

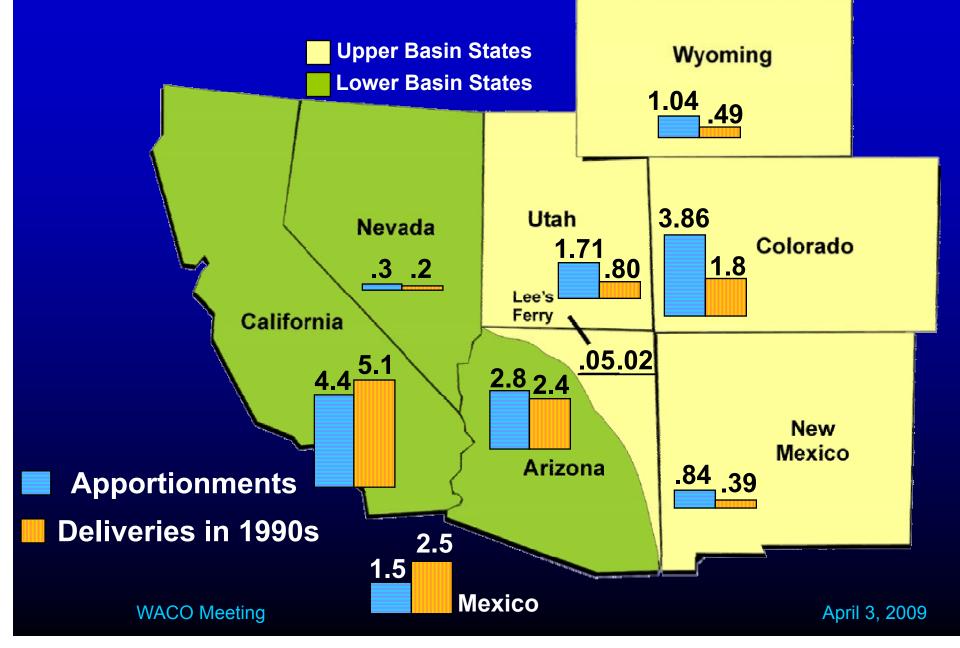
### **Colorado River**



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#### Colorado River Apportionments (Million acre-feet)





### **Development of California Plan**



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# California's Colorado River Plan to Reduce Colorado River Use

- Developed in 2000 to gradually reduce use to 4.4 maf by 2016
- Interim Surplus Guidelines "soft landing"
  - Full Supply if Lake Mead > 1145' (62% of capacity)
- Agricultural to urban transfers
  - Water Conservation Programs
  - Land Fallowing Programs
- Included QSA

# Quantification Settlement Agreement Quantified Water Budgets

	<u>inter</u>
PVID	0.42 (Average)
Yuma Project 5	U.42 (Average)
IID	3.10
CVWD	0.33
MWD*	0.55
Total	4.40

maf

\*Amount fluctuates based on PVID/Yuma Project use

### Key Transfers in California Plan

Long-term Yield from Water Conservation Transfers/Exchanges:

 IID/MWD Transfer: 85,000 af/yr
PVID/MWD Program: up to 120,000 af/yr
All-American/Coachella Canal Lining: 93,000 af/yr
IID/SDCWA Transfer: up to 200,000 af/yr

