Engaging on the Colorado River

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Colorado River: A critical human resource:

- 7 States
- 2 Countries
- 35 million people
- 4-5 million acres of agriculture
- World class recreation - $26B/ year!
- One of the most litigated rivers in the world
Historic and Future Colorado River Water Supply & Use (10 year running averages)

Historical Supply and Use

Water Supply (10-year Running Average)

Water Use (10-year Running Average)

Projected Future Supply and Demand

Projected Demand

Projected Water Supply (10-year Running Average)

Preliminary Results
A River That No Longer Reaches the Sea
Future Considerations

- 25 Million more people moving here
- 9% reduction in flows but could be much higher (5-30% reduction)
- 3.2 Million Acre-feet “gap” by 2060
- California Drought spill over
- 78% of water use is irrigated Agriculture
- River Health is already threatened
The Conservancy’s Strategies

- Healthy Rivers – enough water in the right time and place to create a healthy river system (influencing major water management decisions)
- Innovative Water Management
- Sustainable Financing
Questions?

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