



Update on Binational Cooperation in the Colorado River Basin through Minute 323

Joint Water Planning and Stewardship
Committee and Conservation and Local
Resources Committee

Item 6c

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Presentation Overview

- Establishing a Collaborative Relationship with Mexico
- Overview of Minute 319 Accomplishments
- Ongoing Minute 323 Activities

Establishing a Cooperative Relationship with Mexico

Minute 317

Established a Framework for Exploring Binational Cooperation

Minute 319

Implemented ideas explored under Minute 317

1944

2010

2011

2012

2017

1944
Treaty

Minute 318

Emergency Storage in Response to Earthquake Damage

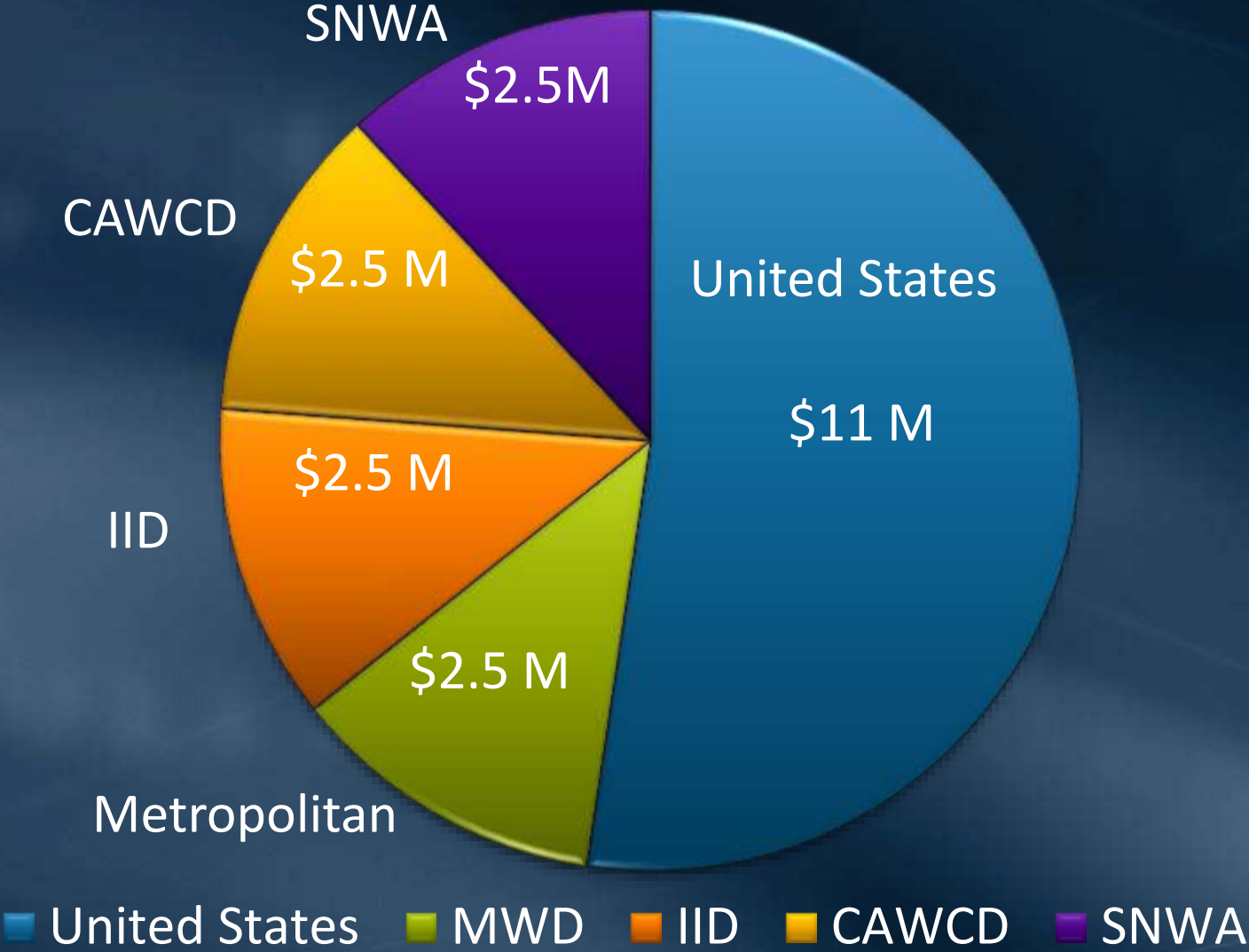
Minute 323

Extended and Expanded Minute 319
Expires in 2026

Minutes 319 and 323 Improve Cooperation

- Surplus and Shortage Sharing
 - Minute 323 Includes Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan
- Intentionally Created Mexican Allocation (ICMA)
- US Funds Conservation in Mexico
- Binational Workgroups
 - Projects
 - Environmental

