

Working with Mexico After Minute 319



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1944 Water Treaty

- 1944 Treaty Concerning the Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande
- February 3, 1944, U.S.-Mex., 59 Stat. 1219, T.S. 994
- Administered for the United States by the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC)
- Administered for Mexico by the Mexico Section, la Comisión Internacional de Limites y Aguas (CILA)

1944 Water Treaty

- A minute to a treaty provides a framework for implementing provisions of the treaty.
- Minute No. 319 to the 1944 Water Treaty, “*Interim International Cooperative Measures in the Colorado River Basin Through 2017 and Extension of Minute 318 Cooperative Measures to Address the Continued Effects of the April 2010 Earthquake in the Mexicali Valley, Baja California,*” was signed on November 20, 2012

Minute No. 319

- * Extension of Minute No. 318
- * High Elevation Reservoir Conditions
- * Low Elevation Reservoir Conditions
- * Intentionally Created Mexican Allocation (ICMA)
- * Salinity
- * Water for the Environment and ICMA/ICS Exchange Pilot Program
- * International Projects

After Minute 319:

What's Next?

Minute 32X

“If by December 31, 2016, the Commission has not completed a comprehensive Minute that extends or replaces the substantive provisions of this Minute through no later than December 31, 2026, the Commissioners shall instruct their respective Principal Engineers to develop recommendations for a potential comprehensive Minute by working with and taking into consideration the advice of the Consultative Council and any other institution that each Commissioner deems necessary, by reviewing the experiences gained through implementation of this Minute and by considering the reports and other documentation that have been prepared.”

Minute 32X

- * Kickoff for Minute 319 Successor Agreement:
May 14, 2015
- * Minute Negotiating Group (MNG): A binational team of representatives from the federal and state governments of the U.S. and Mexico, led by IBWC and CILA
- * Monthly meetings
- * Will look to binational workgroups for technical support

Minute 32X: Arizona's Concerns

- * Protect Arizona water users
- * Increase storage in Lake Mead to protect reservoir elevations
- * Maintain agreement on voluntary reductions consistent with shortage reductions in the Lower Basin
- * Create opportunities for Arizona's participation in binational projects

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QUESTIONS?