



## ● **Colorado River Management Report**

### **Summary**

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This report provides a summary of activities related to management of Metropolitan's Colorado River resources for the month of August 2020.

### **Purpose**

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Informational

### **Detailed Report**

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#### **Colorado River Basin August 24-Month Study Issued**

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation issued the August 24-Month Study for Colorado River Basin for Water Year 2021. The August 24-Month Study projections of January 1, 2021 reservoir elevations sets the operating tiers for Lake Powell and Lake Mead and is used to project annual release volumes from Lake Powell to Lake Mead. Inflow into Powell is projected to be 8.7 million acre-feet (MAF), 80 percent of average inflow. That inflow would put Lake Powell in the Upper Elevation Balancing Tier, and based on the most probable scenario, trigger a 9 MAF release from Lake Powell. Release volumes may be adjusted downward to 8.23 MAF based on next year's April 24-Month Study. Lake Mead is projected to operate in a Normal/Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) Condition with Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan Contributions and Minute 323 water savings contributions. ICS and system conservation water are also projected to be created.