

# **Inyo County/Los Angeles Standing Committee Meeting**

**February 8, 2024**

**Los Angeles, CA**

# AGENDA

## INYO COUNTY/LOS ANGELES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

February 8, 2024  
11:00 A.M.  
LADWP Board Room 1555-H

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### **Public Comments to the Committee**

Members of the public will be given an opportunity to address the Committee on items of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee during the public comment period.

### **Video Conference Participation**

The Standing Committee meeting will be conducted in person by Inyo County and LADWP representatives but the public can participate via videoconference, accessible at:

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1. General public comment on issues not included as part of this agenda.
2. **Action Item**: Approval of documentation of actions from the November 9, 2023, Inyo County/Los Angeles Standing Committee meeting.
3. Runoff and operations update.
4. Report on the effects of high runoff and tropical storm conditions on the Lower Owens River Project.
5. Acknowledgment of LADWP General Manager Martin Adams' retirement.
6. Schedule for future Standing Committee meetings:
  - May 16, 2024 (Inyo County)
  - August 8, 2024 (Los Angeles) - tentative
  - November 7, 2024 (Inyo County)
7. Adjourn.

### **Standing Committee meeting protocols (Adopted May 11, 2011)**

The Inyo/Los Angeles Long-Term Water Agreement (LTWA) define the Standing Committee in Section II:

*As agreed by the parties, the Department representatives on the Standing Committee shall include at least one (1) member of the Los Angeles City Council, the Administrative Officer of the City of Los Angeles, two (2) members of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners, and three (3) staff members. The County representatives on the Standing Committee shall be at least one (1) member of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, two (2) Inyo County Water Commissioners, and three (3) staff members.*

The LTWA further provides that:

*Regardless of the number of representatives from either party in attendance at a Standing Committee or Technical Group meeting, Inyo County shall have only one (1) vote, and Los Angeles shall have only one (1) vote.*

The Standing Committee adopts the following protocol for future Standing Committee meetings.

1. In order for the Standing Committee to take action at a meeting, representation at the meeting will consist of at least four representatives of Los Angeles, including one member of the Los Angeles City Council or Water and Power Commission, and four representatives of Inyo County, including one member of the Board of Supervisors.
2. A Chairperson from the hosting entity will be designated for each meeting.
3. In the event that an action item is on the meeting agenda, Los Angeles and Inyo County shall each designate one member to cast the single vote allotted to their entity at the onset of the meeting. The Chairperson may be so designated. Agenda items that the Standing Committee intends to take action on will be so designated on the meeting agenda.
4. If representation at a Standing Committee meeting is not sufficient for the Standing Committee to act, the Standing Committee members present may agree to convene the meeting for the purpose of hearing informational items.
5. Meeting agendas shall include any item within the jurisdiction of the Standing Committee that has been proposed by either party.
6. The public shall be given the opportunity to comment on any agenda item prior to an action being taken. The public will be given the opportunity to comment on any non-agendized issue within the jurisdiction of the Standing Committee prior to the conclusion of each scheduled meeting. At the discretion of the Chairperson, reports from staff or reopening of public comment may be permitted during deliberations.
7. The Chairperson may limit each public comment to a reasonable time period. The hosting entity will be responsible for monitoring time during public comment.
8. Any actions taken by the Standing Committee shall be described in an action item summary memorandum that is then transmitted to the Standing Committee at its next meeting for review and approval. This summary memorandum shall also indicate the Standing Committee members present at the meeting where actions were taken.
9. Standing Committee meetings shall be voice recorded by the host entity and a copy of the recording shall be provided to the guest entity.
10. (Added February 24, 2012) The Standing Committee may also receive comments/questions in written form from members of the public. Either party may choose to respond; however, when responding to a public comment/question, whether verbally or in writing, any statements made by either party may represent the perspective of that party or the individual making the response, but not the Standing Committee as a whole (unless specifically agreed to as such by the Standing Committee). When either party responds in writing to public comment/question, that response will be concurrently provided to the other party.

