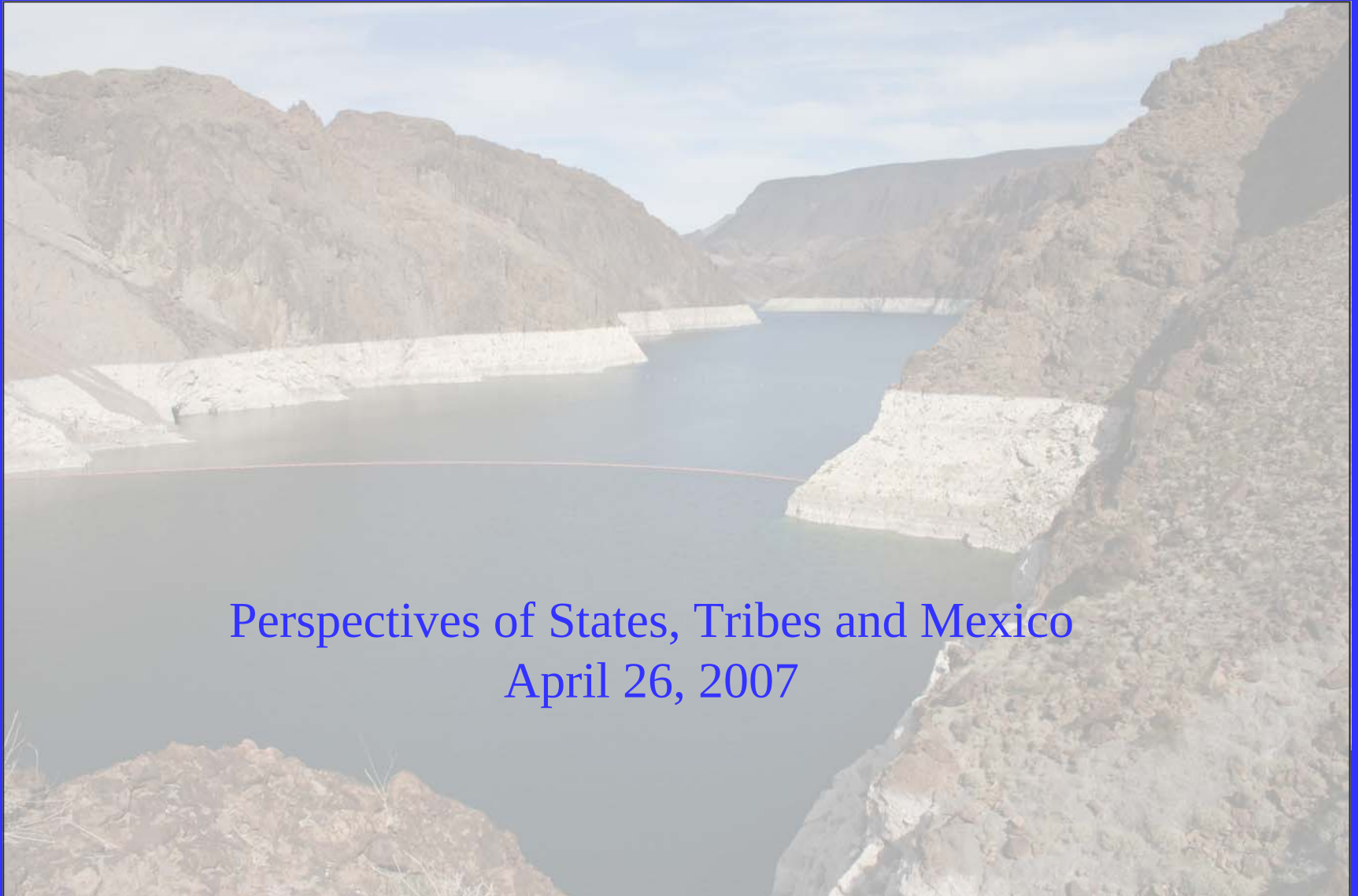


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Colorado River Basics

- Western Law of Water—state Law—consistent with the law of natural resources prevailing upon the founding of the American nation
- Prior appropriation—1867-1901—Arizona, California agricultural water use
- 1922 Wyoming v. Colorado—interstate prior appropriation
- 1922 Compact—incorporating the laws of the seven individual states
- 1928 Boulder Canyon Project Act—federalizing Lower Colorado River—leaving Upper Colorado intact as state apportioned and managed systems
- 1944 U.S.-Mexico Treaty—apportioning the international riparian system
- 1948 Upper Basin Compact—apportioning between Upper Basin States the resource retained to them by the 1922 Compact, and apportioning the risk of overuse of the resource between them

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- 1956 Colorado River Storage Project Act—authorizing upper basin dams
- 1963 Arizona v. California—upholding Secretarial authority
- 1968 Colorado River Basin Project Act—river operations and shortage priorities
- 1970 Criteria for Long-Range Operation of Colorado River Reservoirs
- 1974 Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act—domestic and international water quality
- 1992 Grand Canyon Protection Act—protecting national scenic resources
- 2001 Interim Surplus Guidelines—managing river within restraints of supply

- Jim Lochhead—Brownstein, Hyatt Farber Schreck, P.C.—represents major Colorado water districts
- Ben Bracken—Alternate Commissioner, State of Wyoming, Upper Colorado River Commission
- Tanya Trujillo—General Counsel, New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission
- Dennis J. Strong—Director, Utah Division of Water Resources
- Commissioner Arturo Herrera Solis—International Boundary and Water Commission, Mexico Section
- Gary Hansen—Director, Water Resources, Colorado River Indian Tribes
- Perri Benemelis—Arizona Department of Water Resources, Office of Colorado River Management
- Jerry Zimmerman—Executive Director, Colorado River Board of California
- Bill Rinne—Director, Southern Nevada Water Authority Surface Water Development