



The Honorable Mike Lee, Chair
The Honorable Martin Heinrich, Ranking Member
United States Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
The Honorable Bruce Westerman, Chair
The Honorable Jared Huffman, Ranking Member
United States House Committee on Natural Resources
cc: Members of the Colorado River Congressional Delegation

Dear Chairs, Ranking Members, and Members of the Colorado River Delegation,

The undersigned Colorado River Basin businesses and business organizations write to urge Congress to act decisively to provide targeted federal investment in the Colorado River Basin. Such action is essential to ensure long-term water, food, and energy security while sustaining the \$3.8 trillion Colorado River economy that depends on a reliable and resilient river.

Businesses are aligned on the need for federal leadership and strategic investment to address intensifying water supply challenges. To immediately address the crisis, we respectfully call on Congress to provide at least \$2 billion in new federal funding for near-term drought mitigation and sustained funding for a multi-year program. Building on the Bureau of Reclamation's existing efforts, additional resources are urgently needed to stabilize the system, reduce near-term risks and scale effective solutions that help the Basin move beyond crisis-driven management toward a more reliable water future.

The federal funding framework will be most impactful by:

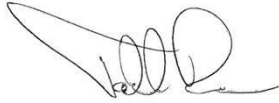
- Supporting investments across a diverse portfolio of solutions, including water conservation and efficiency, smart and targeted augmentation, and other actions that improve long-term water supply reliability.
- Funding for engineered and natural systems: healthy forests, watersheds, rivers, and floodplains help protect source waters, reduce wildfire risks, improve system resilience, and support the reliable delivery of water to cities, farms, communities, businesses, and industry.
- Providing opportunities for input from businesses, water users, and regional stakeholders will help maximize participation and effectively scale solutions.
- Improving water supply reliability across the Basin. Reliable water supplies are not simply an environmental or infrastructure issue; they are a prerequisite for continued economic growth, business investment, workforce stability, food production, and energy security throughout the American West.

A federal framework will catalyze additional public and private investment, support economic growth, maintain workforce stability, and ensure that water resources are effectively managed across all sectors. Reliable water infrastructure is foundational to both the \$3.8 trillion Colorado River economy and the broader U.S. economy.

We are committed to being part of the solution. Meeting the scale of innovation and efficiency required will depend on strong partnerships between the federal government and the business community and a shared commitment to predictable funding and forward-looking policy.

Thank you for your leadership and continued attention to the Colorado River Basin. We stand ready to work with you to strengthen the region's economic and water security.

Sincerely,



Todd Reeve
Founder—Business for Water Stewardship

The Undersigned Businesses and Business Organizations:

Arizona

Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Arizona Economic Development Association
Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce
Greater Phoenix Chamber
Greater Phoenix Leadership
Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce
Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce
Parker Chamber of Commerce
Southern Arizona Chamber of Commerce
Yuma Chamber of Commerce

California

Blythe Chamber of Commerce
Imperial Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce
Needles Chamber of Commerce

Colorado

Boulder Chamber of Commerce
Club 20
Colorado Contractors Association
Craig Chamber of Commerce and Moffat County
Visitors Bureau
Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce
Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce
Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association
Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce
Gunnison County Chamber of Commerce
Horse & Dragon Brewing Company
Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce
Marble Distilling Company
Palisade Chamber of Commerce
Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp.

Steamboat Springs Chamber of Commerce
Summit Chamber of Commerce
Upstate Colorado
Vail Chamber and Business Association
Vail Valley Partnership

New Mexico

Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce
New Mexico Economic Development
Department

Nevada

Henderson Chamber of Commerce
Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce
Laughlin Chamber of Commerce

Utah

Doggett County Chamber of Commerce
Uzona Chamber of Commerce
Flaming Gorge Chamber of Commerce
Flaming Gorge Corporation

Wyoming

Buckboard Marina at Flaming Gorge LLC