## **AGENDA ITEM #2**

# INYO/LOS ANGELES STANDING COMMITTEE

*Dedicated to the advancement of mutual cooperation*



## MEMORANDUM

Date February 8, 2024

Subject: Documentation of Actions Taken by Standing Committee at the November 9, 2023 Meeting.

The Standing Committee's policy is to document any actions taken by the Committee in a memorandum at the subsequent meeting. Standing Committee members present at the November 9, 2023, meeting hosted by Inyo County were: for Inyo County: Supervisor Matt Kingsley, Supervisor Jeff Griffiths, Water Commissioners Teri Red Owl and Nate Gratz, County Administrative Officer Nate Greenberg, County Counsel John Vallejo, and Water Director Holly Alpert, and for Los Angeles: Los Angeles Councilperson Katy Yaroslavsky, Commissioner Nicole Neeman Brady, General Manager Martin Adams, Senior Assistant General Manager for Water Anselmo Collins, Aqueduct Manager Adam Perez, and Deputy City Attorney Melanie Tory.

Action taken by the Standing Committee included:

### **Agenda Item #2 - Approval of documentation of actions from the May 26, 2023, meeting**

The Standing Committee approved the November 9, 2023, memorandum entitled: Documentation of Actions Taken by the Standing Committee at the May 26, 2023, meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEM #3**



