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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 4:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
CORRESPONDENCE
INTRODUCTIONS

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REGULAR ITEMS

(A three minute time limit per person has been established per Municipal Code Section 2-18)

1. Approve recommended change to the Youth Sports Handbook and allow the change to take effect on November 17, 2025. (ACT)

COMMISSION REQUESTS

MANAGER'S REPORT

[City](#) Manager's Reports for the weeks of October 31 and November 7, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

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Posted: November 14, 2025

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City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL PARKS AND RECREATION

Regular Special

Meeting Date: November 17, 2025

Title: Review and approve a change to the Youth Sport Handbook

Background: The 11th Bullet was added in 2024 to the handbook. We added an additional change in January of 2025 to move the 6th graders back down to 'B' division for Tournament play only. The NUSD policy for NMS sports allows 6th graders to try out for the 'B' team along with 7th graders. 7th graders can be cut from the team over a 6th grader. Last year we had five 6th grade girls and 1 boy (all returning all-stars) that made the girls and boys NMS 'B' team and this impacted our 'B' division girls (5th & 6th grade) and we had less than 15 players. This year there are 3 girls (2 returning all-stars) and 5 boys (all returning all-stars) on the NMS 'B' team. Allowing the 6th graders to play in the division for their grade, regardless of being on a school sports team, will allow our league to be competitive again and not at a disadvantage in tournament play.

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11th bullet – 6th graders that play on a school sports team will be ~~required to play in the 'A' Division for League play (A Division Basketball schedule is designed to accommodate the NMS games allowing players playing in both leagues to make games in each league.) 6th graders will be moved back down to the B Division (5th & 6th) for All Star Tournament play.~~ in the B Division (5th-6th grade) for league and tournament play.

Fiscal Impact: Costs minimal. Handbooks printed in-house

Critical Timeline: Basketball skills-drills are on the 17th beginning at 7:00pm for B division.

Environmental: N/A

Recommendation: Approve recommended change to the Youth Sports Handbook and allow the change to take effect on November 17, 2025.

Submitted By: Jennifer Valenzuela, Recreation Service Manager

City Management Review: Patrick J. Martinez **Date:** 11-14-2025

II. GENERAL LEAGUE PROCEDURES

a. Season Information:

- Basketball runs December through February (regular season), with tournament play in March.
- Pee Wee Basketball is conducted in June/July
- Pee Wee Soccer is conducted in October/November
- Volleyball is conducted in October/November
- Football is conducted in October/November
- The season lengths depend on the number of teams, but generally are 6 to 10 weeks long, (Pee Wee Basketball is the only exception). There are a maximum number of teams that each league can sustain due to facility and time constraints.
- The City of Needles youth sports leagues are divided by age and/or grade. The year of birth will determine eligibility. Divisions A, B and C are SCMAF guidelines. Combined Divisions and Pee Wee Divisions are modified to accommodate CITY OF NEEDLES league guidelines.
 - **Division A** (7th & 8th & 6th grade in middle school sports) – **Born in 2010 or 2011**
Players who are born in 2010 or 2011 and players born in 2009 and in a grade no higher than 8th are eligible.
 - **Division B** (5th & 6th grades) – **Born in 2012 or 2013**
Players who are born in 2012 or 2013 and players born in 2011 and in a grade no higher than 6th are eligible.
 - **Division C** (3rd & 4th grades) – **Born in 2014 or 2015**
Players who are born in 2014 or 2015 and players born in 2013 and in a grade no higher than 4th are eligible.
 - **Combined Division** (3rd – 6th grades) – **Born in 2011 – 2015** (Volleyball only)
Players who are born in 2012, 2013, 2014 or 2015 and players born in 2011 and in a grade no higher than 6th are eligible.
 - **Pee Wee Age:** 6 – 7 year olds (Have not reached 8th birthday by July 1st)
 - **Jr. Pee Wee Age:** 3 – 5 year olds (Have not reached 6th birthday by July 1st)
- Boys and girls may play one division above their listed age division. Participants may play in only one Recreation division in a season.
- The CITY OF NEEDLES generally offers A, B and C Divisions in Basketball and C Division in Football.
- Players are not allowed to play up or down a division without approval by the CITY OF NEEDLES League Director.
- All – 6th graders that play on a school sports team will be required to play in the ‘A’ Division for League play (A Division Basketball schedule is designed to accommodate the NMS games allowing players playing in both leagues to make games in each league.) 6th graders will be moved back down to the B Division (5th & 6th) for All- Star tournament play.

- b. **Facilities** – The CITY OF NEEDLES may secure facilities for practices and games, and will provide scheduled practice times for leagues using the gym. Additional parks, schools, and recreational facilities throughout the community may be used by coaches for additional practices. *Smoking is not allowed within 20 feet of main entrances, exits and operable windows of public buildings (California Government Code 7596-7598).*



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City Manager Patrick J. Martinez

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 31, 2025

1. **SNAP (CalFresh) Benefit Pause – Local Coordination**

The City issued a press release today regarding the temporary pause in SNAP (CalFresh) benefits scheduled for November 1, as announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The release provides residents with the latest information on the federal status of SNAP and highlights local food distribution partners offering immediate assistance. Earlier today, City staff met with St. Vincent De Paul, Set Free Church, St. Ann Catholic Church (Martha's Pantry), and Firehouse Ministries to coordinate service capacity and align community outreach efforts. Each organization confirmed readiness to meet increased demand through expanded food box distribution and meal services. The City will continue to provide updates through Needles Connect, the City website, and local media if federal or state funding is restored. This proactive coordination reinforces the City's commitment to ensuring that no resident goes without access to food during this temporary interruption. Refer to the attached press release.

2. **City of Needles Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Master Plan**

The City of Needles is pleased to announce that the California Highway Patrol has officially approved its Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Master Plan and Routes – Pilot Project. Needles is the only city in California authorized under Assembly Bill 2152 to designate combined-use highways within city limits, connecting Bureau of Land Management trails, recreation areas, and essential services. The Needles City Council adopted the Final OHMV Master Plan and Routes – Pilot Project Technical Memorandum on September 9, 2025. This milestone highlights strong collaboration to expand recreation access, promote tourism, and strengthen the regional economy. The approved plan establishes 9.20 miles of designated routes limited to 35 mph, requiring driver licensing, helmets, and insurance. With final CHP concurrence secured, the City is entering the implementation phase—launching community education efforts, including a public workshop and a dedicated website landing page to keep

residents informed. Needles continues to set the standard for safe, sustainable rural recreation.

3. Second Annual Community Fall Festival — Tomorrow, November 1, 2025

The City of Needles will host the Second Annual Community Fall Festival tomorrow, Saturday, November 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Santa Fe Park (950 Front Street). This free, family-focused event advances Council goals for community engagement, school partnerships, and a vibrant downtown. In collaboration with Vista Elementary School and the Needles Unified School District, the festival features games, a cake walk, bounce houses, crafts, food vendors, and live music by DJ Knoxx. Over 30 local vendors are participating, helping reduce City costs while maximizing community impact. Residents are encouraged to attend and enjoy a safe, high-energy event that showcases strong public-community partnerships. For questions, contact Jennifer Valenzuela at jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com or (760) 326-2814.

4. Economic Development and Business Attraction Efforts

This week, the City's economic development consultant, Michael Bracken of Development Management Group, Inc., brought a prospective developer to Needles to meet with City officials and explore opportunities for new investment. Mr. Bracken continues to work collaboratively with the City Council and City staff to advance the City's Economic Investment Marketing and Branding Strategic Plan (2022–2025), which identifies four priority areas for growth: industrial development, hospitality and tourism, housing, and retail. Through targeted outreach, trade show participation, and direct engagement with regional brokers and investors, the City is strategically positioning Needles to attract businesses that meet community needs and expand local employment opportunities. These efforts are part of a broader strategy to strengthen the City's economic base, enhance services, and create a sustainable future for residents and visitors alike.

5. Needles Sunday Market Kicks Off

The Needles Sunday Market kicks off this weekend at Santa Fe Park from 8 a.m. – 12p.m. Organized by local vendors and community partners, the market will run every Sunday through March 31, 2026, featuring a variety of booths offering food, handmade crafts, and locally produced goods. The City proudly supports these community-led efforts that align with the City Council's goals to foster a business-friendly environment, strengthen community engagement, and enhance local quality of life. Residents are encouraged to stop by, shop local, and enjoy this vibrant new addition to Needles' weekend scene.

6. Needles Pride Program & Infrastructure Improvements

The City of Needles remains committed to enhancing community cleanliness, safety, and overall appeal. The City Council continues to prioritize beautification efforts to ensure Needles remains a welcoming destination for residents and visitors alike. This week, Public Works crews repainted curbs along J Street and prepared key community spaces for upcoming events, including improvements to the Recreation Center parking lot for *Trunk or Treat* and Santa Fe Park for the

Second Annual Community Fall Festival. These investments reflect the Council's focus on public space revitalization and community pride. Residents can report concerns by calling 760-326-5700 (press 9) or using the Needles Connect app on [Google Play Store](#) (Android) and [Apple Store](#) (iOS). Together, we continue to make Needles a brighter and more vibrant place to live.

7. League of California Cities Annual Conference – CCMF Panel Participation

City Manager Patrick Martinez represented the City of Needles as a featured panelist during the California City Management Foundation's session, *"Overcoming Organizational Challenges: Reframing Career Challenges as Leadership Milestones,"* held at the 2025 League of California Cities Annual Conference. The discussion focused on resilience, leadership growth, and reframing professional challenges as opportunities for advancement. Mr. Martinez joined fellow city managers from Rolling Hills Estates and Suisun City to share strategies for navigating organizational transitions with intention. His participation reflects Needles' increasing visibility and leadership within the statewide city management community. Additional details are provided in the attached CCMF article highlighting the panel and its focus on advancing excellence in local government leadership.

8. 6th Annual Trunk or Treat — October 30, 2025

The City of Needles extends its appreciation to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department for hosting the 6th Annual Trunk or Treat on October 30, 2025, at the Needles Recreation Center. The event drew an outstanding turnout and provided a safe, festive environment for families to celebrate Halloween. Creativity was on full display with decorated trunks, costumes, and themed activities that delighted children and families alike. Special recognition goes to Officer Misty Hunt for her exceptional leadership and coordination in organizing this community favorite. The City also thanks its many partners—county agencies, local businesses, schools, service organizations, and community volunteers—for their participation and support. Their efforts made this year's event a success and demonstrated the City Council's ongoing commitment to family engagement, safety, and community pride.

9. Spring 2026 Registration Now Open at Palo Verde College

Empower your future close to home — registration for Spring 2026 classes at Palo Verde College's Needles Educational Center opens **November 2, 2025**. Located at **725 W. Broadway Street**, the Center continues to expand opportunities for higher education, career training, and lifelong learning right here in Needles. This aligns with the City Council's commitment to building a family-friendly and education-driven community. Learn more and register today at www.paloverde.edu or scan the QR code featured on the attached flyer.

10. Needles Elks Lodge Membership Drive — November 2, 2025

The Needles Elks Lodge will host a Membership Drive on Sunday, November 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 1000 Lillyhill Drive. The event invites community members to learn more about the Elks' ongoing efforts to support youth programs, assist veterans, and enhance local quality of life. The City

encourages residents to attend, enjoy refreshments, and consider joining this long-standing organization dedicated to service and community improvement. Becoming an Elk is a great way to make a positive difference in Needles!