# Year 2000: California Plan was to Keep CRA Full Every Year

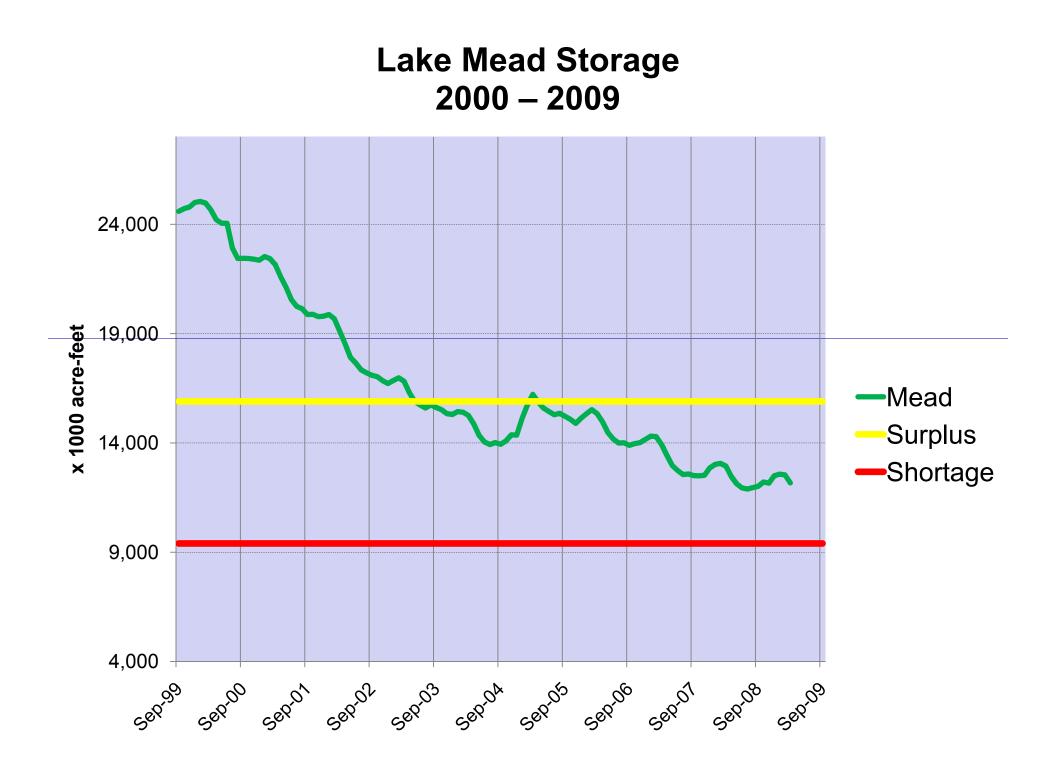
- Ag to Urban Transfers increase through time
- Surplus slowly decreases through time
- CRA stays full via combination of transfers and surplus



# Even the Best Plans Can Run Into Trouble...



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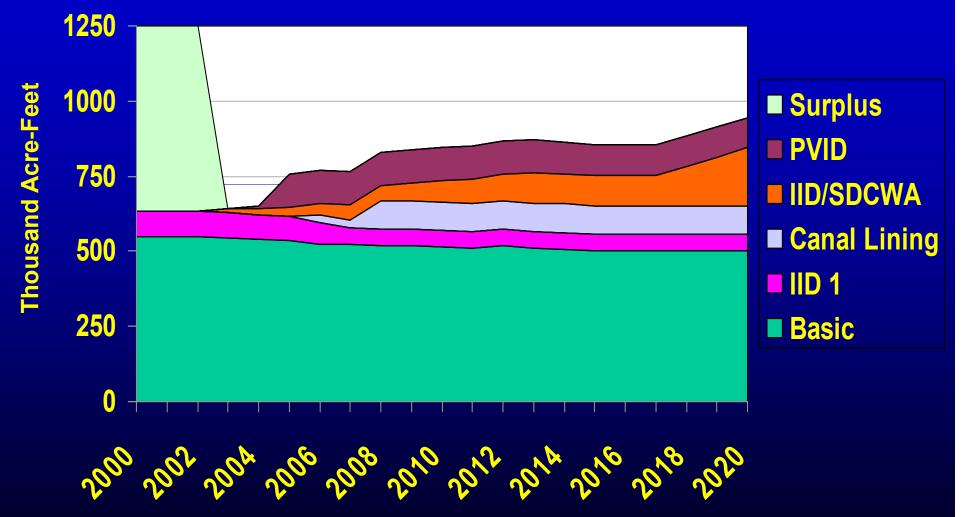


