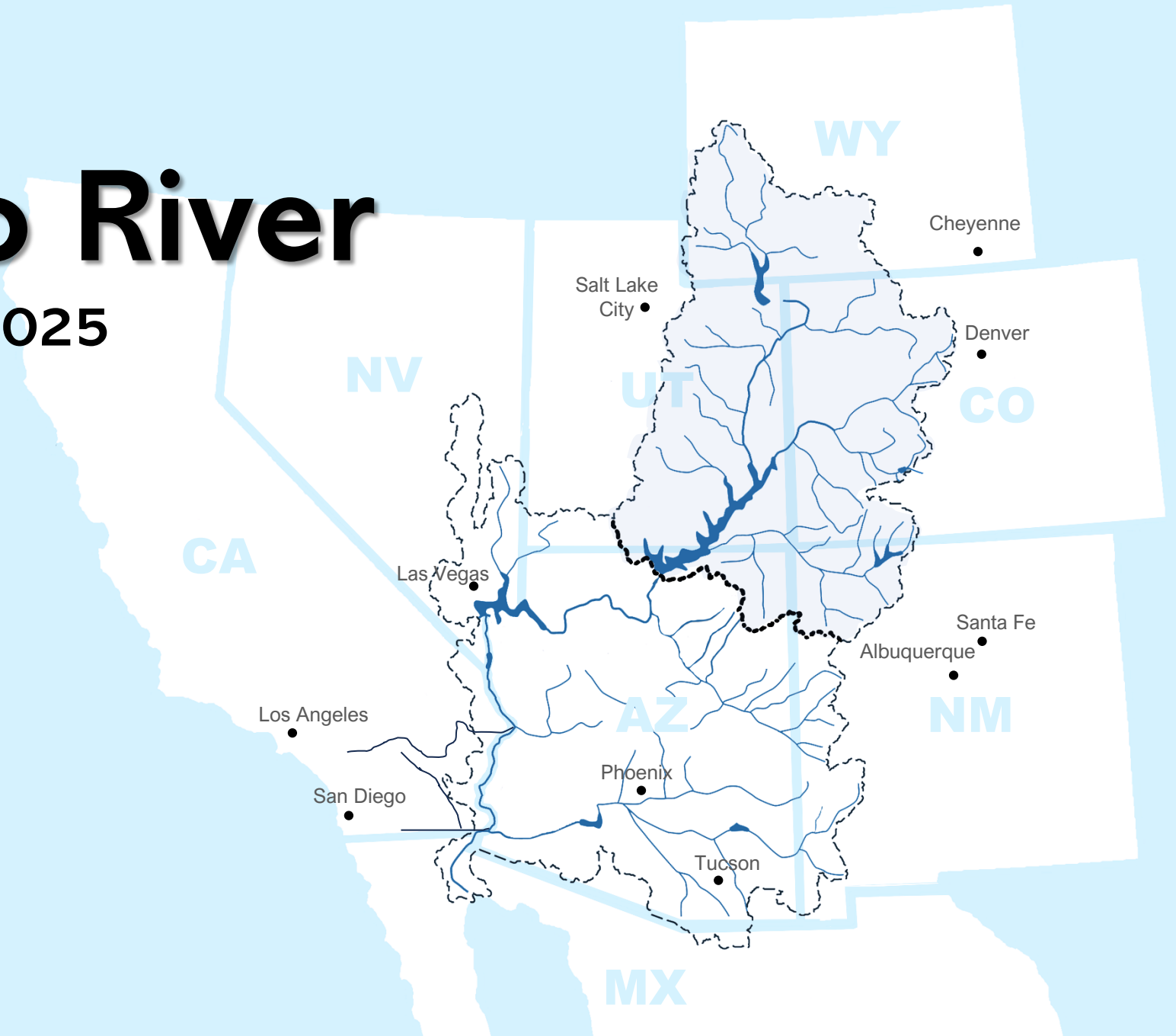


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