# Runoff and Operations Update

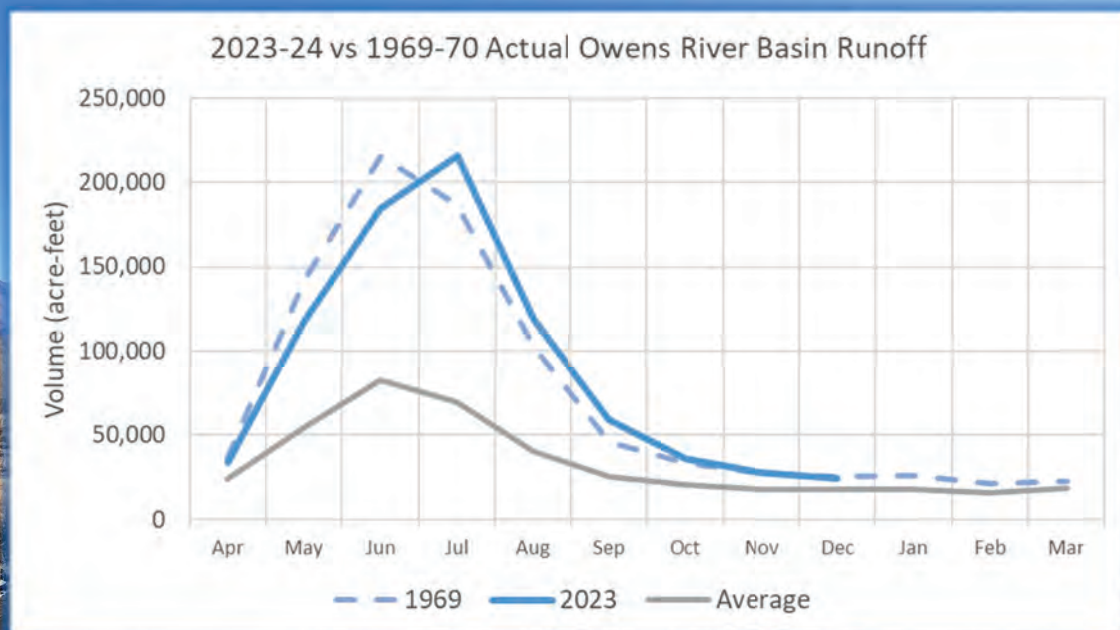
## February 2024

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Water Operations Division

Prepared by Eastern Sierra Environmental Group

### 2023-24 vs 1969-70 Actual Runoff





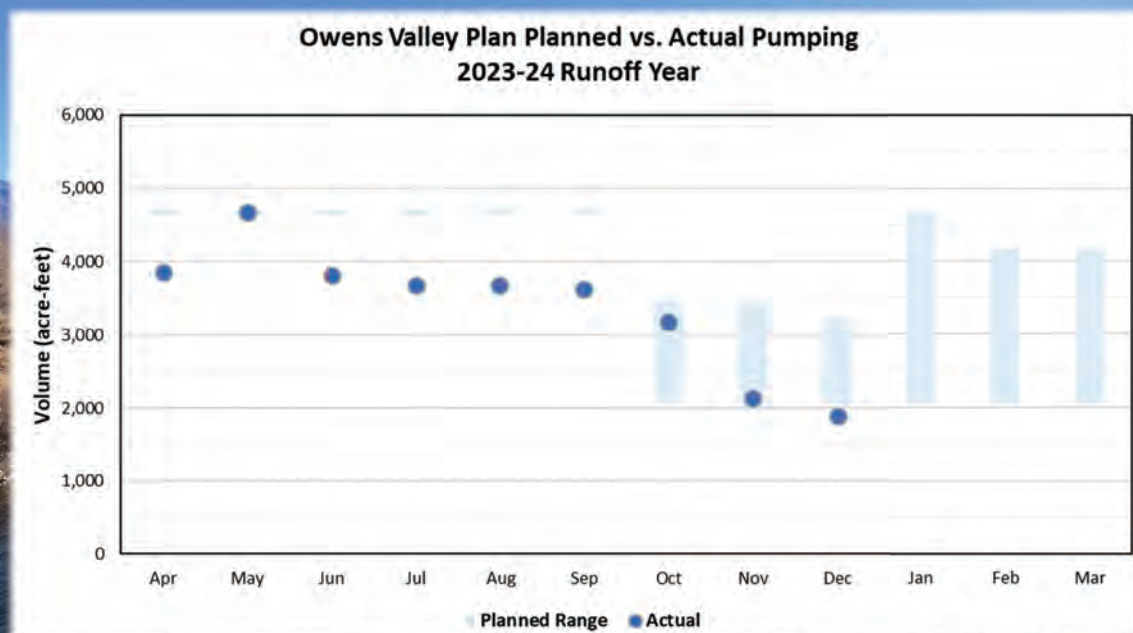
# 2023-2024 Water Spreading

Location	2023-2024	2017-2018
<b>Total Spreading</b>	308,000 af	220,000 af
Owens Valley	268,000 af	215,000 af
South of Owens Valley	40,000 af	5,000 af
<b>Additional Water Released</b>		
Owens Lake Brine Pool	157,000 af	15,000 af

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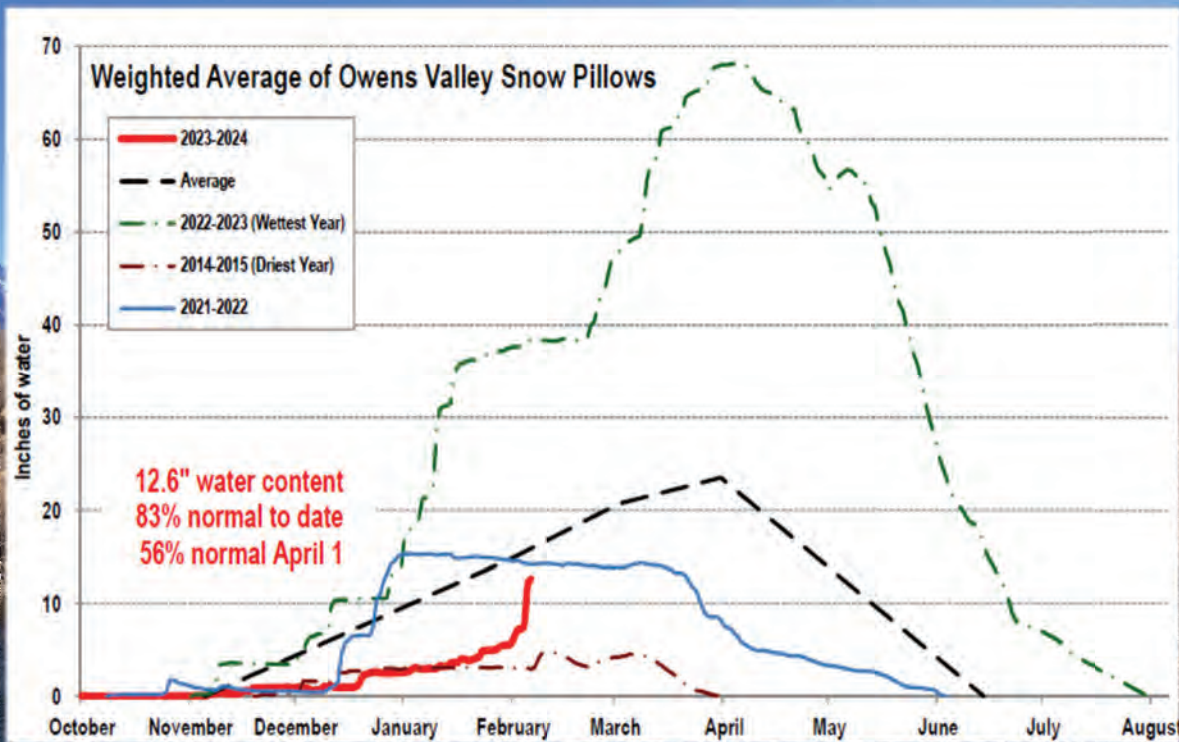
## 2023-24 Planned and Actual Pumping