#### Year 2004: Revised California Plan: No surplus; CRA 1/2 full, slow increases

- Ag to Urban Transfers move forward; limited by Salton Sea restrictions
- No surplus anticipated
- MWD endures "hard landing"



#### Actual/Projected CRA Supplies From QSA Programs 2000 - 2020



# Diverse Supplies Help MWD Manage CRA Cutback...



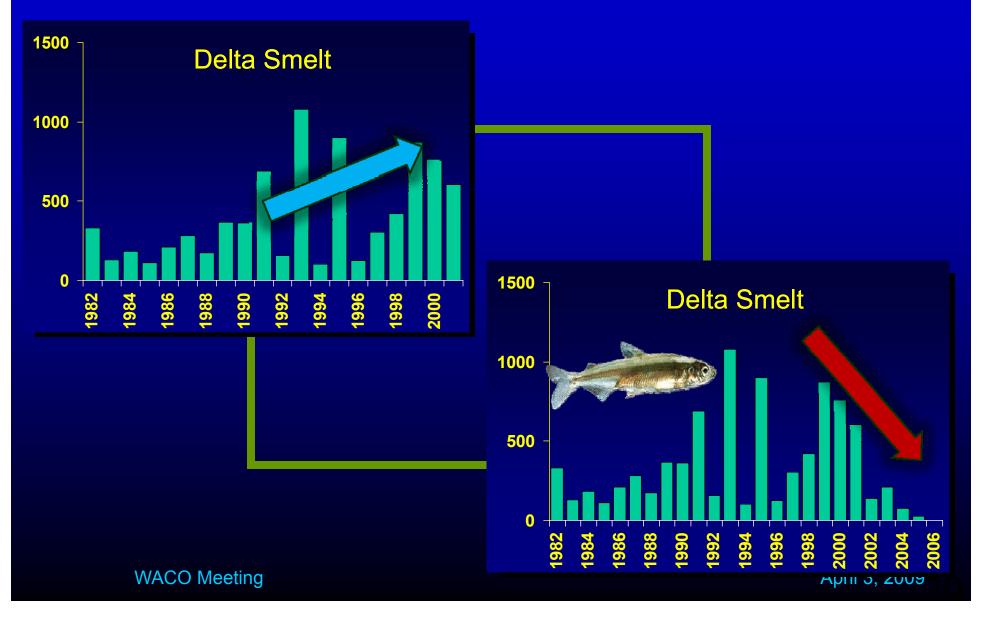


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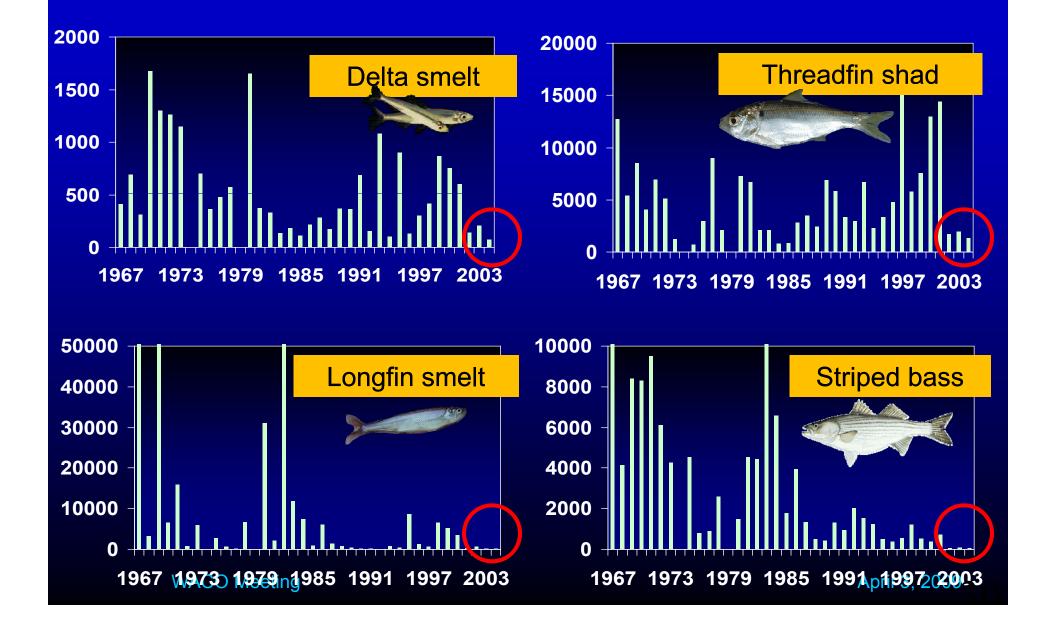
#### ...Along with Conservation in MWD's Service Area



