

The Colorado River Commission of Nevada (Commission) meeting was held at 1:32 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155.

**COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Chairwoman	Puoy K. Premsrirut
Commissioner	Marilyn Kirkpatrick
Commissioner	Dan H. Stewart
Commissioner	Steve Walton

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Vice Chairwoman	Kara J. Kelley
Commissioner	Allen J. Puliz
Commissioner	Cody Winterton

**DEPUTY ATTORNEY(S) GENERAL**

Special Counsel, Attorney General	Michelle D. Briggs
Special Counsel, Attorney General	David W. Newton

**COMMISSION STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Executive Director	Eric Witkoski
Senior Assistant Director	Sara Price
Chief of Finance and Administration	Douglas N. Beatty
Assistant Director, Energy Information Systems	Kaleb Hall
Assistant Director, Engineering and Operations	Shae Pelkowski
Assistant Director, Hydropower	Gail Bates
Assistant Director, Natural Resources	Warren Turkett, Ph.D.
Hydropower Program Manager	Craig Pyper
Power Systems Operations Manager	Walter Shupe
Chief Accountant	Gail L. Benton
Senior Energy Accountant	Hyelim Hong
Senior Energy Accountant	Andrew Weart
Natural Resource Specialist	Danielle Greene
System Coordinator	Chris Smith
IT Application Specialist	John Sagmani
Executive Assistant Manager	Gina L. Goodman
Office Manager	Noah Fischel
Administrative Assistant III	Tamisha Randolph
Administrative Assistant II	Joshua Cleveland

**OTHERS PRESENT: REPRESENTING**

City of Henderson  
City of Henderson  
Overton Power District #5  
Southern Nevada Water Authority  
Southern Nevada Water Authority

Becky Risse  
Christopher Boyd  
Jonathan Denninghoff  
Annalisa Porter  
Scott Krantz

**COLORADO RIVER COMMISSION OF NEVADA**

**MEETING OF**

**AUGUST 13, 2024**

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The Colorado River Commission of Nevada (Commission) meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Premsrirut at 1:33 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**A. Conformance to Open Meeting Law.**

Executive Director, Eric Witkoski confirmed that the meeting was posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

**B. Comments from the public. Members of the public are invited to comment on items on the meeting agenda or on items not contained therein. No action may be taken on a matter raised during public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item for possible action.**

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

**C. For Possible Action: Approval of minutes of the June 11, 2024, meeting.**

Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved for approval the minutes of the June 11, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and approved by unanimous vote.

**D. For Possible Action: Consideration of and possible action to approve contract CRCGV-03 between successful bidder, ILJIN Electric USA, Inc., and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, based on bid solicitation 69CRC-S2784 for Garnet Valley Water System Power Transformers in the amount of \$ 3,396,000**

Mr. Witkoski introduced Agenda Item D.

Assistant Director, Engineering and Operations Shae Pelkowski stated this procurement package is for power Transformers for the Garnet Valley water system. It's two of four total transformers that are going to be needed for that facility. The Commission Staff and Nicholas Mingura from SNWA participated in a bid review session; the committee reviewed each of the five bidders. Then selected ILJIN as our winning bidder.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick asked is this a project labor agreement or is it just a regular bid for materials and were local providers considered.

Mr. Pelkowski answered yes, the Commission accepts bids from local distributors. But the equipment is not always built locally or built in the US.

Mr. Witkoski stated just to be clear, these transformers are difficult to obtain and these particular transformers would be built in South Korea.

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked Mr. Pelkowski if you could just briefly give a little context about the four quotes and how the evaluation team narrowed to the chosen bid.

Mr. Pelkowski clarified the Commission received four quotes. The evaluation team compares the bids on technical and commercial terms and evaluate the best proposal that will work with our power system on a day-to-day basis. ILJIN was the low bidder, they were also firm price bid, which is rare to get these days in power transformer market.

Chairwoman Premsrirut replied the down payment is the 10% versus some of the other company prices fluctuating requiring more down payment and then also delivery time is satisfactory.

Mr. Pelkowski replied that's correct and the delivery time is on par with the others.

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked where there any additional questions or comments. There were none.

**Commissioner Stewart moved for approval of contract CRCGV-03 between successful bidder, ILJIN Electric USA, Inc., and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, based on bid solicitation 69CRC-S2784 for Garnet Valley Water System Power Transformers in the amount of \$ 3,396,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walton and approved by unanimous vote.**

<p><b>E. <i>For Possible Action:</i> Discussion of current and future staffing, proposed budget for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 with a request for approval for submittal to Governor's Finance Office by August 30, 2024.</b></p>
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Mr. Witkoski introduced Agenda Item E and discussed the current staffing and plans for recruitment for some vacant positions.