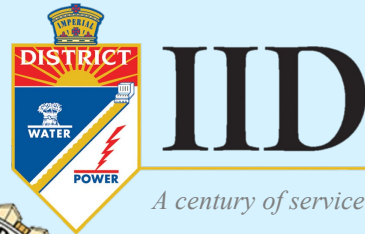
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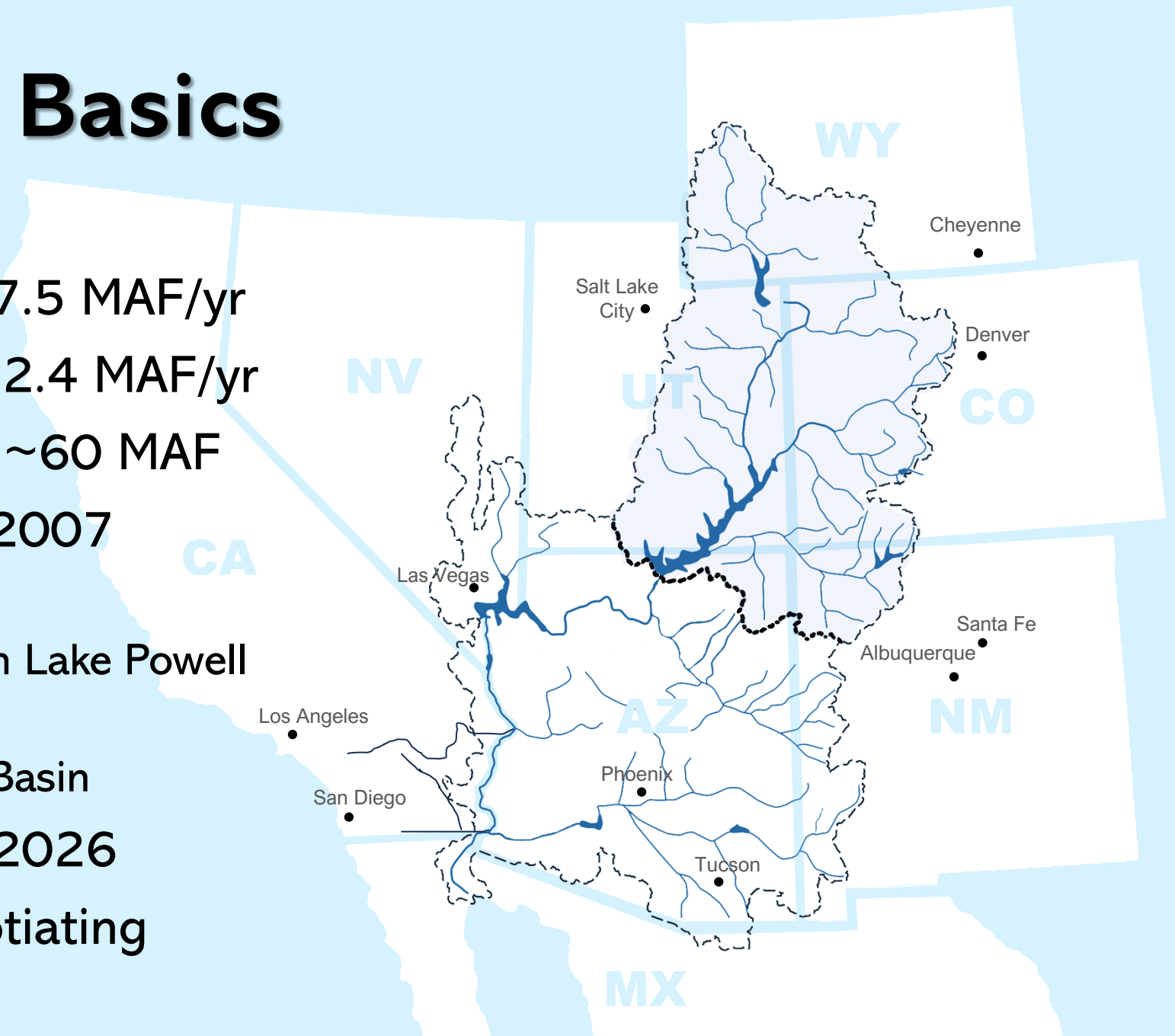


