Recovery Planning Advisory Group Update



PROTECTING ARIZONA'S WATER SUPPLIES for ITS NEXT CENTURY



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RPAG Update

- Sections 1-4 of the Update to the 2014 Recovery Plan posted on the RPAG webpage
- RPAG met on May 19, 2020
 - Focused on "Timing and Magnitude of Recovery"
 - Draft Section 5 distributed to the RPAG
 - Reviewed modeling methods, assumptions and results

Overview of Recovery Modeling



Colorado River Supply Assumptions

- CRSS Model Version
 - August 2019 version (updated December 2019)
- Hydrology
 - "Direct Natural Flows" (1906—2017) 112 ye
 - o "Stress Test" (1988-2017) 30 years
- Operational Rules include Guidelines & DCP
- Minute 323 Binational Water Scarcity Conti
- Upper Basin Demand
 - BOR assumptions in "as-is" model Bas
 - Scenario 1 -15% reduction to projected incr



On-River Demand Assumptions



CAP Supply and Demand Assumptions

- Starting point is current (2020) usage levels
 - Alternate scenario evaluated with reduced Long-Term Storage Credit accrual during shortage
- Long-Term contracts fully allocated and used by 2045
 - Three rounds of NIA reallocation (2022, 2025 & 2030)
 - White Mountain Apache Tribe settlement (2023) and Hualapai settlement (2025)
 - Future Indian settlements phased-in over time
- 2007 Guideline reductions and mandatory DCP contributions modeled as cuts to available supply, in priority-order
- AWBA firms M&I at 100% through 2026; 20% thereafter

Current and Projected Demand





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Recovery Volumes: Trace 80









Recovery Volumes: Trace 10





Recovery Volumes: Trace 40



















Conclusions

- Primary Factors Affecting Recovery
 - Reductions and contributions required under Guidelines & DCP
 - $\circ~$ Post-2026 rules and policies
 - Projected on-River consumptive uses
 - CAP contract and subcontract use
 - Long-term storage credit accrual
 - Demand management/conservation
- Potentially large recovery volumes, but at low probabilities