Chief of Finance and Administration Doug Beatty opened with budget account 4490.

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked if any Commissioners or any Commission members have any questions regarding the staffing and group assignments?

Commissioner Kirkpatrick stated in today's world, in the Western region, the Commission needs to have all hands-on deck, and if that means more employees, then the Commission needs to make the hires. The Commission needs one person that just can keep up with the federal regulatory. It would be foolish not to advocate to the Governor's budget, the Commission needs to make sure that we get the best of the best. Nevada has a unique water supply system. It's not necessarily a job description that you can put out. The Commission is advocating for these positions, advocating the flexibility to get what is needed because it's a competitive environment.

Chairwoman Premsrirut agreed with Commissioner Kirkpatrick adding the need for CRC to be proactive and to not only recruit the most skilled and qualified candidates, but to have a system to operate under which can be proactive and malleable and not confined to pigeonhole any employee to any role. Given the dwindling resource that the Commission is dealing with, and the full time need for us to expand our bandwidth with the upcoming projects.

Mr. Beatty gave further updates on the budget between what was presented in June and the changes made in the budget for the Commission to consider.

He highlighted the two senior power facilities electrician positions and one regular power facilities electrician he added to the budget.

Mr. Beatty spoke regarding budget account 4501 and indicated that the budget presented in June was a little light given the various projects on the horizon that the Commission has been approving material contracts for such as Garnett Valley Project, Boulder Flats Project and Mont Hill Project. Further, there is another one in the works with the City of Boulder City.

Thus, Mr. Beatty, recommended the Commission increase the amount to accommodate about \$15 million in each year of the biennium for those kinds of contracts to cover the cost of engineering and construction.

Mr. Beatty went on to discuss Budget Account 8360 for replacement vehicles. We had one replacement vehicle in there for about \$75,000 to replace one of the old vehicles that is out at the substation. With the addition of the two new employees, we will need 2 new vehicles so the total for the three vehicles is \$225,000.

Vice Chairwoman Kelley stated that she just wanted to reiterate for the edification of the Commission that the contract increased 50% and that's a big number. And as Mr. Beatty said, it's based on the customers' needs. The project is already approved and then our ability to do that for them and they be paying for it. Just want to make sure it's on the record that the Commission does not increase the budgets by 50% without due reason.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick made a suggestion that could help the Commission. Requesting that the Commission put together a six-year plan of what they employ. The Commission can create a record in the history so that there's an expectation. This is the right time because water is at the top of everybody's mind that we have to build up our team sooner rather than later. If the Commission knows it's coming, then it's an automatic that it gets looked at in the governor's future budget. This is so that the Commission is not begging every time. This is One for water. You should never have to beg, right? Because that's a normal thing that everybody has to have to survive.

Mr. Beatty thanked Commissioner Kirkpatrick for a great suggestion. Then asked that Mr. Witkoski to address the topic further.

Mr. Witkoski agreed, the Commission is looking at the 10-year plan for the infrastructure, you're right, The Commission needs to include the staffing that's going to go with it, and it would be nice to have a plan that coincides each succession and shows our progress.

**Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved for approval of current and future staffing, proposed budget for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 with a request for approval for submittal to Governor's Finance Office by August 30, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and approved by unanimous vote.**

**F. *For Information Only:* Update on Bill Draft Request 59, submitted by the Commission at request of Governor's office, for removal of regulations NAC 321.100 through NAC 321.230, that are no longer needed or supported by statutes that were repealed in the 2009 Legislative Session.**

Mr. Witkoski explained Item F was the bill draft requested from the Governor's office to repeal some legacy regulations that were left on Nevada State Lands books that stemmed the Commission's prior involvement with the Ft. Mohave Development Act. The Commission's authority was moved to Clark County in 2007, and the statutes related to the regulations were repealed in 2009.

However, the regulations NAC 321.100 through NAC 321.230 that are no longer needed had not been repealed. The Commission was requested to provide a Bill Draft Request so the remaining regulations could be repealed by the legislature during the 2025 session.