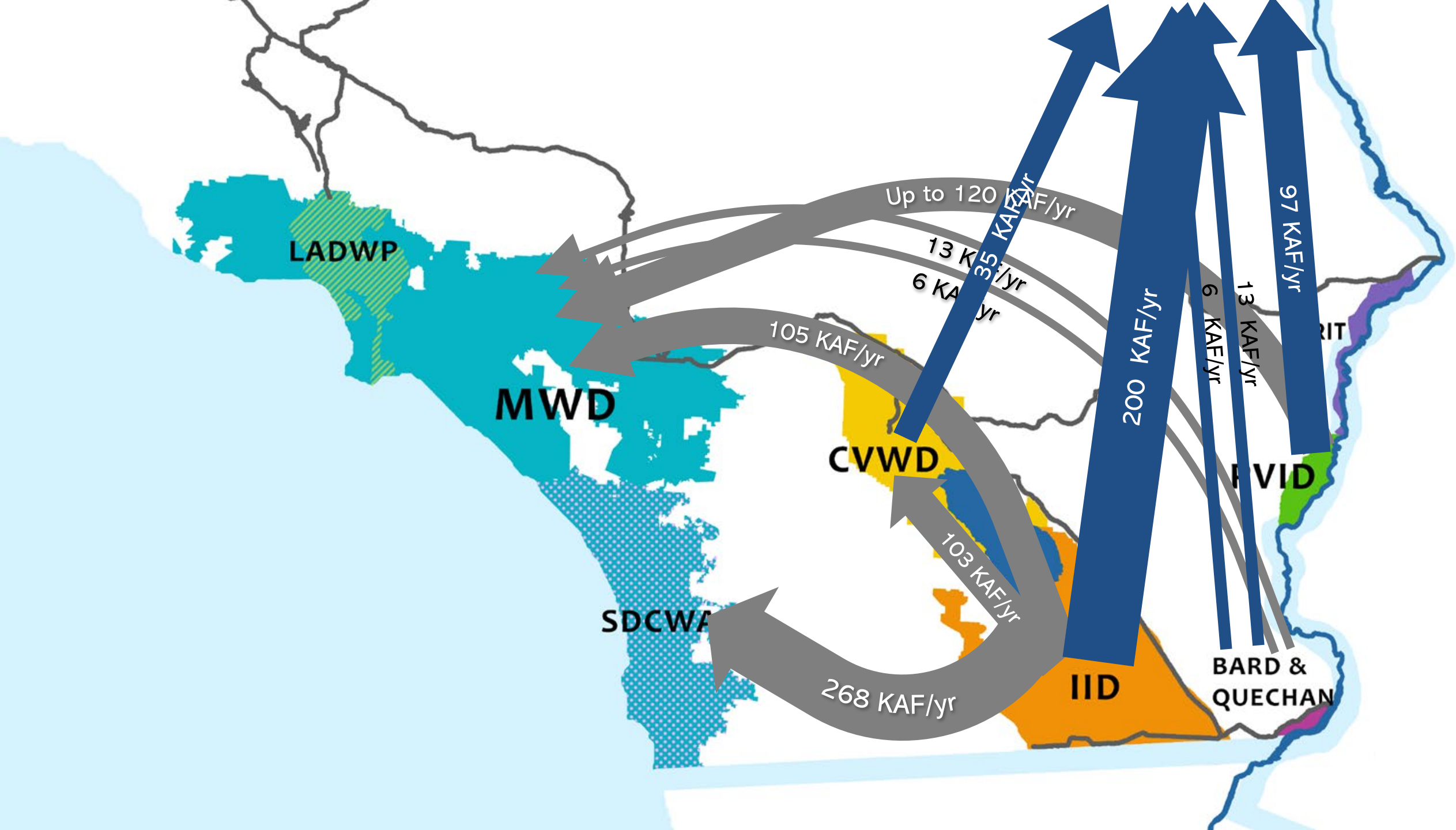
- Established in 1937
- State agency charged with protecting California's rights and interests in the resources of the Colorado River
- Members include six major Colorado River water and power users in California, state agencies, and two public members:



Colorado River Basics

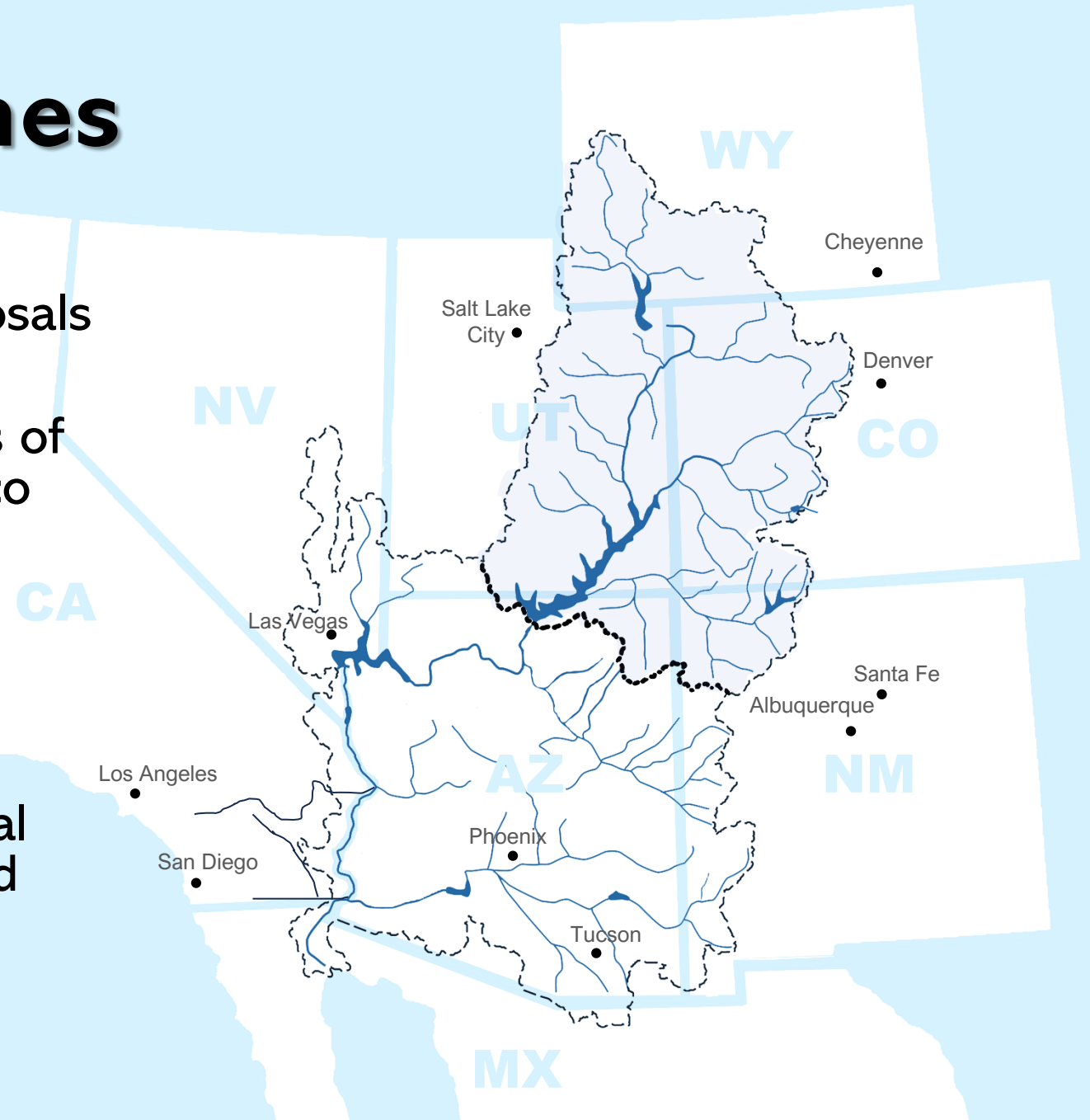
- 1922 Compact allocates 17.5 MAF/yr
- 2000-2024 natural flow: 12.4 MAF/yr
- Total system storage up to ~60 MAF
- Currently operating under 2007 Interim Guidelines, which:
 - Coordinate releases between Lake Powell and Lake Mead
 - Set shortages in the Lower Basin
- 2007 Guidelines expire in 2026
- Basin States currently negotiating successor guidelines





Post 2026 Guidelines

- Basin States submitted dueling proposals in 2024
- Lower Basin has proposed reductions of 1.5 MAF/yr in Lower Basin and Mexico under most reservoir conditions:
 - AZ: 760 KAF/yr
 - CA: 440 KAF/yr
 - NV: 50 KAF/yr
 - MX: 250 KAF/yr
- Negotiations are focused on additional reductions, which will likely be needed under dry conditions
- Draft EIS expected by January 2026
- Final EIS needed by October 2026



Barriers to a Basin States Deal

- Role of the Upper Basin

- Lower Basin believes Upper Basin must release a steady supply of water downstream, but have offered to share impacts of drought
- Upper Basin believes they should be allowed to develop additional water use and aren't required to reduce uses

