

Colorado River Commission of Nevada

Hydrology and Water Use Update September 10, 2019



Summary

Lake Powell

- Water Year 2019 Upper Basin snowpack peaked at 126% of average.
- Water Year 2019 Upper Basin cumulative precipitation is 116% of average.
- Water Year 2019 unregulated inflow is forecasted at 125% of average.

Lake Mead

- In calendar year 2020, Arizona and Nevada will have a first tier DCP contribution. Nevada's contribution is 8,000 acre feet.
- Lake Mead is projected to increase about 6 feet by end of calendar year.

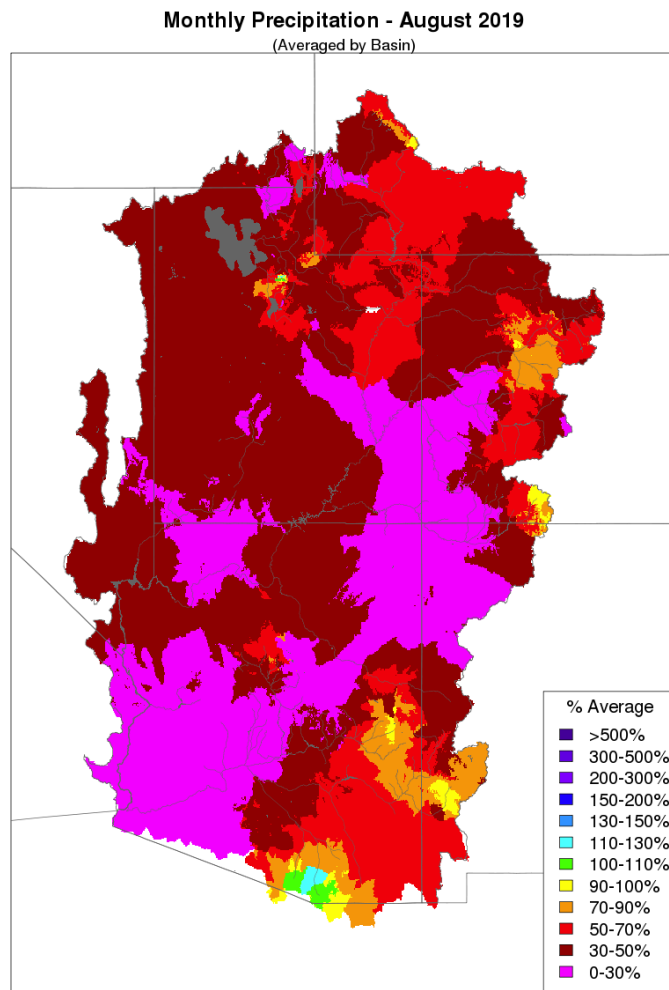
Nevada Water Supply

- Southern Nevada has 7 years of water supply banked.
- **In 2018, Southern Nevada used 19% less than its annual allocation.**

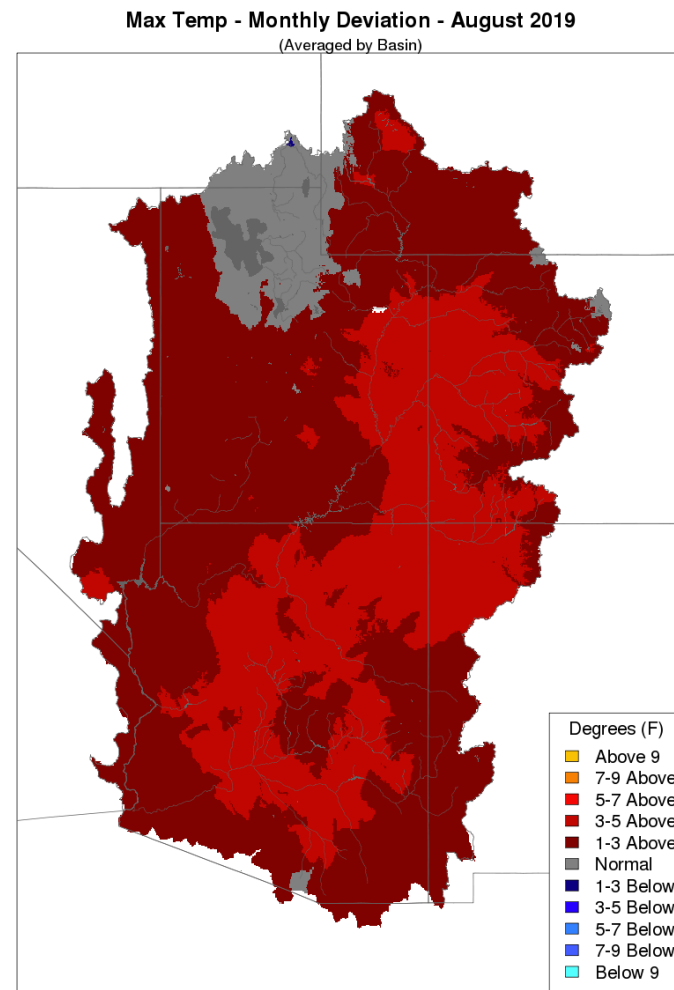
Storage	Elevation (f)	% Capacity	Change since last year
Lake Mead	1,083.6	39%	4.3 ft
Lake Powell	3,618.4	56%	21.7 ft

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Precipitation and Temperature



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Above Lake Powell August precipitation: 52%

Unregulated Inflow, Current and Projected Reservoir Status

Projected unregulated inflow to Lake Powell Acre-Feet % Average

Water Year 2019	13,510,000	125%
April thru July 2019	10,410,000	145%

Reservoir	Current Elevation	Current Storage Acre-Feet	Current % Capacity	Projected Elevation on 1/1/2020 ¹
Lake Mead	1,083.6	10,309,000	39%	1,089.4
Lake Powell	3,618.4	13,589,000	56%	3,618.6

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¹ Based on Reclamation's August 2019 24 Month Study.

Water Use In Southern Nevada

Southern Nevada Water Use

2018 Actual Use in Acre-Feet

Nevada Annual Allocation	300,000
Diversion	479,279
Return Flows	235,176
Consumptive Use	244,103
Unused Allocation Available for Banking	55,897 (19%)

Southern Nevada Water Use

Diversions Return Flows Consumptive Use

January-July 2019	262,119	139,110	123,008
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Banked Water (through end of 2018)

Acre-Feet

Ground Water Recharge in So. Nevada	358,045
Banked in Lake Mead	700,448
Banked in California and Arizona	943,821
Total	2,002,314