**G. *For Information Only:* Staff presentations on the proposed 2028 Parker-Davis Power Marketing Plan issued by the Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy.**

Assistant Director, Hydropower Gail Bates gave a presentation on the proposed 2028 Parker-Davis Power Marketing Plan issued by the Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy. (Attachment A)

**H. *For Information Only:* Update on pending legal matters, including Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Utilities Commission of Nevada filings and Federal Legislation.**

Executive Director Eric Witkoski stated at this time the legal team does not have any updates to report.

**I. *For Information Only:* Status update from Staff on the hydrological conditions, drought, and climate of the Colorado River Basin, Nevada's consumptive use of Colorado River water, basin negotiations, impacts on hydropower generation, electrical construction activities and other developments on the Colorado River.**

Warren Turkett, Assistant Director of Natural Resources, gave a presentation on the latest hydrology and river updates. (Attachment B).

Sara Price, Senior Assistant Director provided an update on the post-2026 multistate negotiations.



**J. Comments from the public. Members of the public are invited to comment on items on the meeting agenda or on items not contained therein. No action may be taken on a matter raised during public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item for possible action.**

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked if there were any comments from any member of the public present in the Chamber or any member of the public participating remotely that wish to address the Commission. There were none.

**K. Comments and questions from the Commission members.**

Chairwoman Premsrirut asked if there were any comments or questions from the Commission members. There were none.

**L. Selection of the next possible meeting date.**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on September 10, 2024, at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89155.

**M. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.



Eric Witkoski, Executive Director

APPROVED:

  
Puoy K. Premsrirut, Chairwoman

# Colorado River Commission of Nevada

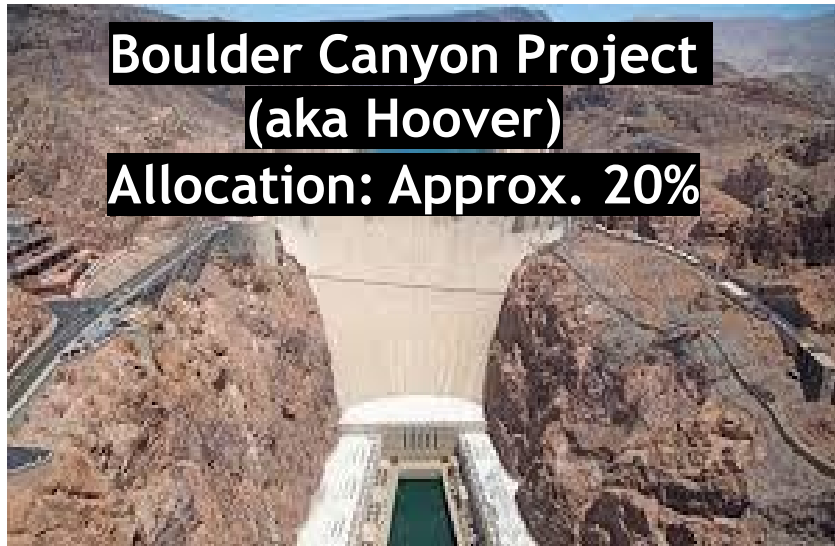
Parker-Davis Project Post-2028 Remarketing

CRCNV Hydropower Dept.

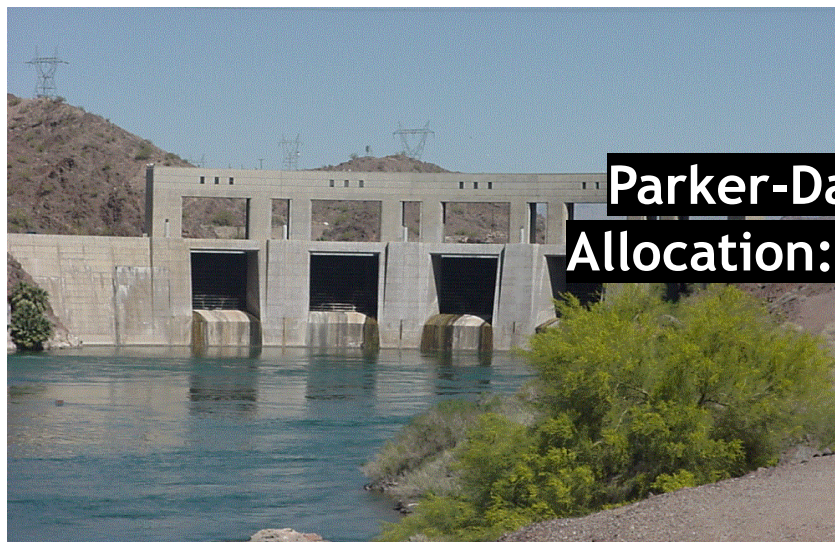
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# CRCNV Federal Hydropower Resources



