to 3,000 acres seasonally fallowed (4 mos.)
  - Yield of up to 6 taf annually
  - Non-binding fallowing call at MWD discretion
- 2020 payment of \$452/acre
  - ~\$220/AF; comparable to PVID payment rate
- 75% of payment to farmer; 25% to Bard WD
- \$15,000 annual payment to Bard for admin cost

# Amendments to Desert/Coachella Exchange Agreements

Seeking Board Authorization in December



# Exchange Amendments Key Terms

- Proportional sharing of SWP benefits and risks
  - Equal access to surplus and transfers
  - Delivery limitations shared proportionally
- Desert/Coachella share in MWD storage costs
  - MWD receives up to \$4 million in wetter years
- Removes MWD's recall of Table A water
- Allows MWD to defer delivery in dry years
- Establishes Operational Coordination Committee

# 35,000 AF CVWD Exchange Amendments Key Terms (QSA Agreement)

- Increases certainty and flexibility
  - CVWD gains certainty in Whitewater deliveries
  - MWD gains flexibility in timing of deliveries
- Increases exchange volume through 2026
  - MWD to exchange 50,000 AF annually
- Increases MWD yield from IID Conservation Program through 2026
  - Firm supply of 90,000 AF annually

# Preview of Paradox Valley Salinity Control Project Draft EIS

Seeking Board Input in January



# Preview of Draft EIS

- Scheduled for public release in early December
- Alternatives analyzed include:
  - No Action Alternative
  - Replacement of Brine Injection Well
  - Construct Evaporation Ponds
  - Construct Zero Liquid Discharge Facility
- Current schedule includes 45-day public review
- In January, will review options for Board input