- Logistical challenges: more diffuse management and accounting in Upper Basin, less federal control

- Compressed timeframe to reach agreement

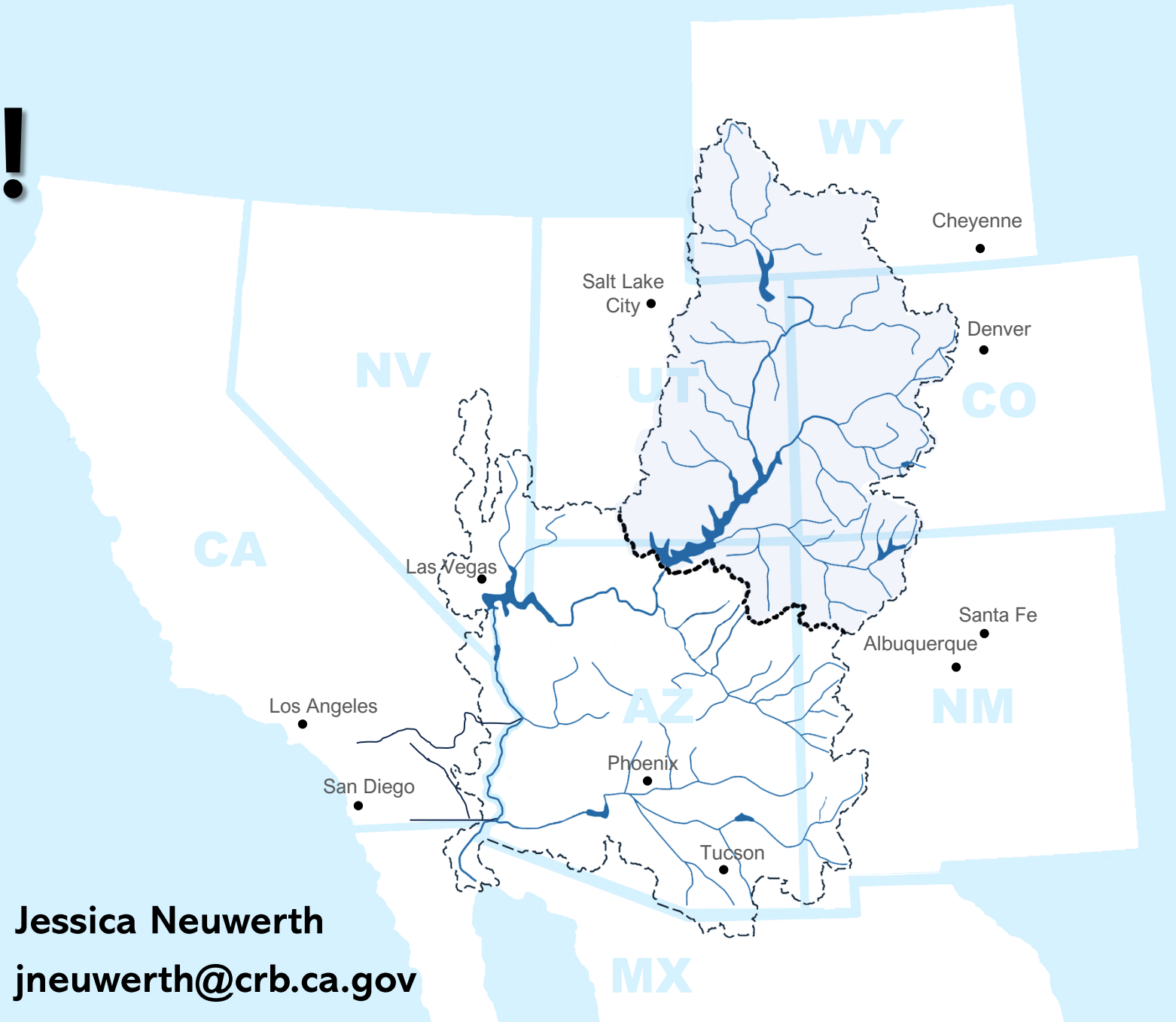


What's Happening in California?

- California is currently conserving approx. 400 KAF annually from 2023-2026
- Committed to conserve 440 KAF in most years post-2026
- Ongoing discussions within California on sharing post-2026 reductions
- Scope of California's existing conservation is a challenge and a benefit
- Additional reductions may be needed in response to poor hydrology
- Board approvals needed



Thank you!



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