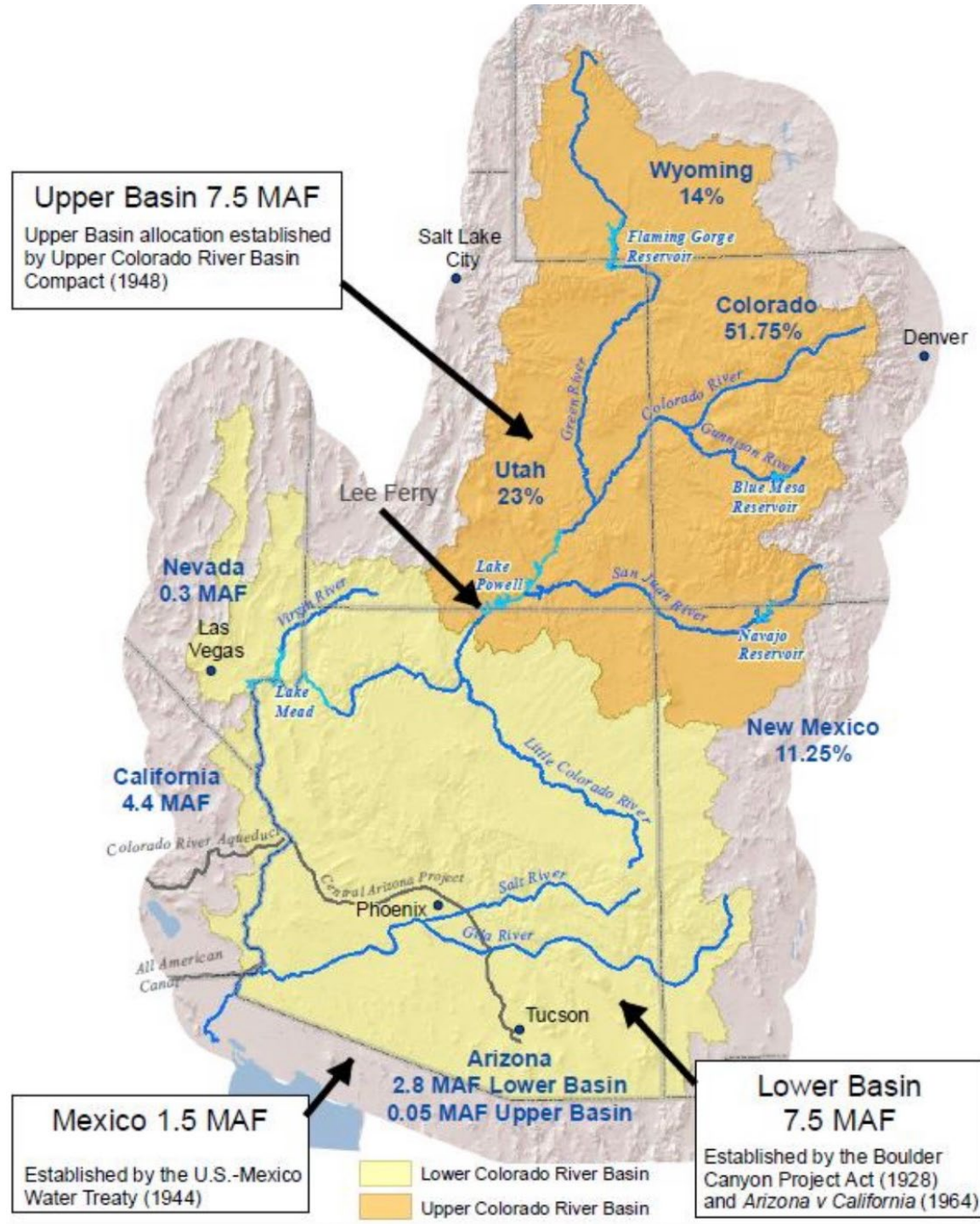


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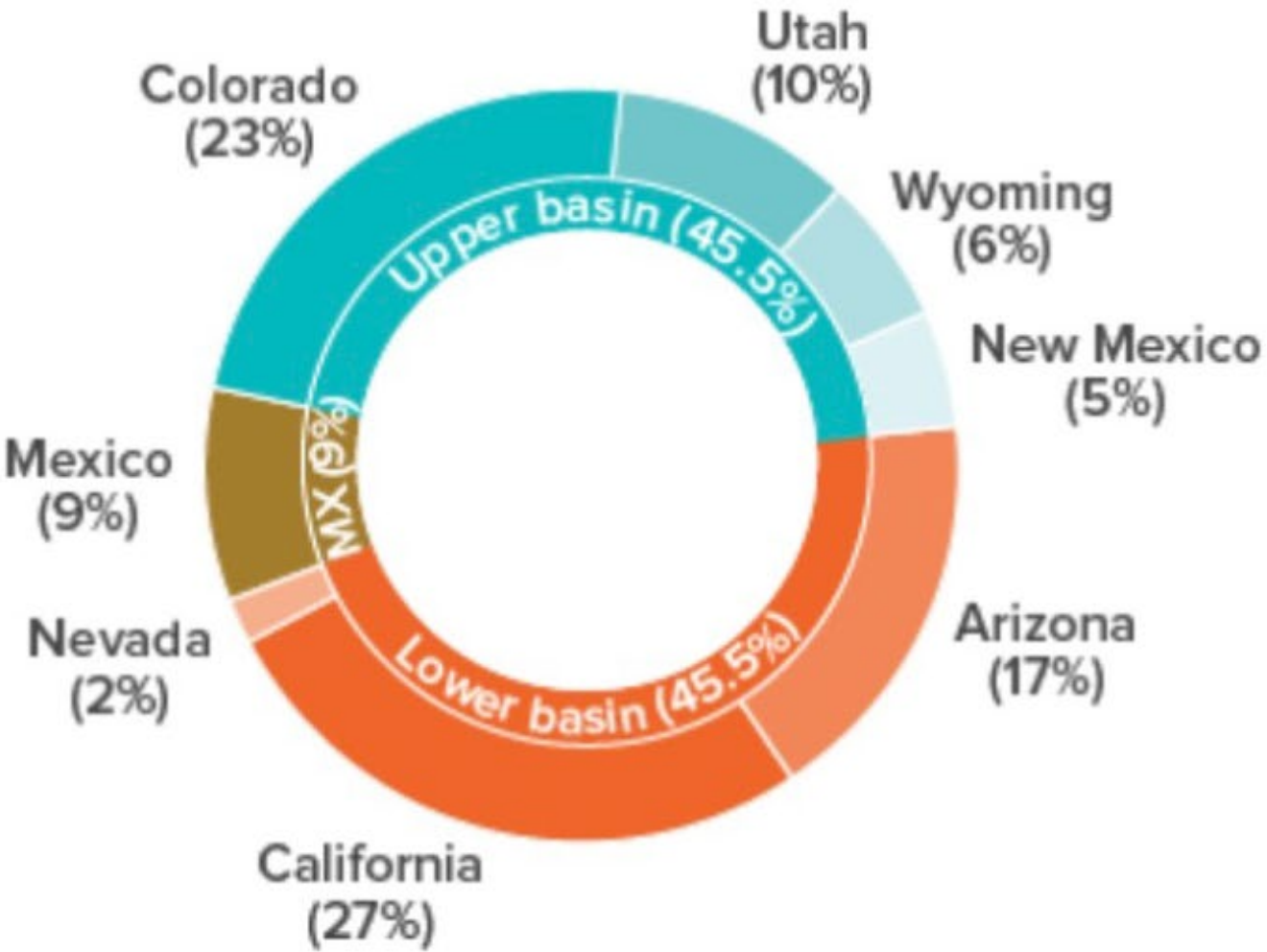


Figure 3. Colorado River Natural Flow at Lees Ferry, Arizona, with 10-Year Moving Average, 1906-2022