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Area Integrated  
Projects

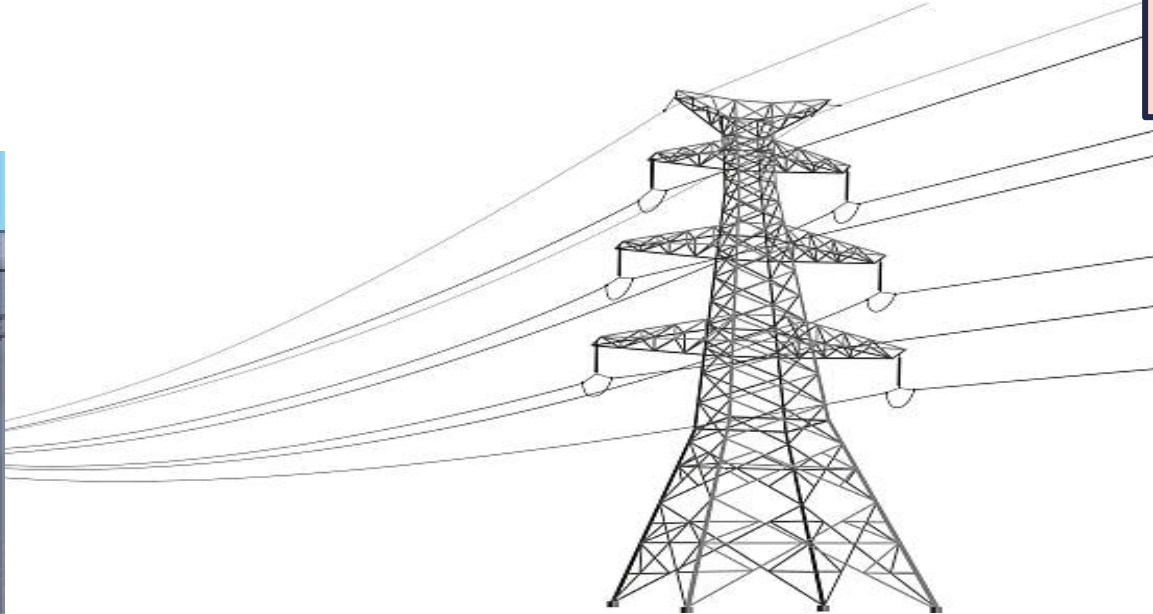


# Federal Hydropower Contract Flow

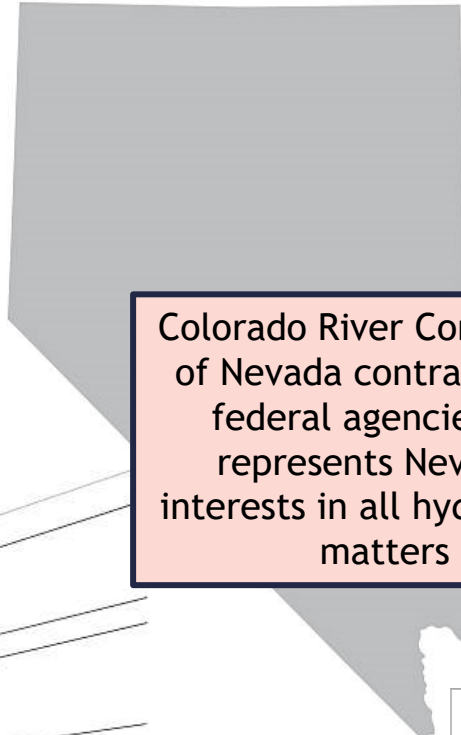
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hydropower resources



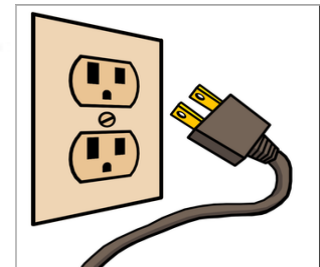
Hoover, Parker, Davis, and  
Colorado River Storage  
Project Dams



Dept. of Energy  
Western Area Power Administration  
transmits and markets federal  
hydropower resources



Colorado River Commission  
of Nevada contracts with  
federal agencies and  
represents Nevada's  
interests in all hydropower  
matters



Colorado River  
Commission of  
Nevada sells  
hydropower to  
23 So. NV  
contractors