11. 49th Annual Fort Mojave Days Parade — October 2025

The City of Needles proudly participated in the 49th Annual Fort Mojave Days Parade with the City's historic 1923 American LaFrance Fire Truck, making its inaugural parade appearance. Mayor Janet Jernigan and Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell represented the City aboard the restored vehicle, joining the celebration of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe's rich heritage and enduring contributions to the region. This participation supports the City Council's goal of strengthening government-to-government relationships and honoring cultural traditions that unite the community. The parade served as a meaningful opportunity to celebrate the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe and its vital role in the tri-state area's history and future. A heartfelt thank-you goes to the Public Works Department and dedicated volunteer Tim Wahlstrand, whose craftsmanship and commitment brought the historic fire truck back to life—a symbol of shared pride, unity, and respect for the people and traditions of the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe.

12. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event — October 4, 2025

The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD) successfully conducted the semi-annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection event on October 4, 2025, in Needles. A total of 3,313 pounds of hazardous and electronic waste were collected from 30 participants, marking a continued improvement in community engagement compared to prior years. The event provided residents with a safe and convenient way to dispose of items such as latex paint, motor oil, e-waste, and household batteries. The HHW Collection program, held twice annually in March and October, reflects the City's commitment to promoting environmental responsibility and public safety. Residents are encouraged to participate in the next event scheduled for **March 2026**. Full event data provided by SBCFPD is attached for reference.

13. Duke Watkins Park Splash Pad – Seasonal Closure and Maintenance

The splash pad at Duke Watkins Park will close for the winter season beginning Monday, November 3, and will reopen in Spring. This seasonal closure helps conserve water and allows staff to perform preventive maintenance and system checks ahead of the spring reopening. The City extends its appreciation to the Public Works Department and the Parks and Recreation team for their ongoing efforts to keep the facility well-maintained and accessible throughout the year. Their dedication ensures that families can continue to enjoy a safe and reliable recreational space during the warmer months.

14. Community Events Calendar Now Live

The City's new website now features a [Community Events Calendar](#)—a single source for community events, civic meetings, and community programs. Local organizations are invited to submit or update events through the City Clerk's Office to keep the calendar current and inclusive. Contact **Candace Clark** at

cclark@cityofneedles.com to participate. Residents can subscribe and sync the calendar to mobile devices for real-time updates, making it easier to stay informed and engaged.



1. SNAP BENEFIT PAUSE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City of Needles Shares Local Food Resources Following Temporary Pause in SNAP Benefits

Needles, California – Friday, October 31, 2025 – The **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**, which oversees the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**, has announced a temporary interruption in benefit distribution, with **no benefits scheduled to be issued on November 1st**.

In response, the **City of Needles** and its local food distribution partners are sharing the following community resources available to any residents affected by this pause in SNAP benefits:

- **St. Vincent De Paul** – 839 Front Street | (760) 326-4420
Open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
No income restrictions; free food boxes available to all residents.
- **Set Free Church** – 404 F Street | (760) 326-2941 | Cell: (760) 877-3940
Serves three hot meals daily at 8 a.m., 12 p.m., and 5 p.m.
Provides snack lunches and free food boxes on request; delivery available for homebound residents.
- **St. Ann Catholic Church (Martha's Pantry)** – 218 D Street | (760) 326-2721
Provides bag lunches on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- **Firehouse Ministries** – 809 Bush Street | (760) 443-4342
Weekly food distribution every Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Monthly event: **November 15** at F Street & Broadway.
Hot meals Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sundays at 9:00 a.m.; snack lunches Mondays and Fridays.

The **City of Needles** is committed to ensuring that no resident goes hungry. Additional community food drives will be announced as they are organized.

Residents are encouraged to follow **Needles Connect** or contact **City Hall at (760) 326-2113** for updates.

If federal or state funding is restored, benefits may resume. The City will share updates as soon as more information is available.

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November CalFresh Benefits

Due to the **federal government shutdown**, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is not sending money to states for November CalFresh (SNAP) benefits.

This means **your county cannot add money to your EBT card** until federal funding is restored.

This impacts all CalFresh households and cannot be appealed.

You can **keep using your existing benefits as usual.**

If you need food now, visit cafoodbanks.org/find-food to find your local food bank.



QR Code Link: [CDSS CalFresh FAQs](#)

Visit cdss.ca.gov for the latest information.



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2. OHMV MASTERPLAN

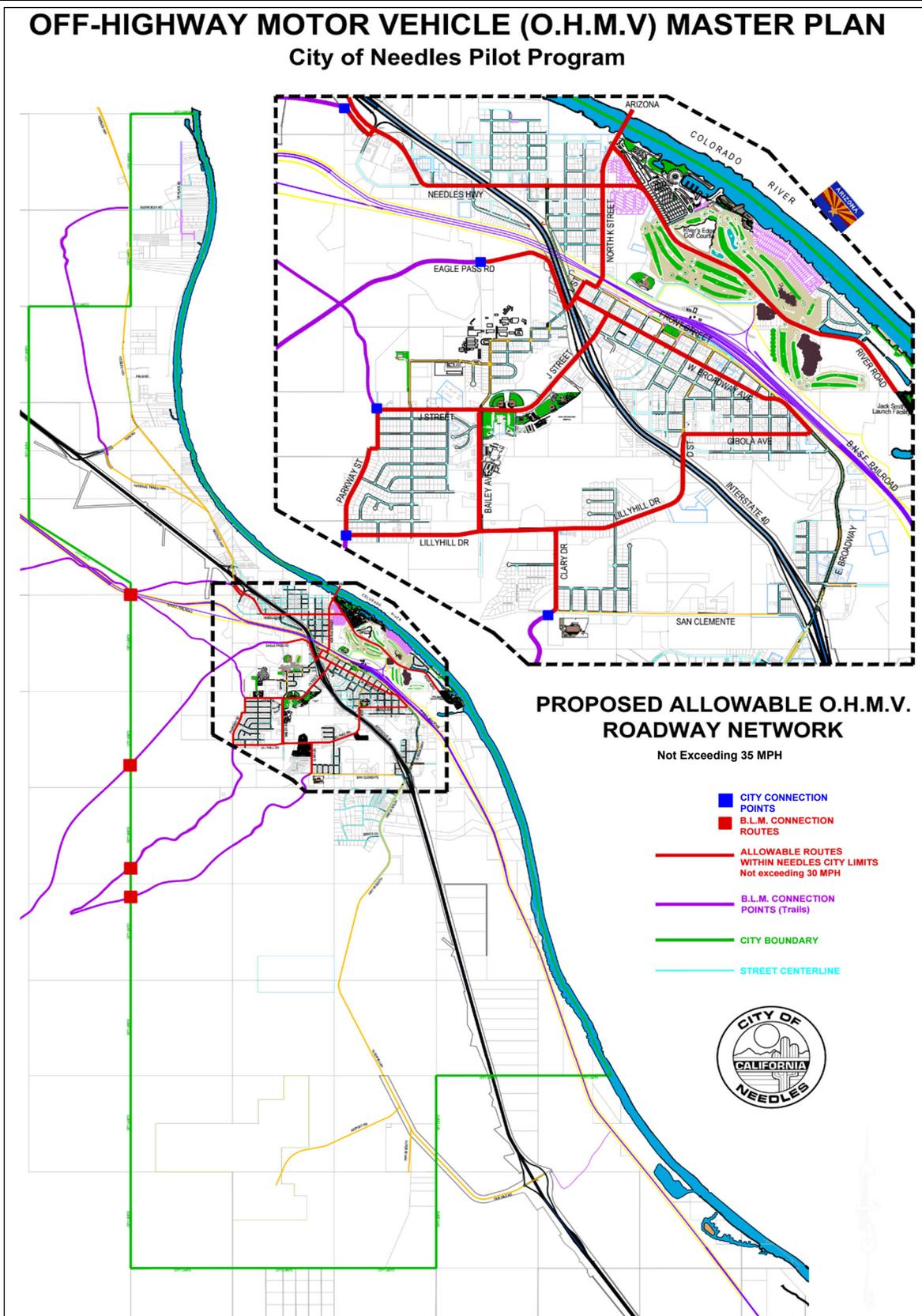


Figure 2: Proposed Allowable Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Routes Within the City of Needles & Connection to BLM Interface Point



Table 1: Proposed Allowable OHMV Routes Roadway Characteristics Summary

Street Name	From	To	Distance (mi)	Posted Speed Limit Sign	Designated Bike Lane	Street Lighting	Sight Distance	Other Roadway Characteristics
Eagle Pass Rd*	Slightly Past El Monte Dr.	S L St	1.88*	None	No	None	Good	- 1 Lane in each direction, Unpaved - No clear roadway markings/stripping or shoulder - Topography: Flat - Adjacent Infrastructure: Little to none
J St	Parkway St.	U.S. Rte 66/ W. Broadway	1.00	35 MPH	No	Yes	Good	- 1 Lane in each direction - Partial striping, sidewalks, and shoulder east of Balboa St - Clear striping, sidewalks, and shoulder west of Balboa St - Presence of driveways - Topography: Flat - Adjacent Infrastructure: residential, civic & institutional, park
Lillyhill Dr	Parkway St.	Cibola St	1.5	30 MPH	No	Yes	Good	- Partial striping and sidewalks, no shoulder - Wider roadway with on-street parking on both sides of the road between Bailey Ave and Clary Dr - Presence of driveways - Topography: moderate horizontal curves, occasional vertical dips - Adjacent Infrastructure: residential on Lillyhill
Clary Dr Clary Dr*	Lillyhill Dr. San Clemente	San Clemente St.	0.30 0.19*	None (within these limits)	No	Partial	Good	- 1 Lane in each direction - No clear striping, shoulder or sidewalks - Presence of a few driveways - Topography: flat, moderate horizontal curves - Adjacent Infrastructure: sparse residential & vacant lands
Columbus Dr.	Pashard St.	Columbus Dr. (End Pavement)	0.13	None	No	None	Good	- 1 Lane in each direction - No clear roadway markings/stripping or shoulder - Topography: Flat - Adjacent Infrastructure: Commercial
Bridge/ River Rd	N. K St.	Jack Smith Park	1.67	25 & 25 MPH	No	Partial	Fair - Poor	- 1 Lane in each direction - No Sidewalk/Shoulder - Topography: Mostly flat with occasional dip
N. & S. K St.	Front St.	Needles Bridge	0.69	30 MPH	No	Yes	Good	- Mostly 1 Lane in each direction - One to two sidewalks - Presence of Driveways & Businesses - Traverses under a 3-RR X-ing - Presence of two Traffic Signals along the way
Needles Hwy	N. K St.	WB I-40 Ramps	1.26	30 MPH	No	Partial	Good	- Generally 1-2 Lanes in each direction - With sidewalks on both sides - Presence of two Traffic Signals along the way - Mixed Land uses along the way
Parkway St.	Lillyhill Dr.	J St.	0.53	None (within these limits)	No	Partial	Good	- 1 Lane in each direction - No clear striping, shoulder or sidewalks - Presence of a few driveways - Topography: flat, moderate horizontal curve
Ciabola St.	E. Broadway	D St.	0.46	25 MPH	No	Yes	Good	- 1 Lane in each direction - Sidewalks - Presence of a driveways - Topography: flat, moderate horizontal curve
W. Broadway/ Hist. U.S./County Rte 66	Ciabola St.	L St.	1.02	30 MPH	No	Partial	Good	- Mostly 2 Lanes in each direction - Mixed land uses - Presence of Two Traffic Signals along the way - With and without sidewalks on both sides - Topography: flat, moderate horizontal curve
L St.	Front St.	Eagle Pass Rd.	0.13	None	No	None	Good	- 1 Lane in each direction - No clear roadway markings/stripping or shoulder - With sidewalks on both sides, presence of few driveways - Topography: Flat - Adjacent Infrastructure: Residential
Front St.	N. K St.	L St.	0.05	None	No	None	Good	- 1 Lane in each direction - With sidewalks on one side, presence of few driveways - Topography: Flat - Adjacent Infrastructure: Residential
Bailey Ave.	J St.	Lillyhill Dr.	0.46	35 MPH	No	Yes	Good	- 2 Lanes in each direction - Sidewalks on both sides till 1600 Bailey Ave. - Presence of a few driveways - Topography: flat

Total Distance of Proposed Paved OHMV Routes: 9.20 Miles

*Unpaved City Roadway (not to be counted as a part of total OHMV Routes)

3. SECOND ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL



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4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS



5. NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET



Needles Sunday Market



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8AM - 12PM

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CCMF October 2025 Panel Recaps: League of California Cities Annual Conference and ICMA Annual Conference

During the month of October, CCMF hosted two insightful panel discussions, one at the [2025 League of California Cities \(LOCC\) Annual Conference](#) and the other at the [2025 ICMA Annual Conference](#). These panels, "Overcoming Organizational Challenges: Reframing Career Challenges as Leadership Milestones" and "Mental Health and Well-Being in Turbulent Times: Tips and Best Practices for Facing Work Challenges & Personal Crises," brought together experienced leaders to share their expertise on two critical aspects of city management, career transitions and mental health.