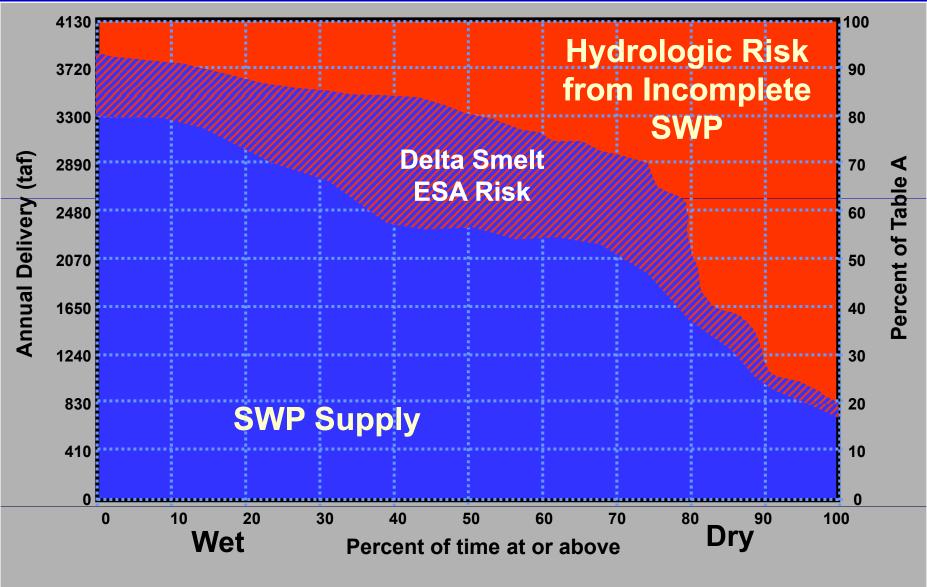
#### Delta Fisheries – <u>2001 vs. 2006</u> A Downturn in Delta Smelt



#### ... and Other Pelagic Species are Declining



#### **SWP Reliability**



# Estimated SWP Water Supply Cutbacks due to ESA Restrictions

	Average Year	Dry Year	
2007 Court Order (Judge Wanger)	950 taf	470 taf	
2008 Delta Smelt BO (USFWS)	900 taf	580 taf	
Longfin Smelt BO (CDFG)	50 taf	50 taf	
Salmon BO (NMFS)	600 taf	350 taf	
Total WACO Meeting	2.5 MAF (44% cutback)	1.45 MAF (51% cutback) April 3, 2009	

### **Coping with Drought and Restrictions MWD Plans for Meeting the Region's Needs**

#### Long-term Bay-Delta Solution Needed

- Likely involve a canal around Delta
- Timeframe 10 to 15 years
- Need for "bridge" supplies
  - Short-term Delta Improvements
  - Increased conservation, recycling, desalination
  - Obtain additional supplies on CRA, SWP

# Development of Colorado River Basin States Agreement Going Beyond 4.4 MAF...



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Basin States Agreement Elements of Particular Importance to CA