# CRCNV's Parker-Davis Project Customers

ATTACHMENT A

<b>CRCNV Direct Retail End Use Customers</b>	<b>Wholesale Utility Customers</b>	<b>Water and Wastewater Customers</b>
Henderson WC, LLC.	Overton Power District No. 5	Southern Nevada Water Authority
Lhoist	Valley Electric Association	
TIMET		
Borman Specialty Materials		



# Parker-Davis Remarketing

- The CRCNV's contracts with WAPA for the purchase of Parker-Davis power expire on Sept. 30, 2028 as do the CRCNV's contracts with its 7 contractors.
- WAPA must undertake a public process to determine who will be awarded an allocation effective October 1, 2028.
- WAPA's public process started in May of 2024 and is scheduled to continue through August of 2026.
- At the end of that public process, contract negotiations will begin and are expected to conclude by May 31.

# WAPA's Federal Register Notice

- Issued in May 2024
- Proposes, among other things that:
  - Current allocations be extended for another 20-year term with the creation of a small pool for new applicants
    - Current contractors give up a small amount of their resource so that new contractors can apply for an allocation.
  - The amount of power delivered be based on what can be generated instead of being supplemented with purchased power as it is today
    - Change is intended to keep downward pressure on the Parker-Davis rate and give customers more operational flexibility.
- Written comments are due to WAPA by August 19, 2024

# CRCNV Remarketing Timeline

- Concurrently with WAPA's process, the CRCNV is required by NAC 538.410 to undertake its own remarketing process.
- Two separate public processes:
  - First public process (tentatively Sept. 2025-March 2026)
    - Commission approval of 1) draft allocation criteria setting the stage for who will be eligible to apply for CRCNV's allocation and 2) the application that applicants will be invited to complete.
  - Second public process (Feb 2026-Nov 2026)
    - Approval of proposed allocations to specific contractors
- Contract negotiations with our contractors will take place concurrently with our contract negotiations with WAPA.



# Eligible Contractors

- Eligible contractors are currently limited by NRS 704.787
  1. The Colorado River Commission of Nevada may, without being subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, sell electricity and provide transmission service or distribution service, or both, only to meet the existing and future requirements of:
    - (a) Any customer that the Colorado River Commission of Nevada on July 16, 1997, was serving or had a contract to serve.
    - (b) The Southern Nevada Water Authority and its member agencies for their water and wastewater operations.
- Some additional limitations in NAC 538.410 narrow the field of applicants further.