Navigating Career Changes with Intention

The LOCC panel, "Overcoming Organizational Challenges: Reframing Career Challenges as Leadership Milestones," focused on how city leaders can transform unexpected obstacles into opportunities for growth, with insights on building resilience and reframing difficulties as valuable learning experiences. The discussion was moderated by CCMF Board Member and El Cerrito City Manager Karen Pinkos and featured panelists:

- **Patrick Martinez**, City Manager, City of Needles
- **Alexa Davis**, Assistant City Manager, City of Rollings Hills Estates
- **Bret Prebula**, City Manager, City of Suisun City

The conversation highlighted how embracing intentionality during career transitions can empower leaders to turn professional setbacks into stepping stones for purposeful leadership and long-term success.

Centering Mental Health and Well-Being in City Management

The ICMA panel, "Mental Health and Well-Being in Turbulent Times: Tips and Best

Practices for Facing Work Challenges & Personal Crises" highlighted strategies for supporting mental health in the workplace and beyond, with ICMA West Coast Regional Director Pat Martel, CCMF Board Director Ken Pulskamp and licensed psychotherapist Beverly Foo-Colon, LCSW, leading the discussion.

As awareness of burnout and stress grows in public administration, this panel emphasized the importance of proactive mental health support and accessible resources for city leaders.

CCMF is also proud to have sponsored the Annual Conference Reception at ICMA. The event, co-hosted with the Cal Cities City Manager's Department, Cal-ICMA, MMANC and MMASC, brought local government professionals together for an evening of networking and celebration.

CCMF thanks all who attended and contributed to these important conversations. The panels offered city managers an opportunity to reflect on their career journeys, exchange valuable insights and engage in thoughtful dialogue about the future of local government leadership.

October 28th, 2025

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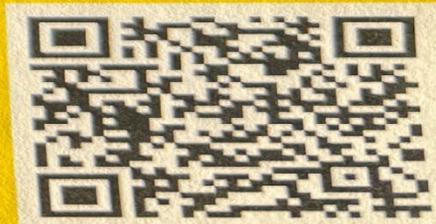


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10. ELKS LODGE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

A graphic for an Elks lodge membership drive. It features a large blue and red shield shape on a background of a blue sky with white clouds. The shield has a red top section with the text 'ELKS NEXT EXIT' in white and yellow, and a blue bottom section with the word 'MEMBERSHIP' in white. A red banner across the middle of the shield says 'Membership Drive' in white. A cursive script in red says 'Join us at the Lodge!'. At the bottom of the shield, there are two silver bolts. Below the shield, a black bar contains the text 'Community • Friendship • Charity' and 'join.elks.org' in white. The Elks USA logo is in the bottom right corner of the black bar.

ELKS NEXT EXIT
Join us at the Lodge!
MEMBERSHIP
Membership Drive

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“Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, meet the needs of today's veterans, and improve the quality of life.”

NOVEMBER 2, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

11. ANNUAL FORT MOJAVE PARADE



12. HHWC

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October 31, 2025

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Utility Manager
City of Needles
817 Third Street
Needles, California 92363

Subject: *October 4, 2025 Household Hazardous Waste/E-waste Collection*

Dear Rainie,

The following waste was collected from 30 participants at the October 4, 2025 Needles HHW Collection:

Waste	Amounts (lbs.)	Waste	Amounts (lbs.)
Flammable Solid/Liquid	128	Antifreeze	0
Oil Based Paint	117	Motor Oil	283
Toxics	0	Used Oil Filters	0
Corrosive Acids	0	Fluorescent Tubes	19
Corrosive Bases	0	Household Batteries	30
Oxidizers	0	Lead Acid Batteries	57
Latex Paint	976	CRTs/Misc E-waste	1,582
Aerosols	48	Compressed Gas Cylinder	5
Pharmaceuticals	20	Sharps	18
Fertilizers	0	Materials Exchange	30
Fire Extinguishers	0	Cooking Oil	0
		Total	3,313

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail me at (909) 382-5401 mvangese@sbcfire.org

Sincerely,

Michael VanGese,
Environmental Specialist

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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 7, 2025

1. **Third Annual Veterans Day Ceremony and Pancake Breakfast**

The community is invited to the Third Annual Veterans Day Ceremony and Honor Guard Pancake Breakfast this Saturday, November 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at El Garces, located at 950 Front Street. This annual tradition honors the brave men and women who have served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard. Veterans will be treated to a complimentary pancake breakfast, with a \$5 charge for all others. The event continues to advance Council goals for community engagement and civic pride while recognizing the service and sacrifice of our local heroes. Special thanks to the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, VFW Post 404, Needles Military Moms, Hampton Inn, and Wagon Wheel Restaurant for their continued partnership and support. Refer to the attached flyer for event details.

2. **Inaugural Needles Sunday Market – Supporting Local Vendors**

The community turned out this past weekend to support the inaugural Needles Sunday Market at Santa Fe Park, with a steady flow of visitors and a strong vendor showing. The market runs every Sunday, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., through March 31, 2026. This community-led effort advances Council goals to foster a business-friendly environment, strengthen community engagement, and enhance quality of life. Come out each week, shop local, and help this become a staple of our downtown weekend scene. Vendors are welcome—boost your business and connect with residents. Contact Market Manager Patrick Lauterio at **(760) 848-8289** or needlesfarmers@gmail.com to participate.

3. **Bureau of Reclamation Confirms Tier 2 Shortage for 2026**

City officials recently met with the Bureau of Reclamation for the annual 2026 Colorado River Basin Conditions Update. The City was commended for diverting 233 acre-feet less than ordered during the 2025 water year, reflecting strong conservation practices. BOR reported total system storage between Lake Powell and Lake Mead has declined from 43% to 37%, with Powell now 29% full and Mead projected near elevation 1,053 feet. Despite a solid snowpack, only half of the runoff reached reservoirs due to early heat, evaporation, and dry

soils. A Tier 2 Shortage is forecast for 2026 as existing shortage and conservation contracts expire, with no new agreement yet reached among basin states. BOR anticipates releasing a draft post-2026 operations plan later this year. All WaterSMART funding is currently frozen pending federal updates. These developments reinforce Needles' proactive approach to responsible water management and long-term drought resilience. Refer to the attached BOR report for detailed data and projections.

4. **Discover Inland Empire: Showcasing Needles on the Global Stage**

The City of Needles continues to expand its international tourism presence through the City's partnership with Discover Inland Empire (IE). From November 5–10, 2025, Needles is proudly featured at Discover IE's booth during the Asia Sales Mission and Taipei International Travel Fair in Taipei and Hong Kong. This global showcase introduces thousands of travel professionals and media representatives to Needles' unique Route 66 heritage, riverfront recreation, and authentic small-town charm. Over the past several years, under the leadership of Mayor Jernigan and the City Council, Needles has worked closely with Freddy Bi and Discover IE to attract and strengthen tourism opportunities. These ongoing efforts follow last year's successful familiarization tours that welcomed international delegates from Taiwan and Japan to experience Needles firsthand. Featuring Needles in this international platform supports the Council's strategic priorities to expand tourism, foster economic development, and promote the City as a vibrant gateway to California's Route 66 corridor and the Colorado River region. Refer to the attached image of booth image. Refer to the attached booth image.

5. **Parks and Recreation: Celebrating Community and Holiday Spirit**

The City of Needles Parks and Recreation Department continues to strengthen our community through programs that promote youth development, recreation, and family engagement. Registration is now open for two upcoming holiday events—the **Route 66 Pee Wee Derby** on **December 6th** during the Downtown Holiday Fun Fair on Broadway, and **Santa's Workshop** on **December 13th** at the Needles Recreation Center, 1705 J Street. These events bring families together to celebrate the season while fostering creativity and community pride. Parks and Recreation is also launching its annual **Youth Basketball League** for **3rd–8th graders**, with registration open until **November 16th** and skills and drills beginning **November 17th**. Scholarships and sibling discounts are available to ensure participation is accessible to all families. The City extends its gratitude to the Parks and Recreation team for their continued dedication to creating opportunities that strengthen our community and enrich the lives of our youth. For registration or more information, call the Needles Recreation Center at **(760) 326-2814**.

6. **Second Annual Community Fall Festival – Strengthening Partnerships**

The community came out strong for the Second Annual Community Fall Festival at Santa Fe Park, a great success in partnership with Vista Elementary and the Needles Unified School District. The event featured games, bounce houses, food vendors, crafts, and live music by DJ Knoxx, with over 30 local vendors

helping offset City costs. The festival advanced Council goals for community engagement, school partnerships, and a vibrant downtown. Special thanks to the Needles Unified School District, Public Works, and Parks & Recreation teams for their outstanding efforts in making this family event a success. Refer to the attached images for a glimpse of the day.

7. Needles Little League Shade Fundraiser – Supporting Recreation

The City of Needles commends the Needles Little League for its continued efforts to improve local recreational facilities through a community-driven fundraising campaign. Through a 3:1 matching grant from the Legacy Foundation, this project will bring three new shade structures to the fields, providing essential relief and comfort for players, families, and fans during the hot desert months. These improvements will enhance safety, encourage greater community participation, and create a more enjoyable environment for all who come out to support our youth. The Needles Little League is calling on the community to help reach the fundraising goal—every donation, big or small, makes a difference. Contributions are tax-deductible and will directly benefit the young athletes and families of Needles. Donations can be mailed to Needles Little League, P.O. Box 762, Needles, CA 92363. For more information, contact Josh Raley at (760) 220-7886. Together, we can continue to build a stronger, more vibrant youth sports community.

8. Festival of Trees – Celebrating the Season of Giving

The City of Needles is proud to partner with Palo Verde College Needles Center and community organizations to present the annual Festival of Trees on Saturday, December 6, 2025. This cherished holiday event invites local businesses, non-profits, and individuals to decorate artificial trees with creative themes, transforming the campus into a festive showcase of community spirit. Visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite tree, with the top entry receiving special recognition. The event will also feature Santa Claus, photo opportunities, and a silent auction, with proceeds benefitting Palo Verde College Needles students and local youth organizations. Participants can drop off and decorate their trees between December 1–5, with judging beginning at 11 a.m. on event day and winners announced during the Holiday Parade. Registration forms are available at Palo Verde College Needles Center, 725 W. Broadway, or by contacting Talana Wade at (760) 326-5033 or talana.wade@paloverde.edu.

9. Colorado River Station / Needles Police Department – Facility Reopens

The Colorado River Station / Needles Police Department has officially moved back into its newly renovated facility, marking a significant milestone for public safety services in our community. The upgraded station, located at 1111 Bailey Avenue adjacent to the Needles Court, features enhanced space and modernized infrastructure designed to better support law enforcement operations and strengthen community engagement. The department's phone number remains 760-326-9200. This relocation reflects San Bernardino County's continued investment in public safety and its commitment to enhancing accessibility and service delivery for residents. The City extends its sincere

appreciation to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department for their partnership and steadfast dedication to the Needles community.