Up to 1.5 MAF of New Storage at No Cost
Intentionally Created Surplus

Extension of Interim Surplus Guidelines

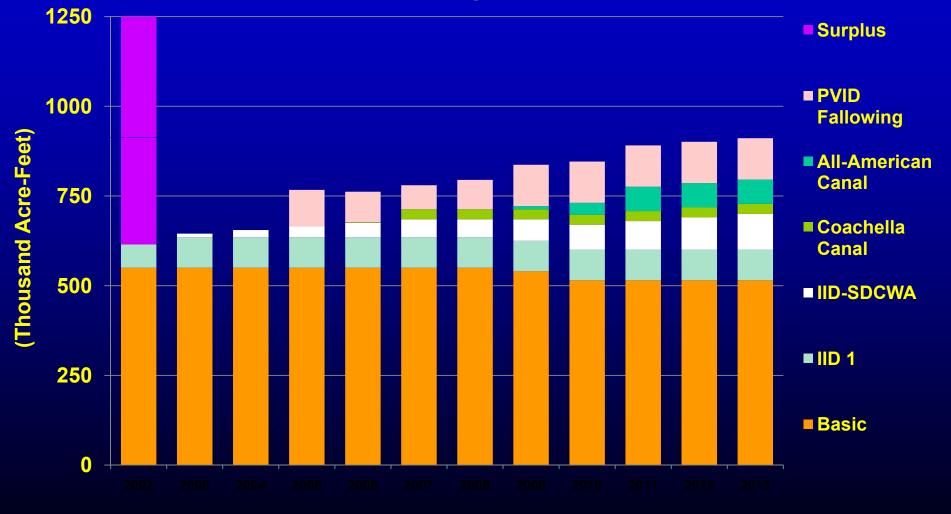
- Surplus when Lake Mead > 62% full
- Ability to Partner with Other Agencies to Fund System Improvement Projects
  - Drop 2, other projects

### Going Beyond 4.4: Yield from MWD's Interstate Programs 2008

<b>Recovery of Water Stored in AZ:</b>	<b>28 taf</b>
Lake Mead ICS Water:	<b>43 taf</b>
Drop 2 ICS Water:	34 taf
SNWA Exchange Water:	<b>45 taf</b>
Total	125,000 af

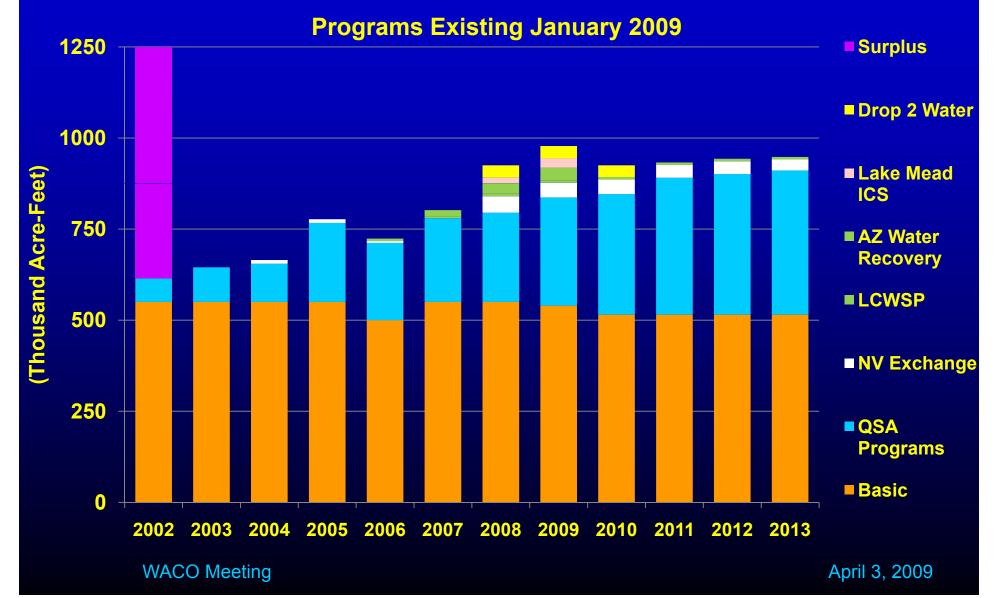
#### Actual/Projected CRA Supplies 2002-2013