Planned Pumping (through Dec): 34,000 – 38,500 acre-feet  
Actual Pumping (through Dec): 30,542 acre-feet



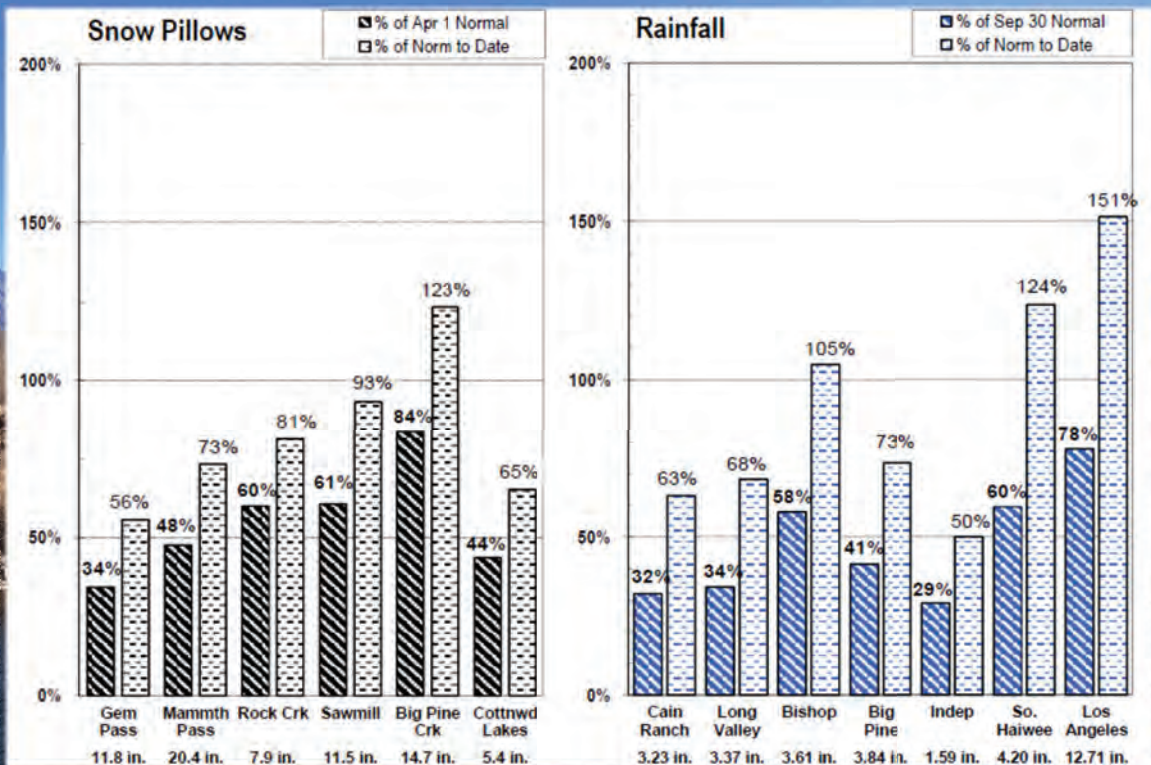
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# Eastern Sierra Current Precipitation Conditions February 6, 2024