10. Needles High School Football Playoffs and Alumni Partnership

The Needles High School Mustangs open their playoff run this Friday at 7:00 p.m. at home against White Pine High School. Led by Head Coach Thomas DeLeon, the team continues to showcase the determination and pride that define our community. In support of local education and school spirit, the Needles Unified School District—alongside the Needles Alumni Association—recently installed a new “Education 1st – All Students Learn” sign along Broadway Street. The display highlights the district’s strong commitment to academic excellence and community pride. The City values its continued partnership with the District and Alumni Association, recognizing their efforts to inspire the next generation of Mustangs. Let’s come together this Friday night and cheer on the Mustangs as they compete in the first round of the playoffs.

11. Team California – 2025 Meet the Consultants Conference

City Manager Patrick Martinez attended the 2025 Meet the Consultants event hosted by Team California in Concord, California. The City’s participation was made possible through a one-year membership scholarship funded by the AHEAD Grant from FHLBank San Francisco. The three-day conference gathered site selectors, economic development professionals, and industry leaders to discuss business attraction strategies, workforce innovation, and economic trends shaping California’s growth. The event focused on positioning communities like Needles to attract advanced manufacturing, logistics, and clean industry investment, directly supporting City Council goals to diversify the local economy, create quality jobs, and promote sustainable development. Participation in this statewide network strengthens the City’s visibility among key decision-makers influencing business expansion and investment across the state.

12. Needles Pride Program & Infrastructure Improvements

The City of Needles remains steadfast in its commitment to community pride—enhancing cleanliness, safety, and the city’s overall appeal. The City Council continues to prioritize beautification projects that make Needles a welcoming destination for residents and visitors alike. As part of this ongoing effort, the \$3.96 million Duke Watkins Park Improvement Project now features a new Expression Wall showcasing local art and community spirit. Over the weekend, local artist Cycle George, assisted by former Councilmember Zachery Longacre, completed a vibrant desert-themed mural that celebrates Needles’ unique character and supports Council goals for beautification, recreation, and public engagement. Residents can report concerns by calling 760-326-5700 (press 9) or using the Needles Connect app on [Google Play Store](#) (Android) and [Apple Store](#) (iOS). Together, we continue to make Needles a brighter and more vibrant place to live.

13. Duke Watkins Park Splash Pad –System Upkeep

This week, Public Works crews performed maintenance on the Duke Watkins Park Splash Pad as part of the City’s seasonal upkeep program. Regular maintenance during the winter closure is essential to conserve water, protect equipment from weather-related wear, and ensure all systems are functioning properly before reopening in spring. These preventive measures extend the life of the facility and help avoid costly repairs, keeping the splash pad safe, efficient, and ready for families to enjoy when temperatures rise again. Refer to the attached image for a glimpse of our team completing the maintenance work.

14. Veteran Special Recognition Award – George DeLeon

The City of Needles is proud to announce that George DeLeon was honored with the Veteran Special Recognition Award at the 28th Annual Community Achievement Awards, hosted by the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce. This regional event celebrates individuals and organizations whose service strengthens the Colorado River community. Mr. DeLeon’s recognition highlights his outstanding dedication to both his country and the City of Needles, reflecting the values of commitment, leadership, and civic pride. The City also extends its appreciation to Dr. Mary McNeil, who served as head judge on the awards committee representing Needles. Her continued commitment to regional collaboration and community excellence is deeply valued. Congratulations to both for their outstanding contributions—and a reminder to residents and organizations to prepare nominations for next year’s awards to help highlight the many people making a difference in Needles.

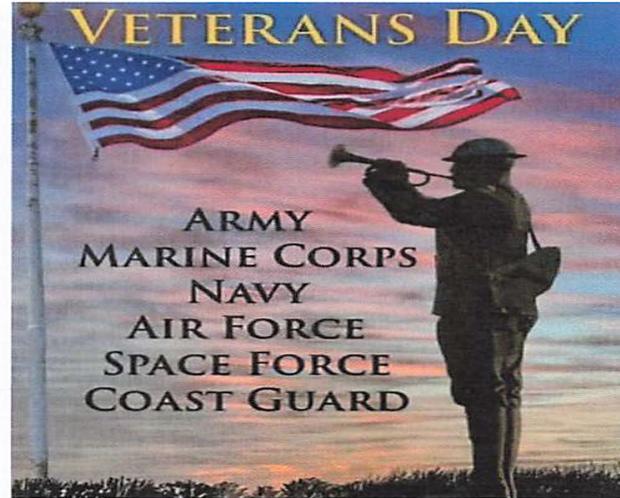
15. City Hall will be closed on **Tuesday, November 11, 2025**, in observance of **Veterans Day**. Regular operations will resume on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025**, starting at **8:30 a.m.** For emergencies, please contact City Staff directly at **(760) 326-5700**. Our after-hours answering service will promptly direct your call to the appropriate staff member. Please refer to the attached flyer posted on the front doors of City Hall for public awareness.

16. Community Events Calendar Now Live

The City’s new website now features a [Community Events Calendar](#)—a single source for community events, civic meetings, and community programs. Local organizations are invited to submit or update events through the City Clerk’s Office to keep the calendar current and inclusive. Contact **Candace Clark at cclark@cityofneedles.com** to participate. Residents can subscribe and sync the calendar to mobile devices for real-time updates, making it easier to stay informed and engaged.

1. VETERANS EVENT

“NEEDLES HONORING VETERANS”



November 8, 2025
Needles El Garces on Route 66
950 Front Street in Needles
8-11 AM

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY HONOR GUARD
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Complimentary to local veterans
All others are \$5

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Colorado River Plumbing Colorado River Medical Center Deco Foodservice
Friends of the El Garces Hardware Express Needles Aerie #2599
Needles Elks Lodge #1608 Needles Military Moms
Needles Rodeo Association Set Free Church of Needles VFW Post 404
Billett Health Wagon Wheel Restaurant City of Needles

2. NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET



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Needles Sunday Market



**Fresh Produce
from DD Farms
November 2nd!**

Santa Fe Park

8AM - 12PM

EVERY SUNDAY THROUGH MARCH 31ST, 2026

2. NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET





— BUREAU OF —
RECLAMATION

2026 Part 417 Consultation: Colorado River Basin Conditions Update

Water Accounting & Verification Group
Boulder Canyon Operations Office
Jeremy Dodds, Deputy Area Manager

October 2025



Colorado River Basin Storage

(as of October 15, 2025)

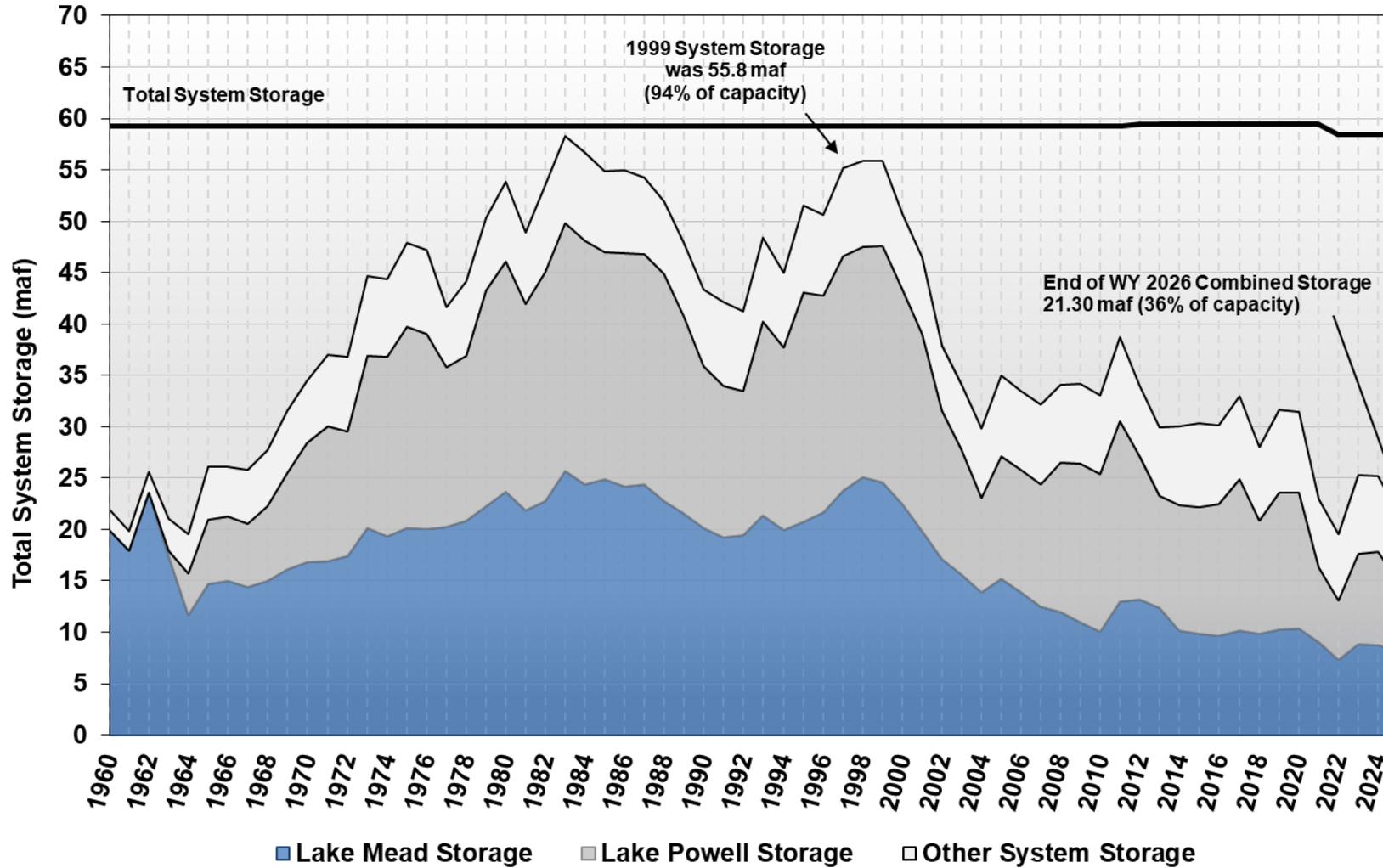
Reservoir	Percent Full	Storage (maf)	Elevation (feet)
Lake Powell	29%	6.78	3,545.10
Lake Mead	32%	8.25	1,057.71
Total System Storage	37%	21.86	- - -

Total system storage was 43% of capacity, with 24.91 maf in storage, this date in 2024. System storage was 43% of capacity on this date in 2023 as well.