# Questions?





# Colorado River Commission of Nevada

## Hydrology and River Updates

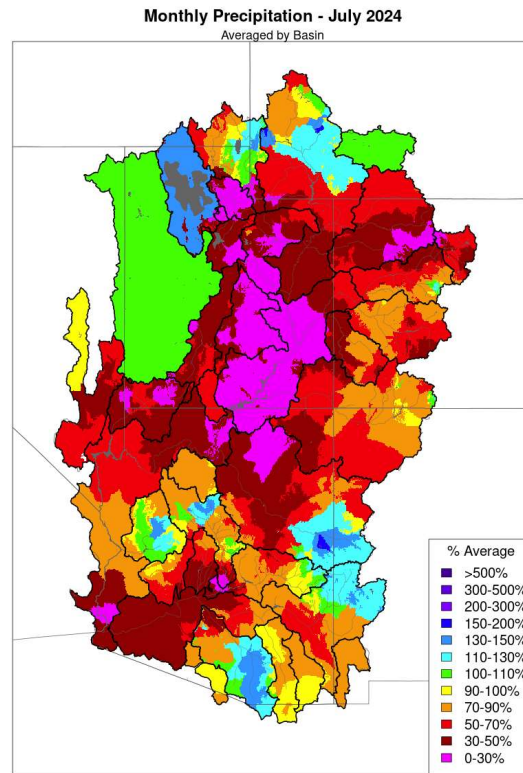
Warren Turkett

August 13, 2024

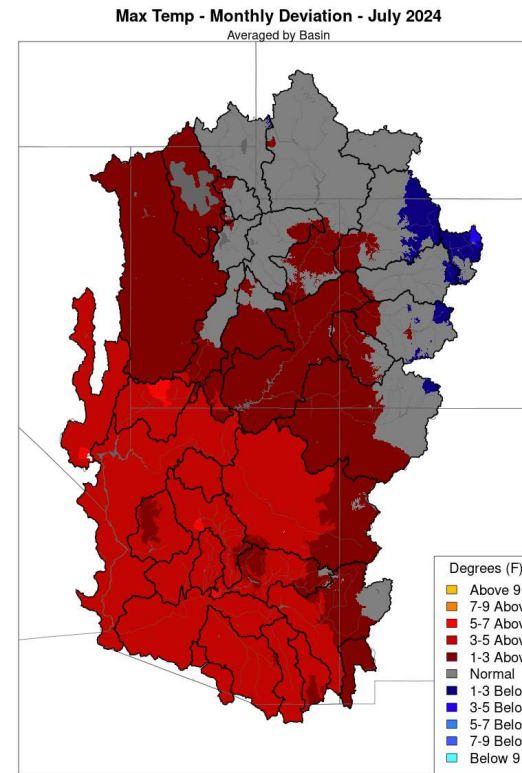




# Precipitation and Temperature



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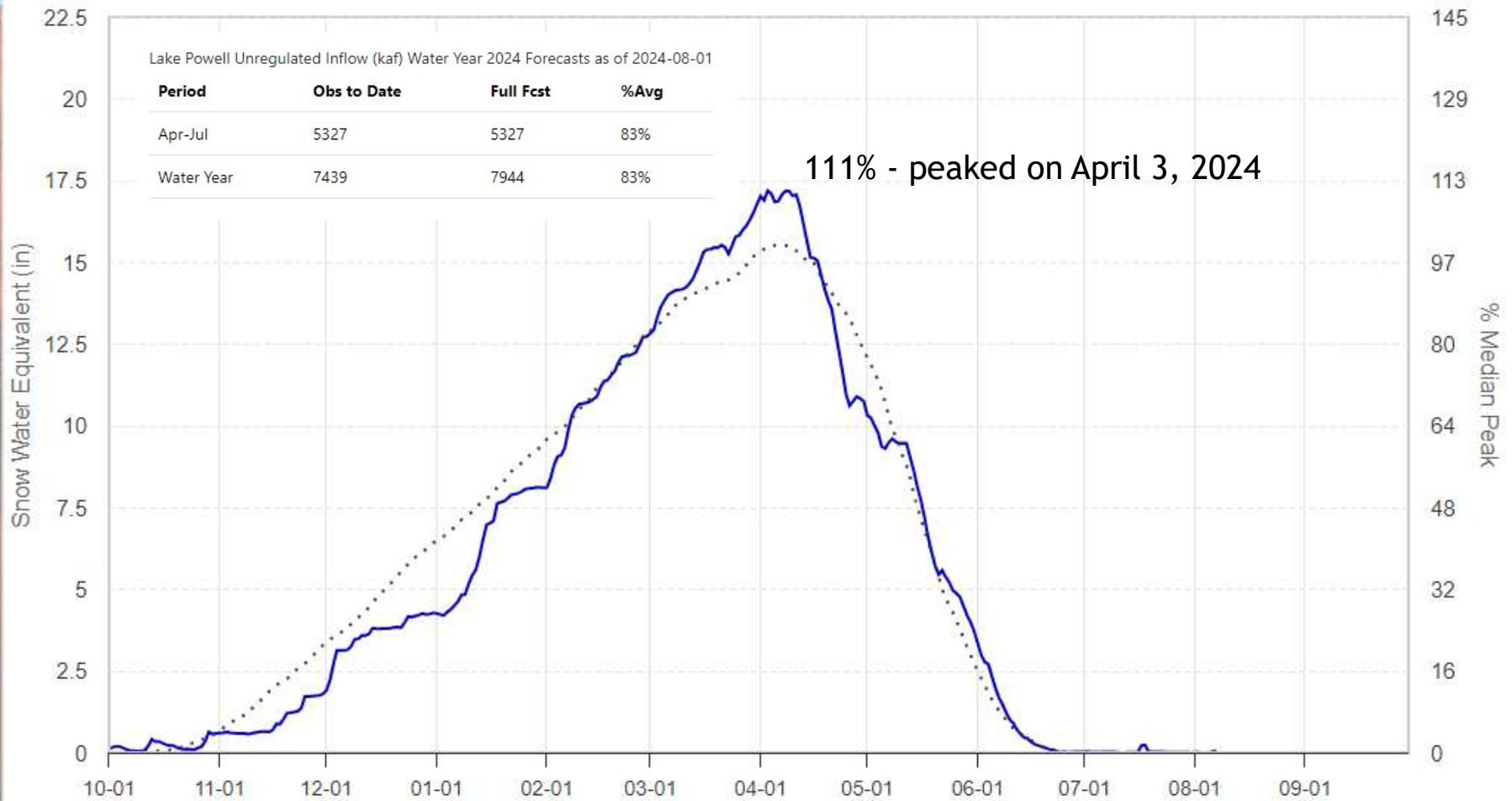