**QSA Programs** 



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#### Actual/Projected CRA Supplies 2002-2013



### **PVID Emergency Fallowing Program**



One-year agreement, starting summer '09

15% fallowing increase valley wide (44% total)

MWD pays \$1700 for each fallowed acre

– **~**\$340/AF

Provides ~66,000 AF

# Potential Additional Fallowing Programs with Other California Agencies

- MWD in discussions with Bard/CR Indians for short-term program
  Up to 10,000 AF
- PVID program may be extended, but 3<sup>rd</sup> party impacts could be issue
- IID Transfer Limitations
  - Impacts to Salton Sea
  - SDCWA's right of first refusal on IID transfers



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# Discussions with Coachella Valley Water District

- CVWD may call up to 55 taf of MWD water any year
- Agreement reached for 2009; discussions continue for 2010
- Proposal to move water to MWD for later return (money or water)



# **Proposal for Funding Yuma Desalting Plant**

- YDP would conserve 30 taf during 2009-10
  MWD, SNWA, and CAP would augment USBR funding
  - MWD 60%
  - SNWA 30%
  - CAP 10%

 Agencies would receive proportional ICS Storage credits



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### **Proposal for Funding Agreement (cont.)**

- Agencies would fund costs as they occur
  - Energy, Chemicals, Contract Labor
- Estimated non-federal costs: \$9 to \$14 million (\$300-\$450/AF)
  - Depends on federal funding level, actual O&M costs



#### **Issues with Operating Yuma Desalter**

- Environmental Groups Concerned over Impact to Santa Clara Wetlands

   Threatened lawsuit

  Mexico Expressed Concerns

   Want project as part of overall bi-national effort

  Uncertainly of view of new
- Uncertainly of view of new administration



# Discussions with Southern Nevada Water Authority

#### MWD/SNWA amending exchange agreement

- MWD stores water for SNWA at no cost
- SNWA cannot recover water until 2020
- Max recovery 30,000 AF/yr
- To date, MWD has stored 70,000 AF for SNWA



# Discussions with Southern Nevada Water Authority

#### MWD/SNWA exploring expanding exchange to include 2 components

- SNWA's water stored in AZ
- SNWA's Drop 2 water
- Exploring opportunities to purchase some of the exchange water from SNWA



# Discussions with Central Arizona Project for Potential Water Exchange Program

- CAP stores over 250,000 AF annually
- Proposal being discussed:
  - CAP would bank water with MWD
  - MWD would return water during AZ M&I shortage
  - Discussing annual return limit and cost provisions



### **Issues with CAP Exchange**

#### Ensuring no impact to CAP operations

- CAP customers come before MWD
- In 2009, initial AZ orders exceed supply, limiting exchange opportunities
- Cash flow needs for CAP needs be addressed

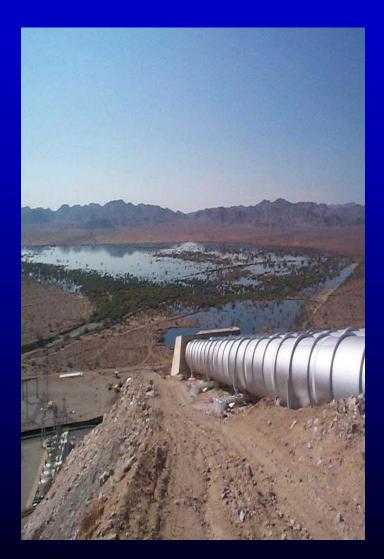
Arizona needs assurance it can recover water