End of Water Year Colorado River Basin Total System Storage

Water Years 1960 - 2026

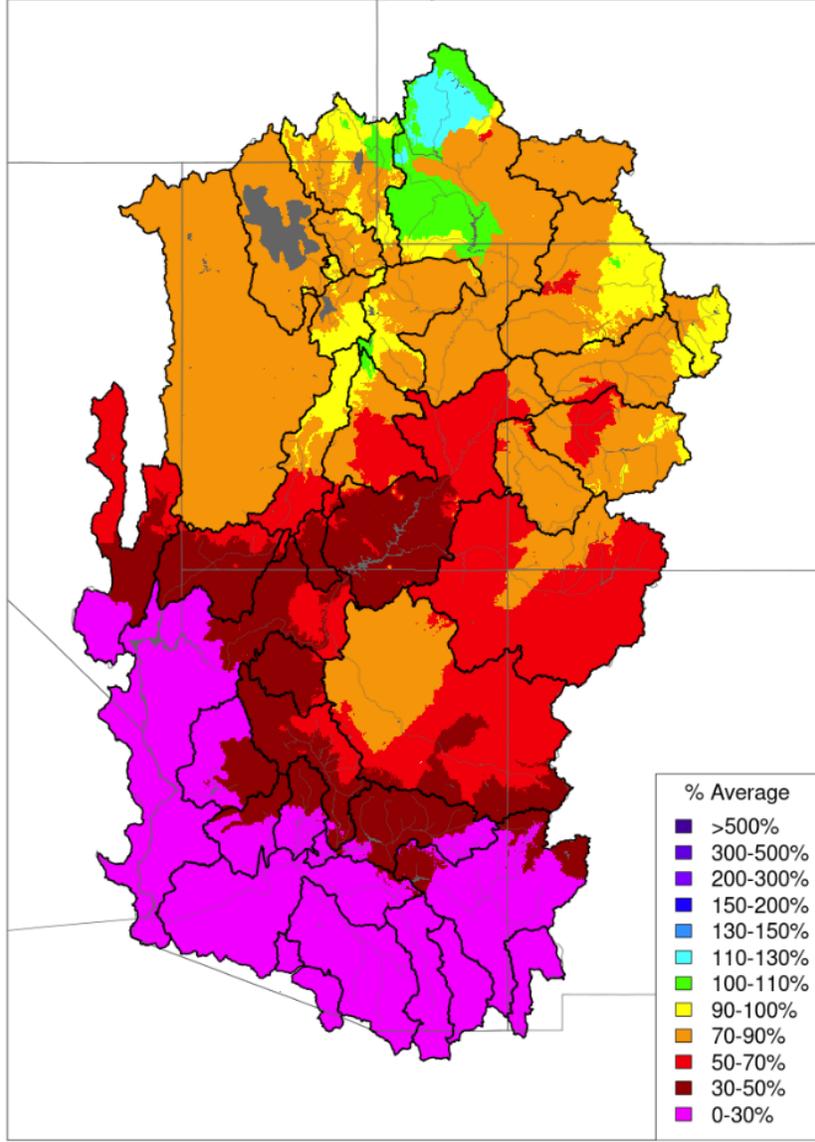


*Storage value for the end of WY 2026 is based on the October 2025 24-Month Study.

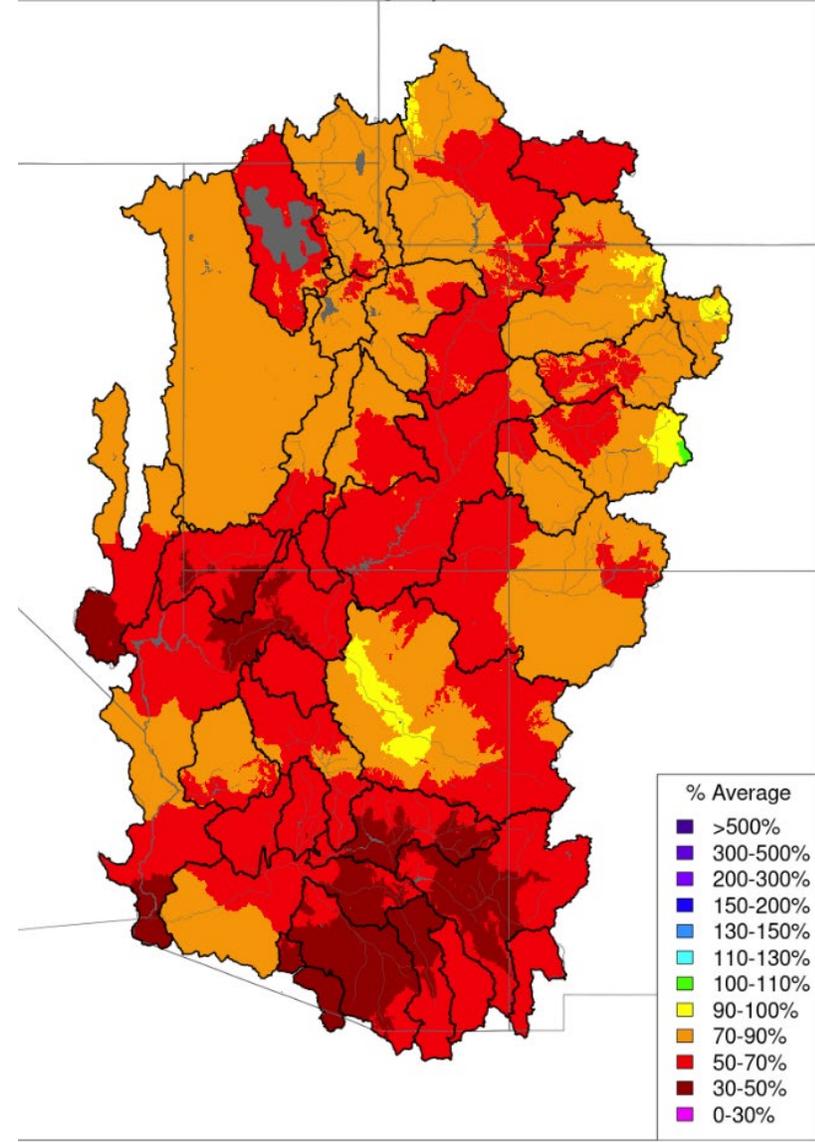


2025 Water Year Snowpack and Precipitation¹

Water Year Precipitation, October 2024 - April 2025
Averaged by Basin



Water Year Precipitation, October 2024 - September 2025
Averaged by Basin



Colorado River Basin above Lake Powell

Water Year 2025 Precipitation
(observed)

Water Year 2025 Precipitation
(observed)
86% of average

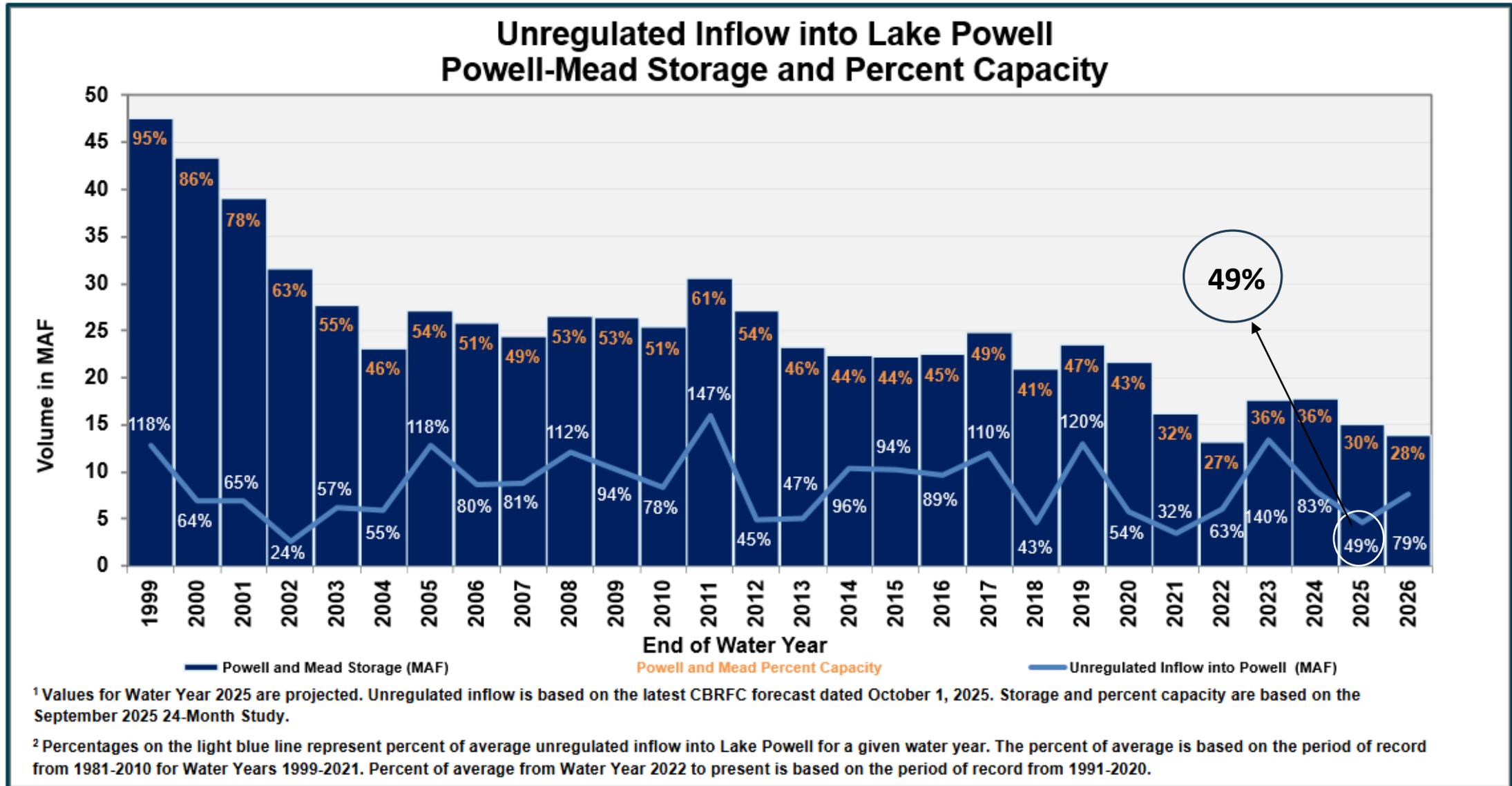
Water Year 2025 Runoff
April – July Efficiency
(estimated)
45% of average

Water Year 2025
Preliminary Lake Powell
Inflow (observed)
4.69 MAF
49% of average

¹Statistics are based on the 30-year period of record from 1991-2020.



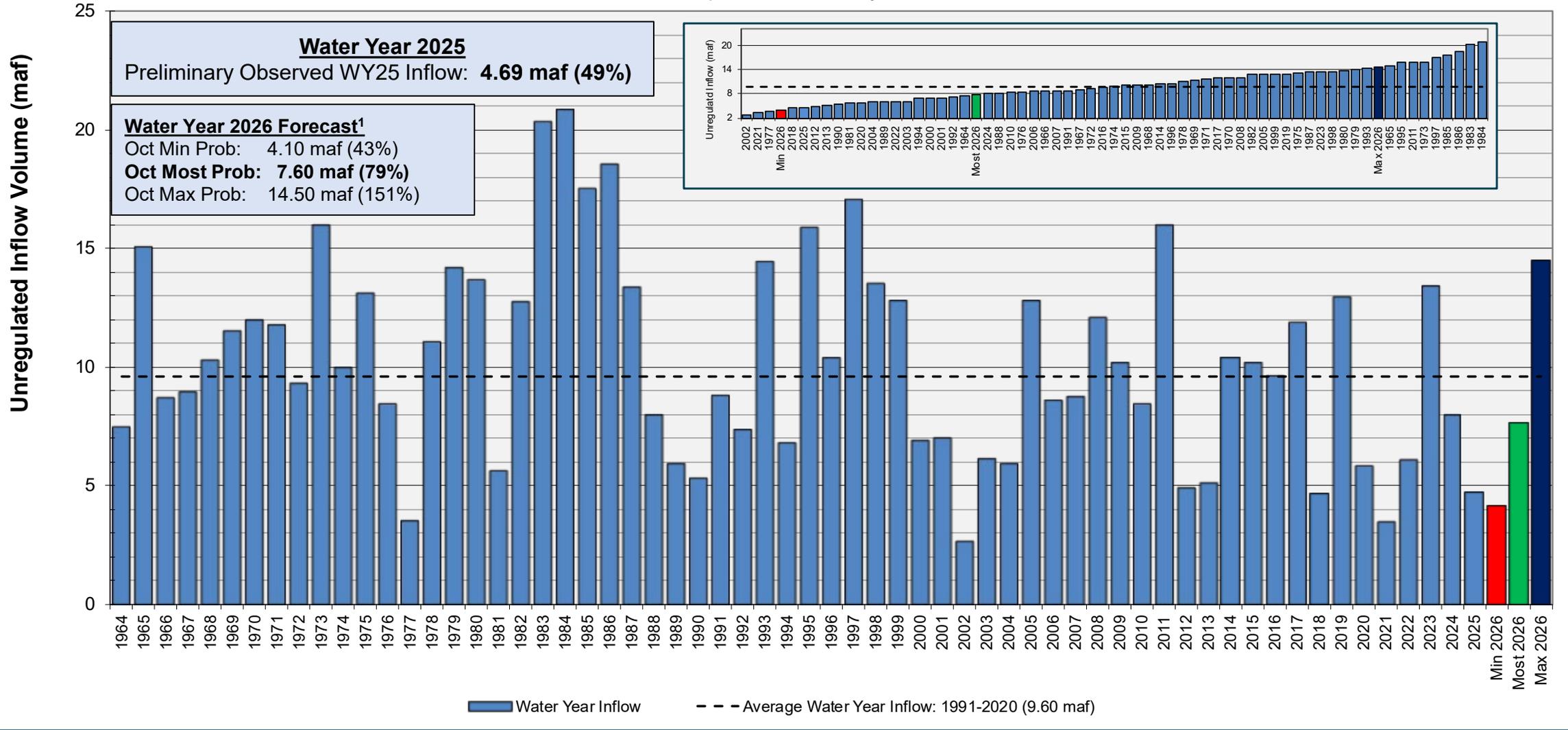
State of the System (Water Years 1999-2026)^{1,2}



