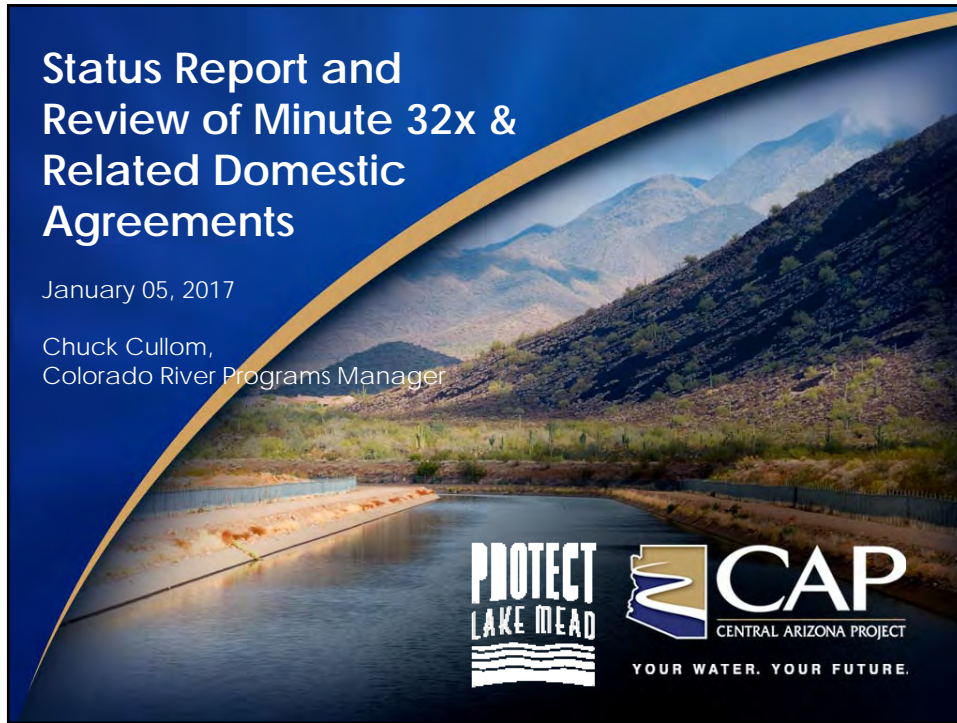



Status Report and Review of Minute 32x & Related Domestic Agreements


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- Mexico receives 1.5 MAF from the Colorado River per 1944 Water Treaty
- Colorado River water is delivered to the Mexicali Valley and Tijuana area,
- Minute 319 includes shortage sharing, conservation projects, environmental flows, surplus sharing, and salinity management,
- Minute 319 expires 12/31/2017
- US-Mexico are negotiating a successor agreement to 319 termed "32x"



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Minute 32x Negotiations: Status

- US – Mexico have prepared a draft of Minute 32x,
 - Due to diplomatic protocol the draft Minute is unavailable for public review,
- US and Mexico parties are reviewing and analyzing the draft Minute,
- US parties are preparing related Domestic Agreements,
 - Due to the linkage of the Domestic Agreements to the draft Minute with the diplomatic embargo, the Domestic Agreements are unavailable for public review at this time,
- We are unable to meet the goal of signing Minute 32x and the related Domestic Agreements by 01/19/17
- The US, States, and key water users are working to complete the review and consideration process in Q1 2017



Minute 32x Status – Key Terms

- Key components in the draft Minute relative to Minute 319 are:
 - **Longer term** (2026 consistent with '07 Guidelines)
 - Continuation of **shortage sharing**,
 - Continuation of **surplus sharing**,
 - Expansion of **conservation projects, including study of binational desalination**,
 - Continuation of **environmental flows**, but no pulse flow,
 - Additional **salinity management** projects,
 - Additional Mexico reductions – **similar to Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan**



Related Domestic Agreements

- Domestic Agreements will be executed in synch with the Minute
- US, States, and key water users including CAWCD are drafting the US Domestic Agreements
- Domestic Agreements include (CAWCD as a party):
 - **Cooperative Funding Agreement for Pilot Conservation Projects in Mexico** (paying for the conservation project)
 - **Binational Intentionally Created Surplus Delivery Agreement** (terms and conditions for release of conserved water funded by CAWCD)
 - **Interim Operating Agreement** (guides how BOR will operate the system under Minute 32x)
 - **Memorandum of Agreement** (agreement on how IBWC will implement the Minute and coordinate with the States)
 - **CAWCD – ADWR MOU** (binational forbearance between CAWCD and ADWR)
 - **Binational Forbearance Agreement** (similar to '07 Guidelines Forbearance Agreement, ADWR is a party)



Next Steps

- Complete review of draft Minute 32x and resolve Upper and Lower Basin DCP related issues,
- Complete related Domestic Agreements,
- Goal is to complete the package of agreements and move forward with consideration in Q1 2017.



Potential Decisions by CAP

- Support for legislative efforts including federal authorization of Minute 32x as well as support for ADWR's request for authorization to participate in Minute 32x related agreements,
 - State Legislation (Joint Resolution authorizing ADWR's binational forbearance),
 - Federal consideration (Senate Foreign Relations Committee)
- Participate and provide funding for Binational Conservation projects and binational desalination study,
- Approval of Domestic Agreements to implement Minute 32x,