 AZ needs ironclad guarantee that MWD would return water

### **Hayfield Water Recovery**

#### Recovery of Water from Hayfield

- MWD has stored about 100,000 acre-feet in Hayfield groundwater basin
- Developing proposal to pump water into CRA as early as 2011



# Salton Sea Restoration Transfer from IID "c(2) Transfer"

- QSA included IID transfer tied to Salton Sea Restoration
  - Up to 1.6 maf potentially available over 15 years
  - Requires state legislature approval and CEQA analysis
  - DWR initially opposed transfer
  - State responsible for mitigation, including air quality impacts



# Salton Sea Restoration Transfer from IID "c(2) Transfer"

- DWR's preferred alternative cost \$9 billion, plus \$100 mil. annual O&M costs
- Stakeholder group developed alternative, which includes up to 700 taf transfer to MWD
  - IID, MWD, SDCWA, Pacific Inst.
  - Habitat and air quality mitigation
- DWR management open to proposal, needs CEQA and state legislative approval



### Bi-national Water Management Discussions

- IBWC established Mexico/U.S. group to address water issues
- Basin States develop proposal and will share with Mexico in May or June
- Current focus is agricultural efficiency and a desalination plant in Baja California

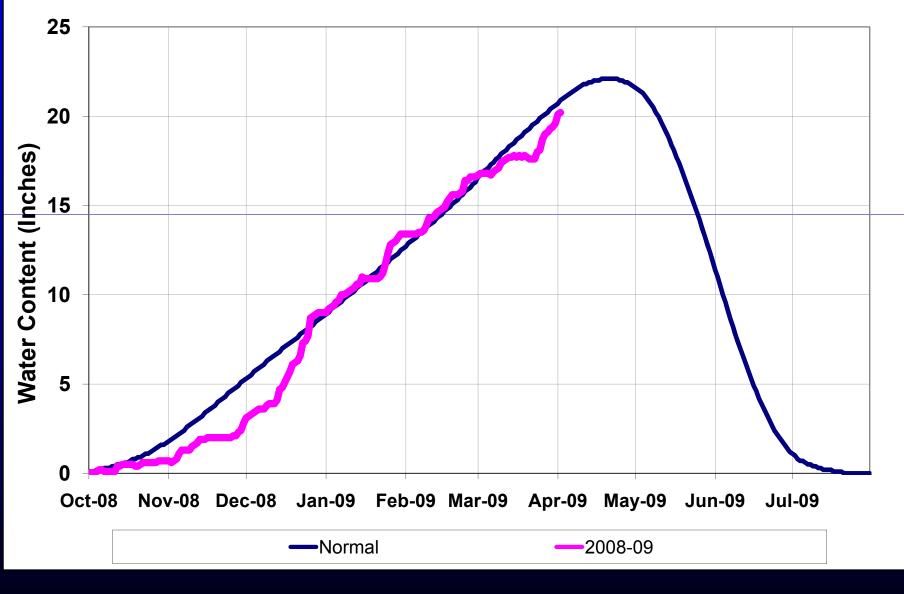


# Potential Water Supply from New Colorado River Programs, 2009-2013

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Fallowing	35	75	75	75	75
YDP		30		30	30
NV/AZ Exc.	30	80	140	140	140
CVWD	25	35	35	35	35
Hayfield			20	20	20
Salt.Sea c2		35	40	45	70
Mexico			25	25	25
Total	100	250	335	365	390

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### **Upper Colorado Basin Snowpack**



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# Summary: MWD's Approach to Managing its Colorado River Supplies

- CA's Delta problems may last many years; need to develop additional Col. Riv. supplies
- New agreements allow CA to use more than 4.4 maf in a way that benefits all states
- CA developing new partnerships with agricultural agencies
- Perhaps Colorado Successes can provide example for Bay-Delta?
  - Cooperation more effective than legal battles?



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