Lake Powell Water Year Unregulated Inflow

as of October 1, 2025

Comparison with History

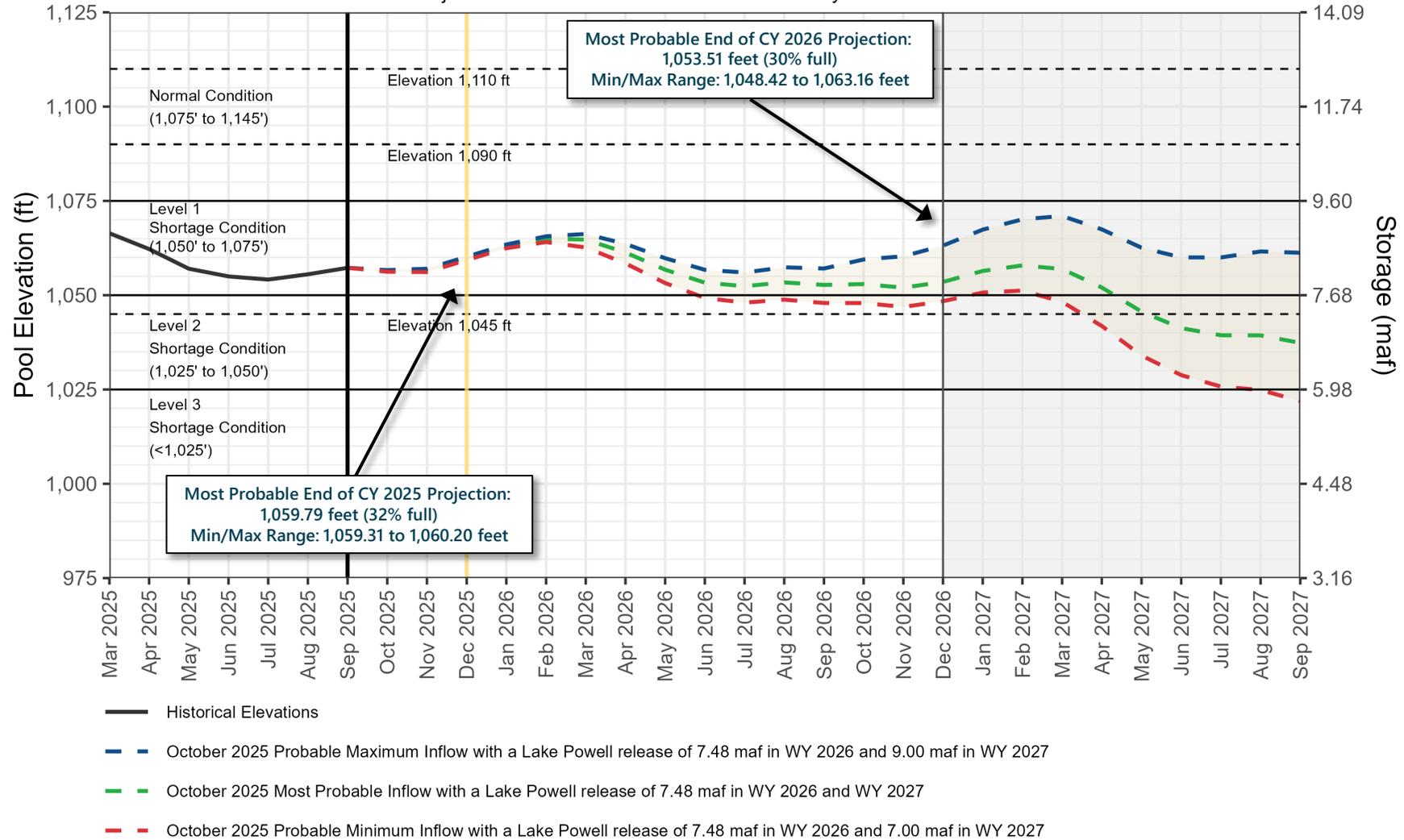


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Lake Mead End-of-Month Elevations¹

Projections from October 2025 24-Month Study Inflow Scenarios



The Drought Response Operations Agreement (DROA) is available online at <https://www.usbr.gov/dcp/finaldocs.html>.

¹For modeling purposes, simulated years beyond 2026 assume a continuation of the 2007 Interim Guidelines including the 2024 Supplement to the 2007 Interim Guidelines (no additional SEIS conservation is assumed to occur after 2026), the 2019 Colorado River Basin Drought Contingency Plans, and Minute 323 including the Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan. With the exception of certain provisions related to ICS recovery and Upper Basin Demand management, operations under these agreements are in effect through 2026.



Shortage Reductions and Water Savings Contributions

Under the 2007 Interim Guidelines, Minute 323, Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan (DCP)*,
and Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan
(Volumes in thousand acre-feet)

**Level 1
Shortage
Condition**

Lake Mead Elevations (in feet)	2007 Interim Guidelines Shortage Reductions (U.S.)		Minute 323 Delivery Reductions (Mexico)	Total Combined Shortage Reductions (U.S. and Mexico)	DCP Water Savings Contributions (U.S.)			Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan Water Savings (Mexico)	Combined Volumes of Shortage Reductions and Water Savings Contributions by Lower Basin State and by Country (U.S. and Mexico)					Total Combined Volumes (U.S. and Mexico)
	AZ	NV	Mexico	<i>Lower Basin States + Mexico</i>	AZ	NV	CA	Mexico	AZ Total	NV Total	CA Total	<i>Lower Basin States Total</i>	<i>Mexico Total</i>	<i>Lower Basin States + Mexico</i>
1,090 - >1,075	0	0	0	0	192	8	0	41	192	8	0	200	41	241
1,075 - >1050	320	13	50	383	192	8	0	30	512	21	0	533	80	613
1,050 - >1,045	400	17	70	487	192	8	0	34	592	25	0	617	104	721
1,045 - >1,040	400	17	70	487	240	10	200	76	640	27	200	867	146	1,013
1,040 - >1,035	400	17	70	487	240	10	250	84	640	27	250	917	154	1,071
1,035 - >1,030	400	17	70	487	240	10	300	92	640	27	300	967	162	1,129
1,030 - 1,025	400	17	70	487	240	10	350	101	640	27	350	1,017	171	1,188
<1,025	480	20	125	625	240	10	350	150	720	30	350	1,100	275	1,375

**Lake Mead
Calendar Year
2026 Operating
Condition**

*Under the Lower Basin DCP, the United States is taking affirmative actions to create or conserve 100,000 acre-feet or more of Colorado River system water on an annual basis to contribute to conservation of water supplies in Lake Mead and other Colorado River reservoirs in the Lower Basin. All actions taken by the United States shall be subject to applicable federal law, including availability of appropriations.





Lower Basin – Lake Mead - Results from August 2025 CRMMS-ESP (values in percent)

Percent of Traces with Event or System Condition^{1,2,4,5}

Event or System Condition	2026	2027 ³	2028 ³	2029 ³	2030 ³
Surplus Condition – any amount (Mead ≥ 1,145 ft)	0	0	0	0	0
Surplus – Flood Control	0	0	0	0	0
Normal or ICS Surplus Condition (Mead < 1,145 and > 1,075 ft)	0	7	3	10	13
Recovery of DCP ICS / Mexico’s Water Savings (Mead >/≥ 1,110 ft)	0	0	0	0	3
DCP Contribution / Mexico’s Water Savings (Mead ≤ 1,090 and > 1,075 ft)	0	7	3	7	0
Shortage Condition – any amount (Mead ≤ 1,075 ft)	100	93	97	90	87
<i>Shortage / Reduction – 1st level (Mead ≤ 1,075 and ≥ 1,050)</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>27</i>
DCP Contribution / Mexico’s Water Savings (Mead ≤ 1,075 and > 1,050 ft)	100	50	30	20	27
<i>Shortage / Reduction – 2nd level (Mead < 1,050 and ≥ 1,025)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>40</i>
DCP Contribution / Mexico’s Water Savings (Mead ≤ 1,050 and > 1,045 ft)	0	33	0	10	3
DCP Contribution / Mexico’s Water Savings (Mead ≤ 1,045 and > 1,040 ft)	0	0	13	10	10
DCP Contribution / Mexico’s Water Savings (Mead ≤ 1,040 and > 1,035 ft)	0	7	17	10	13
DCP Contribution / Mexico’s Water Savings (Mead ≤ 1,035 and > 1,030 ft)	0	0	13	7	3
DCP Contribution / Mexico’s Water Savings (Mead ≤ 1,030 and ≥/ > 1,025 ft)	0	0	10	7	10
<i>Shortage / Reduction – 3rd level (Mead < 1,025)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>20</i>
DCP Contribution / Mexico’s Water Savings (Mead </≤ 1,025 ft)	0	3	13	27	20

Notes:

¹ Modeled operations include the 2007 Interim Guidelines, 2024 Supplement to the 2007 Interim Guidelines, Upper Basin Drought Response Operations, Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan, Minutes 323, including the Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan, and Minute 330.

² Reservoir conditions were simulated using the August 2025 CRMMS in ensemble mode using the CBRFC unregulated inflow forecast ensemble (CRMMS-ESP) dated August 1, 2025.