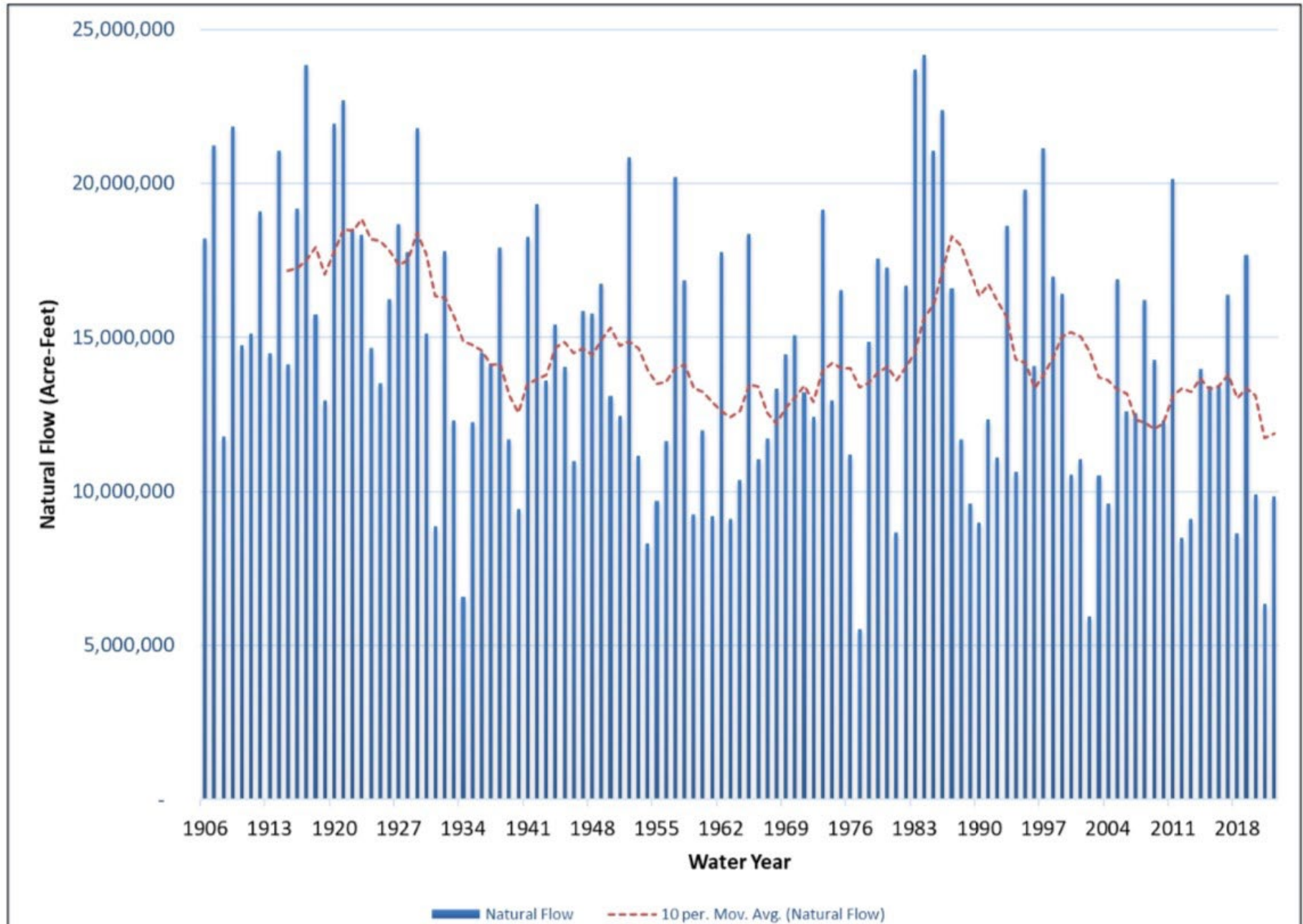


Table I. Lower Basin Water Delivery Curtailment Volumes Under Existing Agreements

(values in thousands of acre-feet)

Lake Mead Elevation (ft)	2007 Interim Shortage Guidelines		Minute 323 Delivery Reductions	DCP Curtailment			Binational Water Scarcity Conting. Plan	Total Volume of Curtailment (% of Lower Colorado River Apportionment)				
	AZ	NV	Mexico	AZ	NV	CA	Mexico	AZ	NV	CA	Lower Basin	Mexico
1,090 - >1,075	0	0	0	192	8	0	41	192 (6.8%)	8 (2.6%)	0 (0%)	200	41
1,075 - >1,050	320	13	50	192	8	0	30	512 (18.2%)	21 (7%)	0 (0%)	533	80
1,050 - >1,045	400	17	70	192	8	0	34	592 (21.1%)	25 (8.3%)	0 (0%)	617	104
1,045 - >1,040	400	17	70	240	10	200	76	640 (22.8%)	27 (9.0%)	200 (4.5%)	867	146
1,040 - >1,035	400	17	70	240	10	250	84	640 (22.8%)	27 (9.0%)	250 (5.6%)	917	154
1,035 - >1,030	400	17	70	240	10	300	92	640 (22.8%)	27 (9.0%)	300 (6.8%)	967	162
1,030 - 1,025	400	17	70	240	10	350	101	640 (22.8%)	27 (9.0%)	350 (7.9%)	1,017	171
<1,025	480	20	125	240	10	350	150	720 (22.8%)	30 (10.0%)	350 (7.9%)	1,100	275

Sources: Table by CRS, using data in the 2007 Interim Shortage Guidelines, Minute 323 between Mexico and the United States, *Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan*, and the Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan in Minute 323 between Mexico and the United States.

LAW OF THE RIVER: MILESTONES

- **Colorado River Compact 1922**
 - 7.5 MAFY – Upper and Lower
 - Upper 10-year averaging 75MAF
 - AZ reserved approval
 - Mexico - reserved
- **Boulder Canyon Project Act 1928**
 - 4.4 MAF CA
 - 2.8 MAF AZ
 - 300 KAF NEV
 - Secretary – Sole Contracting Authority
- **7-Party Agreement – 1931**
 - California Water Delivery Requirements
 - Establishes priorities within California
- **U.S. Mexico Treaty 1944**
 - 1.5 MAF
 - 200k Declared Surplus
- **Upper Basin Compact 1948**
- **Arizona Ratification – AZ v. California – CAP 1964-1968**
 - AZ ratifies
 - Secretary controls totals [2.8 to AZ]
 - CAP subordinated
 - PPR's recognized
- **QSA 2003**
 - CA gets to 4.4 MAF
 - Conservation – Transfers – SDCWA
 - Salton Sea
- **ISG 2007**
 - Reservoirs – tied to surface elevations and triggers between Mead and Powell
 - Projects enable carry-over storage in Lake Mead
 - Curtailments for Nev and AZ at 1075 at Lake Mead
 - Expires in 2026
- **DCP 2019**
 - Additional curtailments by agreement among the Lower Basin
 - Wrap-around ISG and apportionment