Minute 319 Projects Cost Sharing

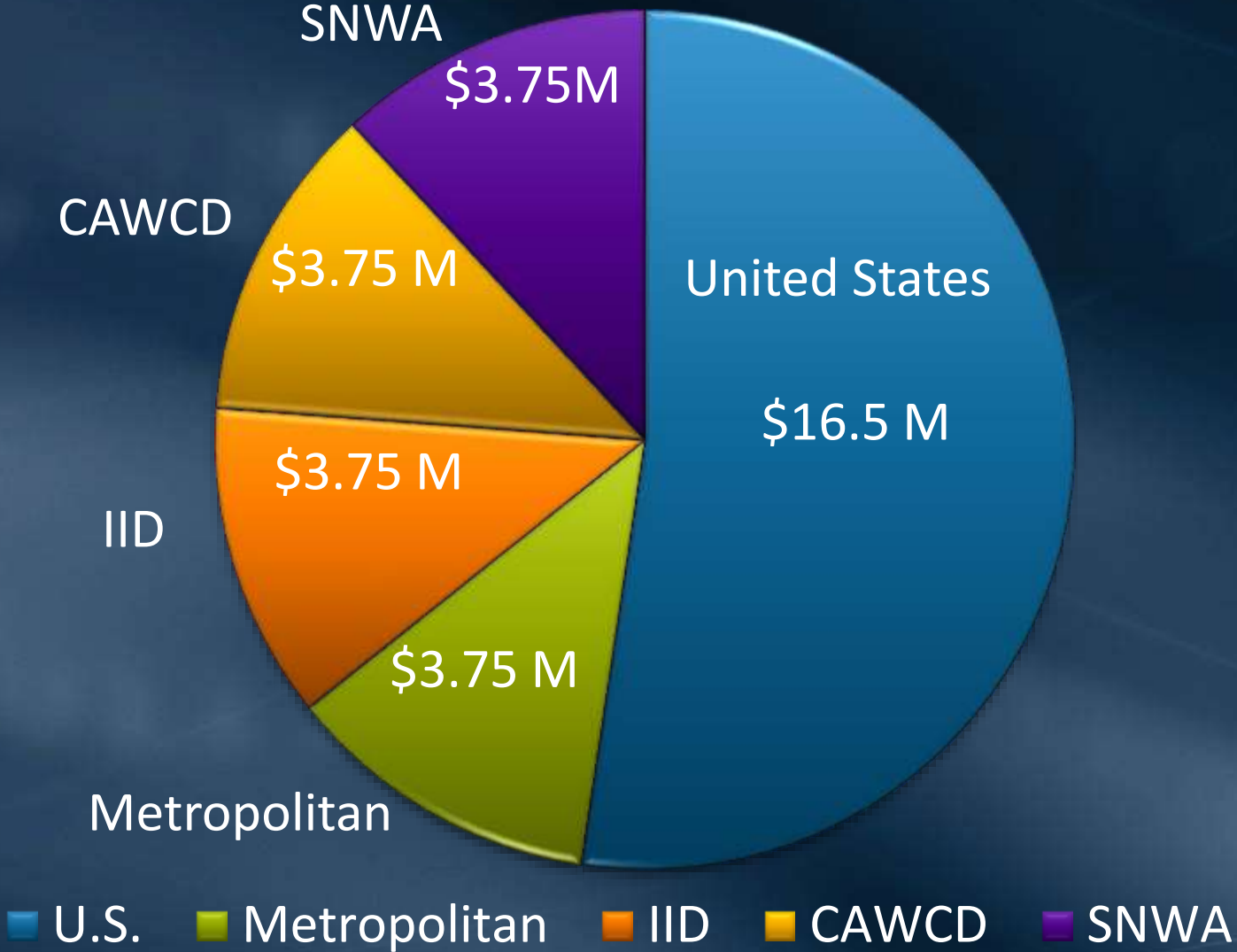


Minute 319 Increases Water Use Efficiency

- System Improvements
 - Canal Lining
 - Canal Construction, Restoration, and Interconnections
 - Automated Gates/Telemetry
 - Lining Transmission Pipelines
- On-Farm Improvements



Minute 323 Projects Cost Sharing



New Water Efforts Continued Under Minute 323

Canal Lining



On-Farm



Fallowing



System Operational Improvements



Wetlands and Wastewater Reuse



Pulse Flow Brings Life to Delta



Maintaining and Enhancing Habitat



Minute 323 Benefits Both Countries



Binational cooperation for a shared resource



Increases elevation of Lakes Mead and Powell

- Helps delay or avoid Lower Basin Shortages and DCP contributions



Conserved water shared by both countries



Water to support habitats created with Minute 319 Pulse Flow



Future Minute Needed after 2026

- Minute 323 Expires 2026
- Future Minute will be needed to continue cooperative actions
- Collective river operation criteria will be renegotiated between now and 2026