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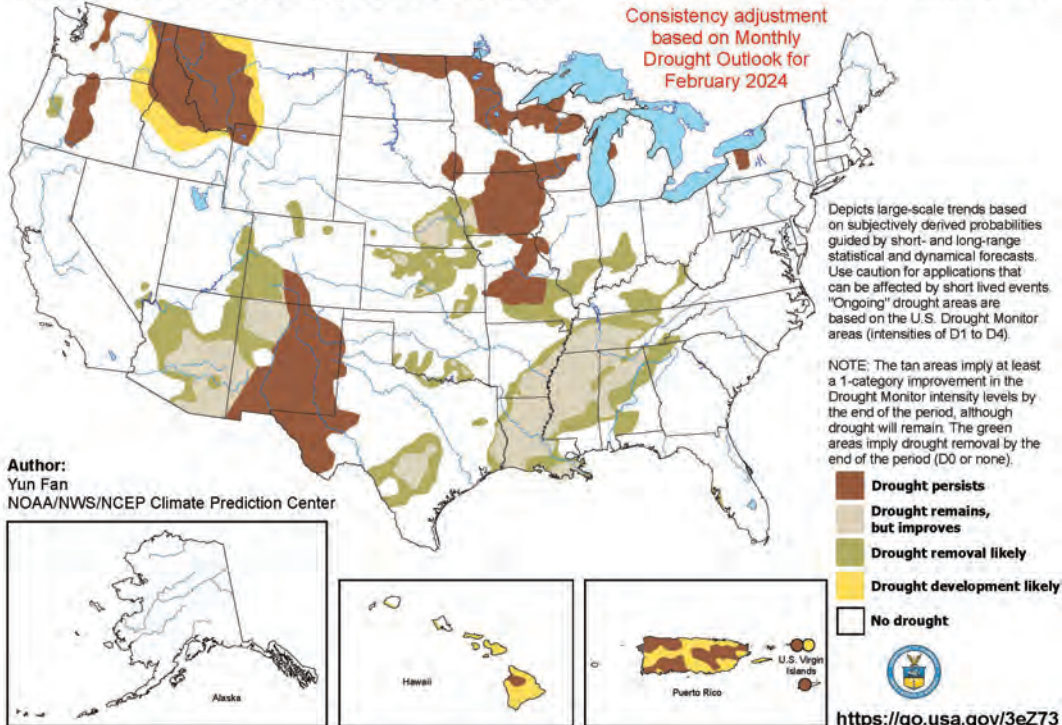