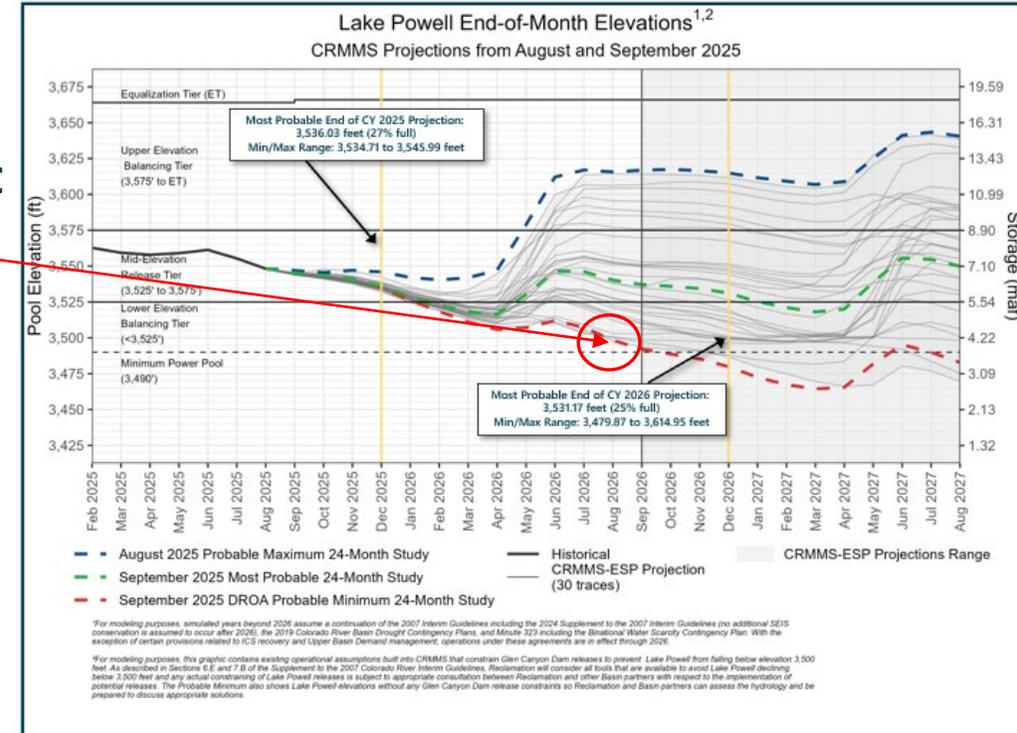
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⁴ Percentages shown in this table may not be representative of the full range of future possibilities that could occur with different modeling assumptions.

⁵ Percentages shown may not sum to 100% due to rounding to the nearest percent.

Purpose of recently initiated monthly 2024 SEIS ROD Section 6(E) meetings:

- The September 2025 24-Month Study shows the potential for Lake Powell elevations to go below elevation 3,500 feet by August 2026 under the “minimum probable” hydrologic scenario.
- Meets conditions of Section 6(E) of the 2024 SEIS ROD where “the Secretary shall begin planning to reduce releases, as needed, to not less than 6.0 maf from Lake Powell in the Water Year to maintain an elevation of 3,500 feet.”
- Section 6(E) of the 2024 SEIS ROD also specifies that “Reclamation will consider all tools that are available” to keep Lake Powell elevations above 3,500 feet before considering reduced releases.
- SEIS requires Reclamation to coordinate any additional operating decisions made under the 2024 SEIS ROD with stakeholders, which includes representatives from Basin States, Basin Tribes, Mexico, and other partners.





Colorado River Arizona Shortage Implementation General Principles :

- Shortage reductions follow the Arizona priority system.
- Shortage implementation procedures are reviewed annually and adjusted, if needed, with stakeholder input.
- Available water supplies under shortage are calculated annually.
- Standard water order approval process is administered.
- Under the Inadvertent Overrun & Payback Policy (IOPP), no overruns may be incurred during shortage.



Arizona Shortage Sharing Recommendation: Calculation of P4 Available Supply for 2026

Application of 2009 Arizona Shortage Sharing Recommendation	Determination of Shortage Sharing Ratio (AF): Four Highest of Last Five Years (through 2024)	Water Supply Determination (AF): Shortage Year (2026)
Arizona Colorado River Water Apportionment	2,800,000 CU	2,800,000 CU
Minus Priorities 1-3 Used or Conserved On-River	(1,065,646) CU	(1,065,646) CU
Minus Priorities 1-3 Delivered via CAP to Fulfill Settlements	(72,000) CU	(72,000) CU
Minus Arizona Shortage/DCP Contributions Volume	None CU	(512,000) CU
Equals 4th Priority Supply	= 1,662,354 CU	= 1,150,354 CU
4th Priority Mainstream Entitlement (pool)	164,652 Div	↓
Divided by 4th Priority Supply	÷ 1,662,354 CU	
Equals 4th Priority Mainstream Water Allocation Percentage	= 9.90% →	x 9.90%
4th Priority Mainstream Available Supply		= 113,940 Div
4th Priority Supply		1,150,354 CU
Minus 4th Priority Water Allocated to Mainstream (CU equiv.)		(70,643) CU
Minus other use in Arizona*		(1,646) CU
Equals 4th Priority Water Available to CAP		= 1,078,065 CU

* Three-year average of consumptive use on Cibola Island, lands outside PPR No. 7, by Martinez Lake cabin sites, and by Yuma-area users outside of district boundaries.





2024 Near-term Colo. River Ops Record of Decision

- [Signed on May 6, 2024](#)
- Modifies the 2007 Interim Guidelines through end of 2026
- Targets a cumulative volume of 3 million AF or more of additional conserved water (Reservoir Protection Conservation) by end of 2026
 - Minimum of 1.5 million AF by the end of 2024
 - In addition to required shortage reductions and DCP Contributions
 - May consist of:
 - Compensated System Conservation water agreements executed for implementation in years 2023-2026
 - ICS created in years 2023-2026
 - Other compensated and non-compensated conserved water left in Lake Mead





Ongoing Efforts to Maintain System Storage in the Continuing Colorado River Drought

LCB Conservation and Efficiency Program¹

- Phase 1 implemented in October 2022
 - Short-term system conservation plans
 - 1a: Fixed prices
 - 1b: Propose price with economic justification
 - Both 1a & 1b must meet requirements
 - Twenty-six (26) agreements completed which are projected to conserve 2.46 MAF through 2026²
- Phase 2³ implemented in May 2023
 - Projects with long-term water savings benefits
 - Eleven (11) agreements signed to conserve a total estimated amount of ~636,000 AF which may cost as much as ~ \$496 million



Compensated reductions in consumptive use via fallowing of farmland has been a primary tool to date to create system conservation water.

¹ See www.usbr.gov/lc/LCBConservation.html

² See www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/LCBConservation&EfficiencyProgram/Phase1_SCIA.pdf

³ See www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/LCBConservation&EfficiencyProgram/Jan%202025%20-%20SCIAs%20announced%20table.pdf

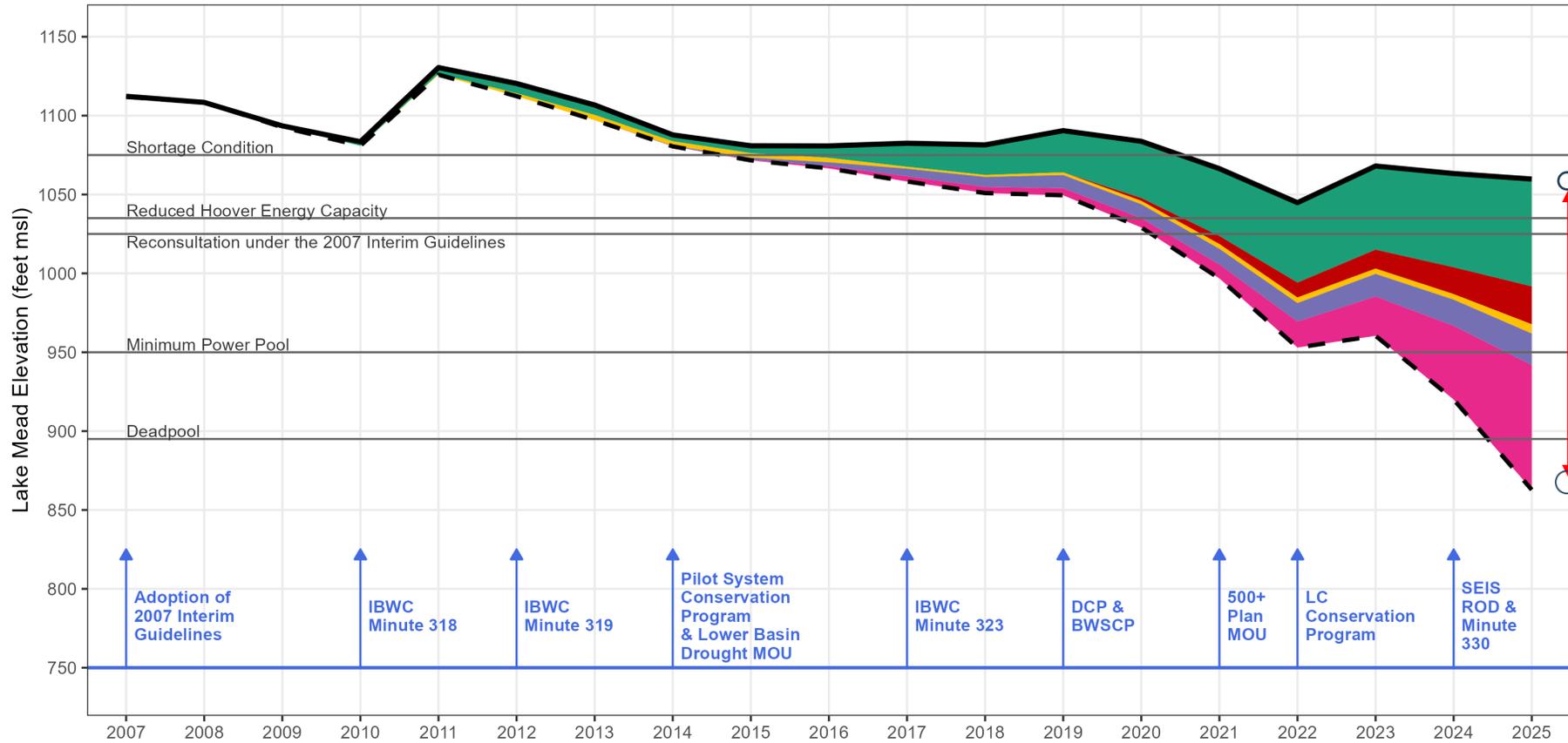




Lake Mead Storage and Conservation*

Lake Powell WY Release (maf)

8.23	8.98	8.24	8.23	12.50	9.47	8.23	7.48	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.23	8.23	7.00	8.58	7.48	7.48
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- U.S. ICS (2007 Guidelines)
- DCP Contributions
- Mexico's Water Reserve and Recoverable Water Savings
- Other Conservation Activities
- System Conservation Water
- Actual Elevation
- Hypothetical Elevation without Storage/Conservation Programs

*End of calendar year 2025 balances of U.S. ICS and Mexico's Water Reserve, system conservation water, and other voluntary contributions to Lake Mead are provisional numbers and are subject to change.



Lower Basin Modeled Conservation¹

As of October 2025 (all volumes in acre-feet)

State	Conservation Activity	2025	2026	2027	Total
AZ	CAP System Conservation Agreements	125,503	98,800	7,224	231,527
	Cathcart Farms System Conservation	61	61	0	122
	Cibola Valley IDD System Conservation	2,328	2,329	0	4,657
	Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation System Conservation	13,933	13,933	0	27,866
	GM Gabrych System Conservation	3,240	3,240	0	6,480
	GRIC System Conservation	115,000	125,000	22,505	262,505
	Hopi Tribe System Conservation	3,059	3,059	0	6,118
	MVIDD System Conservation	13,694	14,184	0	27,878
	San Carlos Apache Tribe System Conservation	23451	23451	0	46,902
YMIDD System Conservation	22,010	24,242	0	46,252	
CA	Coachella Groundwater System Conservation	35,000	35,000	0	70,000
	Coachella Ag System Conservation	3,889	6,511	0	10,400
	IID System Conservation	250,000	192,360	0	442,360
	MWD ICS Creation	0	0	0	0
	MWD System Conservation	179,700	9,552	0	189,252
	PVID-MWD System Conservation	117,021	83,272	0	200,293
	Bard-MWD System Conservation	9,286	11,400	0	20,686
	Quechan Indian Tribe-MWD System Conservation	13,000	13,000	0	26,000
NV	SNWA System Conservation Water	83,000	86,000	0	169,000
	SNWA Tributary Conservation	35,000	35,000	35,000	105,000
Other	242 Wellfield Additional Pumping Agreement	32,000	32,000	0	64,000
	PSCP	3,346	3,197	145	6,688
	Annual Total	1,083,521	815,591	64,874	1,963,986
	Cumulative Total	1,083,521	1,899,112	1,963,986	

¹ All projected volumes are subject to change. Additional conservation activities are being considered including system conservation, ICS, and other conserved water in 2025 through 2027. These additional activities will be included in Reclamation's operational modeling.