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Lake Powell %Average Precipitation Water Year 2024

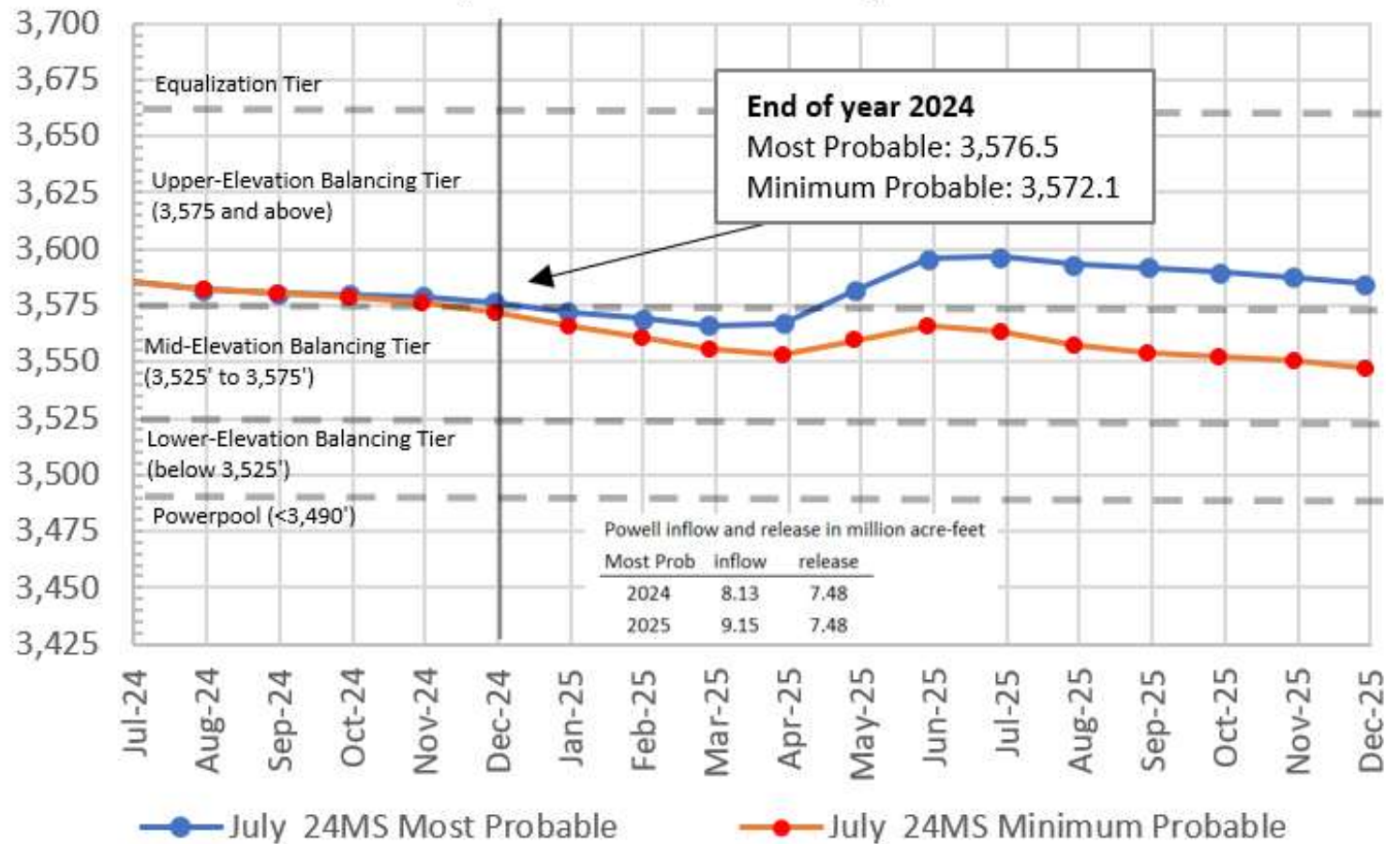
Area	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Water Year
UC-Powell	92	56	76	120	137	130	69	95	153	65	98

