## Colorado River Commission of Nevada

### Hydrology and Water Use Update June 11, 2019





# Summary

#### Lake Powell

- Water Year 2019 Upper Basin snowpack peaked at 126% of average.
- Water Year 2019 Upper Basin cumulative precipitation is 129% of average.
- Water Year 2019 unregulated inflow is forecasted at 125% of average.
- Water year unregulated inflow forecast has increased 6.5 million acre feet since January.

#### Lake Mead

- A Lower Basin shortage is <u>not</u> projected for Water Year 2020.
- Lake Mead is projected to decrease about 1 foot 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.

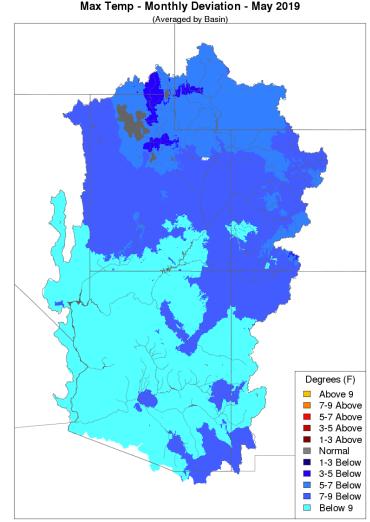
Storage	Elevation (f)	% Capacity	Change since last year
Lake Mead	1,085.7	40%	6.6 ft
Lake Powell	3,590.3	45%	- 22 ft

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## **Precipitation and Temperature**

Monthly Precipitation - May 2019 (Averaged by Basin) % Average ■ >500% 300-500% 200-300% 150-200% 130-150% 110-130% 100-110% 90-100% 70-90% 50-70% 30-50% 0-30%

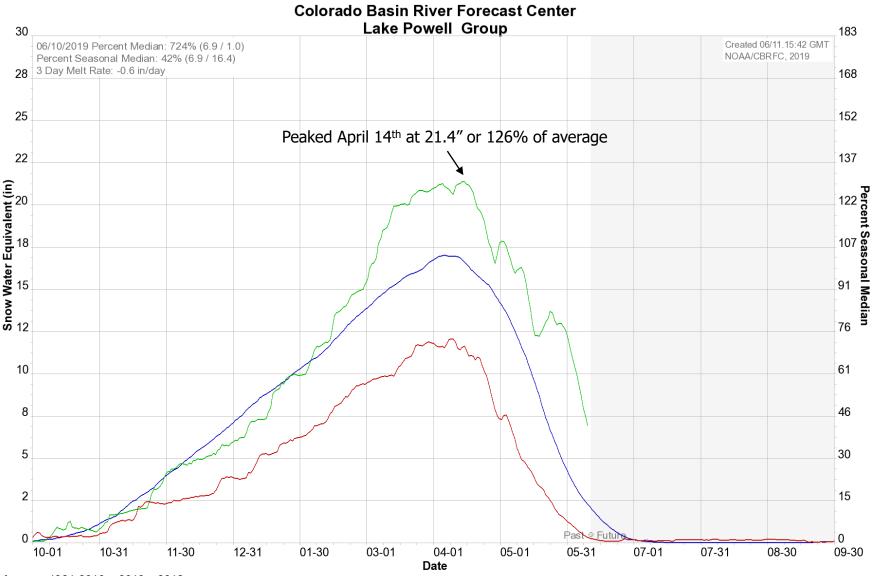
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#### Above Lake Powell May precipitation: 178%

### Upper Basin Snowpack Accumulation October 1, 2018 to June 11, 2019



Average 1981-2010 \_ 2019 \_ 2018 \_

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### Unregulated Inflow, Current and Projected Reservoir Status

F	Projected unregulated inflow to Lake Pow	ell Acre-Feet	% Average
	Water Year 2019	13,488,000	125%
	April thru July 2019	10,303,000	144%

Reservoir	Current Elevation	Current Storage Acre-Feet	Current % Capacity	Projected Elevation on 1/1/2020 <sup>1</sup>
Lake Mead	1,085.7	10,490,000	40%	1,084.9
Lake Powell	3,590.3	10,845,000	45%	3,606.4

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<sup>1</sup> Based on Reclamation's May 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	<b>Return Flows</b>	Consumptive Use
January-April 2019	122,682	78,970	43,712

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	

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