² Reclamation has funded a total of 2.03 maf of conservation between 2023-2024 in accordance with the Reservoir Protection Conservation requirements under the 2007 Interim Guidelines SEIS ROD. Information on accounted system conservation can be found online at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/wtracct.html>.



Phase 2 - Lower Colorado Basin System Conservation & Efficiency Program (Bucket 2) Announced System Conservation Implementation Agreements as of January 2025

Participant	State	Project Title	Total Estimated Water Conservation*	Project Type	Project Description	Total Cost
Gila River Indian Community	AZ	West Side Regulating Reservoir	13,100	Storage	Construction of a regulating reservoir that captures spilled flows from the Santan Canal	\$17,132,743
Gila River Indian Community	AZ	Lining Blackwater Canals	13,180	Agricultural Efficiency	Lining 7.61 miles of irrigation canals in the Blackwater area	\$26,233,533
Gila River Indian Community	AZ	Gila River Farms Efficiency Improvements	47,020	Agricultural Efficiency	Installation of on-farm efficiency improvements for Gila River Farms	\$63,808,473
Southern Nevada Water Authority	NV	Water Smart Landscapes Rebate Program	189,635	Water Efficient Landscape Conversion	Convert 23,166,023 square-feet of water intensive lawns to water efficient landscaping	\$60,000,000
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	CA	Non-functional Turf Replacement for Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Properties	97,296	Water Efficient Landscape Conversion	Convert 30 million square-feet of water efficient lawns to water efficient landscaping	\$95,810,737
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	CA	Antelope-Valley East Kern High Desert Water Bank	168,000	Storage	Construct the high desert water bank to capture surplus State Water Project supplies	\$82,000,000
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	CA	Disadvantaged Communities Leak Detection and Repair	4,000	Municipal Efficiency	Provide leak detection and repair services that benefit disadvantaged communities	\$8,000,000
Coachella Valley Water District	CA	Water Reclamation Plant 4 Recycled Water Expansion Project	33,600	Recycled Water	Construct 1 million gallon/day tertiary facility to deliver recycled water and canal water	\$39,000,000
City of Tucson	AZ	City of Tucson Advanced Water Purification (AWP) Facility	56,000	Recycled Water	Construct AWP direct potable reuse demonstration facility to treat effluent from Tres Rios water reclamation facility	\$86,674,023
Town of Gilbert	AZ	Town of Gilbert Advanced Metering Infrastructure Conversion	2,500	Municipal Efficiency	Convert 27,943 water meters to Advanced Metering Infrastructure	\$3,078,802
Town of Gilbert	AZ	Town of Gilbert Riparian Preserve Water Distribution Improvements	6,000	Distribution Improvements	Improve water distribution structures in the Riparian Preserve to increase flows and fully utilize reclaimed water for aquifer recharge	\$13,866,100
Total			630,331			\$495,760,441



Post 2026 Operations and NEPA Timeline¹

- June 2022: “Pre-Scoping” notice
- June 2023: Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS initiating Post-2026 process & public scoping period
- October 2023: Scoping Summary Report and Federal Register Notice identified the Proposed Federal Action and Purpose & Need
- January 2025: Alternatives Report published Process currently in the alternative evaluation phase
- November 11th: DOI A/S W&S-established deadline for the seven Basin States to provide DOI w/ major elements of a unified states’ agreement
- Fall 2025-Spring 2026: Release of Draft EIS
- Summer-Fall 2026: Sign Record of Decision



Lees Ferry streamgauge & cableway below Glen Canyon Dam

Post-2026 Project Website:

Recordings & presentations from all public webinars

Recordings & presentations from Integrated Tech. Education Workgroup sessions

Pre-Scoping & Scoping Summary Reports

All Pre-Scoping & Scoping comments received by Reclamation

Link to the Operations Exploration Web Tool

¹See: <https://www.usbr.gov/ColoradoRiverBasin/post2026/>



WaterSMART Program



Provides the framework for the Interior Department to support water supply reliability for multiple users.





WaterSMART Program Basics

➔ **Most WaterSMART activities are grant programs with varying program objectives**

➔ **Generally, a 50% non-Federal cost share is required for grants under WaterSMART. However, depending on the program, funding may be as low as 0% depending on entity**

➔ **States, tribes, cities, water districts, irrigation districts, watershed groups, non-profits (including watershed groups), and flood control districts located within the 17 Western United States, territories, AK, HI, and American Territories**

➔ **Funding is allocated through annual competitive processes**



Water Conservation Programs Schedule

Funding Opportunity	Opening Date	Closing Date
Planning and Project Design Grants	TBD	TBD
Drought Resiliency Projects	TBD	TBD
Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program FY 2026	TBD	TBD
Coop. Watershed Management Program	TBD	TBD
Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects	TBD	TBD
Water and Energy Efficiency Grants FY 2026	TBD	TBD
Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects FY 2026	TBD	TBD
FY 26 Lower Colorado Basin's Water Conservation Field Services Program	TBD	TBD



Boulder Canyon Operations Office

Interior Region 8: Lower Colorado Basin

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

<https://www.usbr.gov/lc/riverops.html>

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4. DISCOVER INLAND EMPIRE



5. PARKS AND RECREATION SPORTS



CITY OF NEEDLES YOUTH BASKETBALL

Registration: October 20th ~ November 17th

Who May Play: Boys & Girls Grades 3rd ~ 8th

Game Nights: Monday ~ Thursday

Season: December ~ March

Cost: Resident- \$45 Non-Resident- \$50

(sibling discounts given)

Please call Needles Recreation Center
@ 760-326-2814 with any questions

City Of Needles Youth Basketball

SKILLS & DRILLS will be Monday, November 17th

C Division Girls (3rd & 4th grades) 6:00pm-6:30pm

C Division Boys (3rd & 4th grades) 6:30pm-7:00pm

*Players who were born in 2015 or 2016 and players born in 2014 not in
a grade higher than 4th are eligible*

B Division: Girls (5th & 6th grades) 7:00pm-7:30pm

B Division Boys (5th & 6th grades) 7:30pm-8:00pm

*Players who were born in 2013 or 2014 and players born in 2012 not in
a grade higher than 6th are eligible*

*A Division Combo Boys & Girls (6th if playing for a school team) 7th & 8th grades)
8:00pm-8:30pm*

*Players who were born in 2011 or 2012 and players born in 2010 not in
a grade higher than 8th are eligible*

Please come 15 minutes early to register & receive player number, will except late registrations up to drill times.
Any questions, please inquire at the Recreation Center. Questions call 760-326-2814

5. HOLIDAY EVENTS



"It's A Spike's Christmas, On Rt. 66, Charlie Brown"

The Needles Youth Development and Education Foundation,
Needles Community Partners, Needles Chamber of Commerce and The City of Needles

Needles Holiday Fun Fair and Lighted Parade

On Broadway between D and F Street

With Activities Inside - Palo Verde College Needles Center

Saturday ~ December 6, 2025

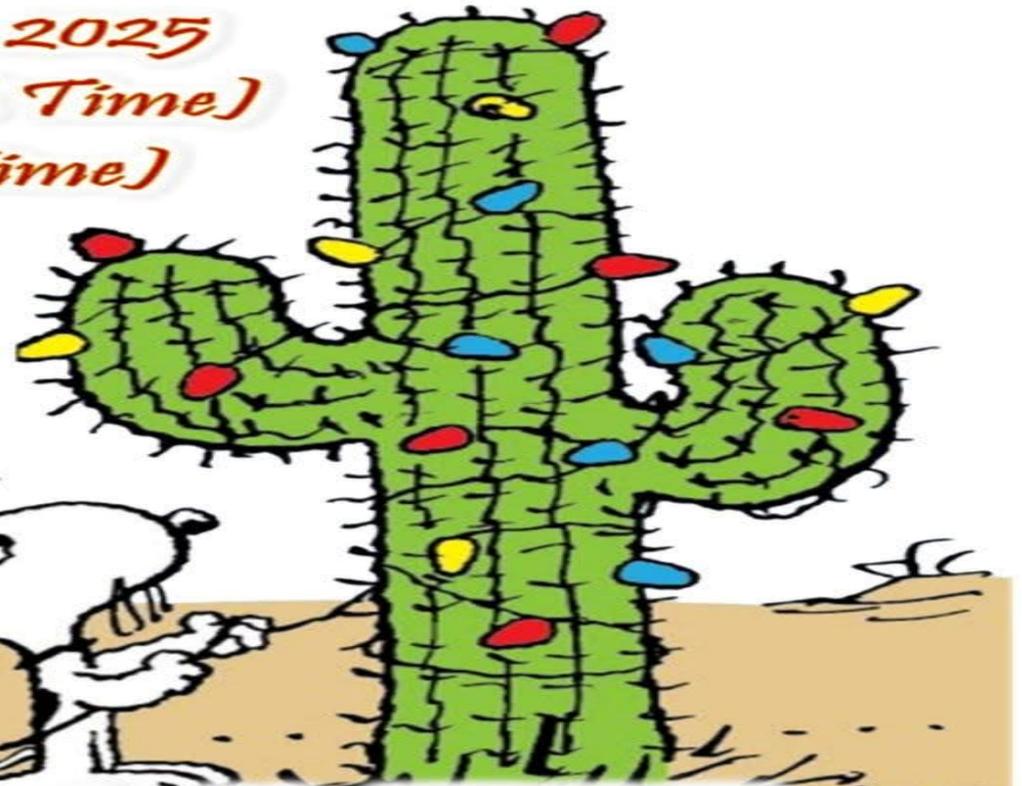
10:00am - 4:00pm ~ (CA Time)

Parade 5:00pm ~ (CA time)

**Pee Wee
Races**

**Dance Trax 51
Performance**

**Vendors
Crafts
Music
Games**



For More Information Contact Tena McGee @ 760.985.4050

6. FALL FESTIVAL



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8. PALO VERDE



Palo Verde College Needles Center Presents

Festival of TREES

'Holidays with Spike & the Peanuts'

PVC Needles Center and Community Partners invite Businesses and Organizations to bring and decorate an Artificial Tree with the theme. Visitors VOTE for their favorite tree! Tree with the 'Most Votes' receives accolades and GOODIES!

Scan the QR Code to Register:

Or use the attached Registration Form

Silent auction

Displays

Santa Claus & Pictures

SATURDAY, DEC 6, 2025

RSVP: Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2025

Decorate: Mon., Dec. 1 - Sat. (morning), Dec. 6, 2025



Trees will be part of a silent auction with proceeds benefitting PVC Needles students & local youth organizations!



Drop off or Mail Forms to: 725 W. Broadway, Needles, CA 92363
Contact: Talana Wade at 760-326-5033 or talana.wade@paloverde.edu

10. NUSD SIGN



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15. VETERANS DAY OFFICE CLOSED



**THIS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
NOVEMBER 11, 2025,
FOR VETERANS DAY.**

**WE WILL REOPEN
ON WEDNESDAY**

NOVEMBER 12, 2025, AT 9:00 AM