# Snowpack Accumulation





## Lake Powell End-of-Month Elevations July 2024 24 Month Study

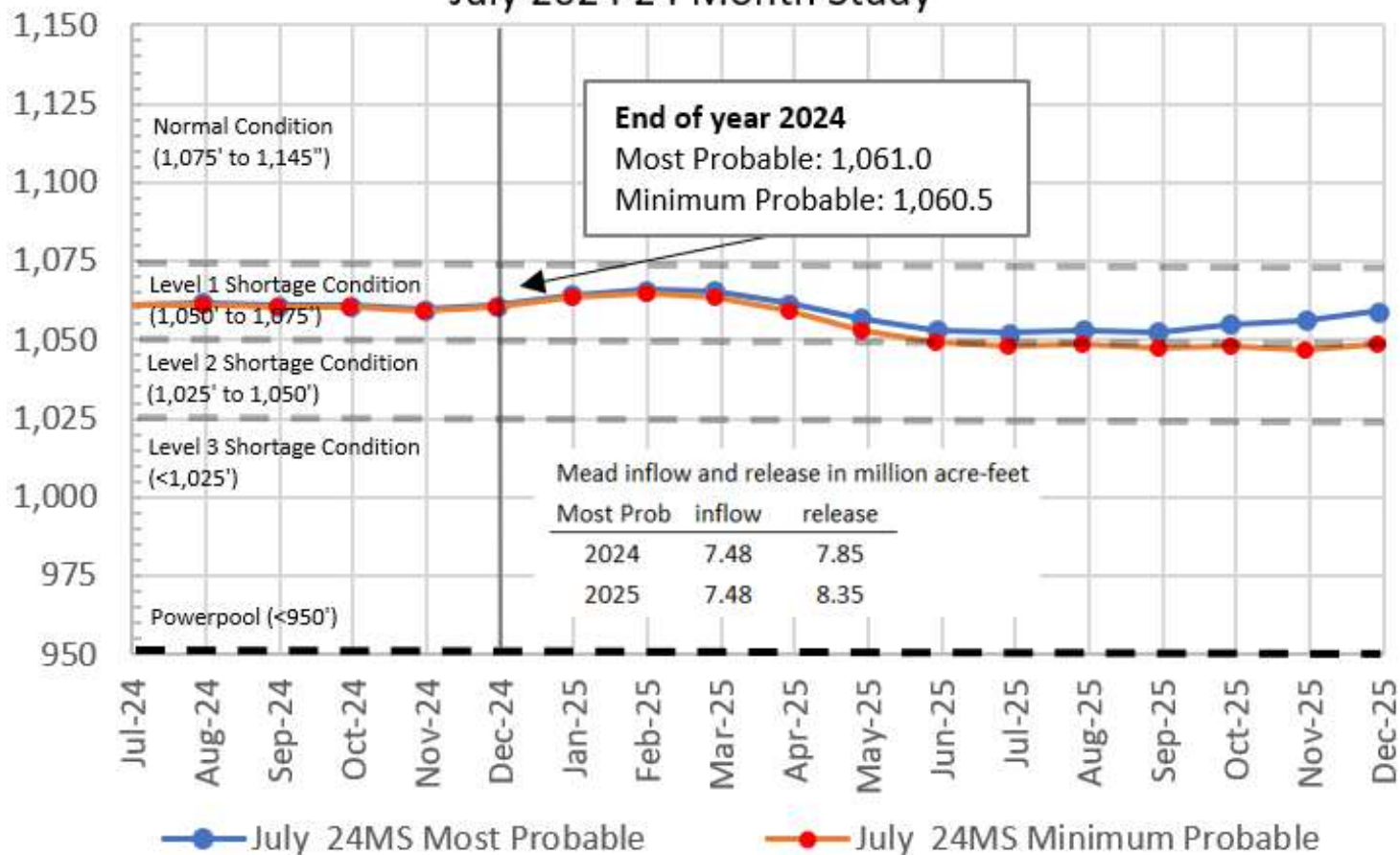


August 5, 2024 elevation: 3,583.9 feet



# Lake Mead End-of-Month Elevations

## July 2024 24 Month Study



August 5, 2024 elevation: 1,061.4 feet

## Water Use In Southern Nevada

### 2024 January-June Southern Nevada Water Use<sup>1</sup>

Acre-Feet

Nevada Annual Allocation	300,000
Drought Contingency Plan contribution	-8,000
Interim Guidelines Shortages	-13,000
Diversions	212,400
Return Flow Credits	124,080
Consumptive Use	88,321
<sup>1</sup> 2024 Consumptive use data is preliminary.	(4.3% increase compared to last year)