# February 1-April 30, 2024 Drought Outlook

## U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for February 1 - April 30, 2024  
Released January 31, 2024

Consistency adjustment  
based on Monthly  
Drought Outlook for  
February 2024



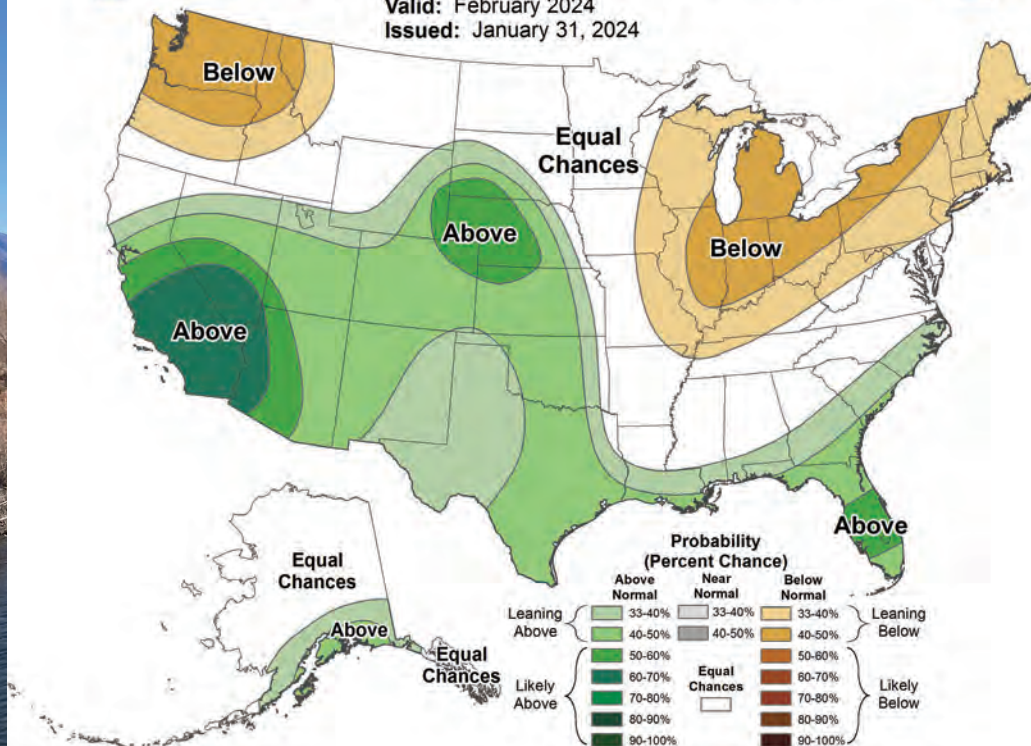
# February 2024 Precipitation Outlook



## Monthly Precipitation Outlook



Valid: February 2024  
Issued: January 31, 2024



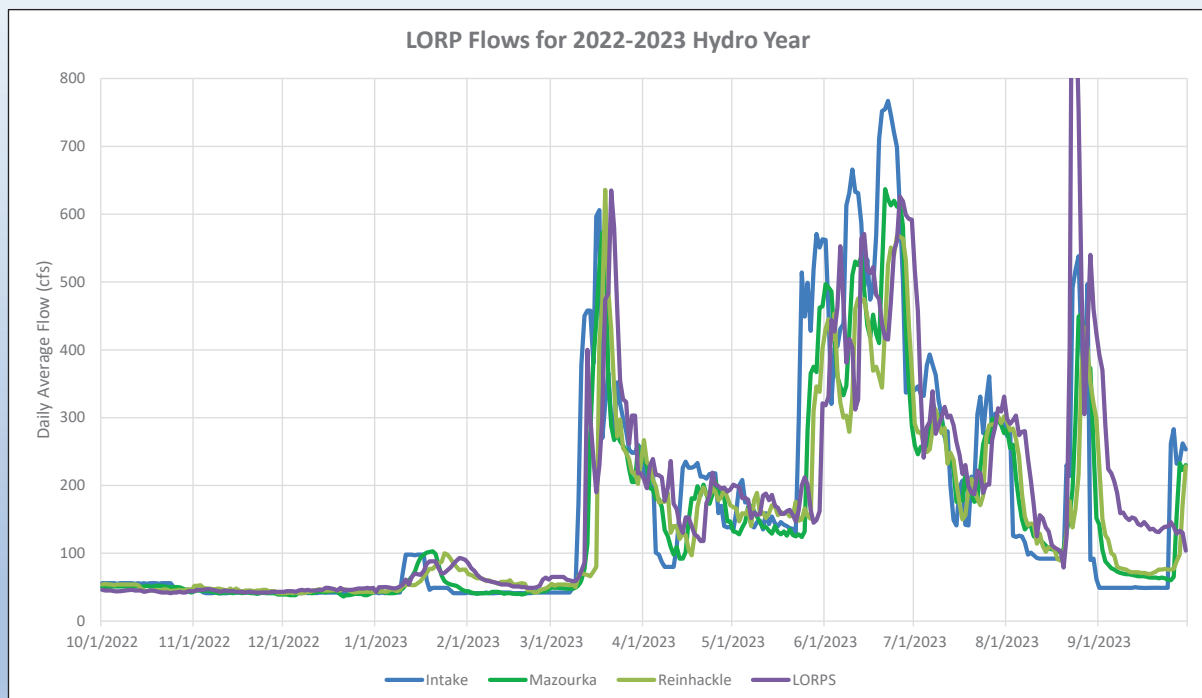
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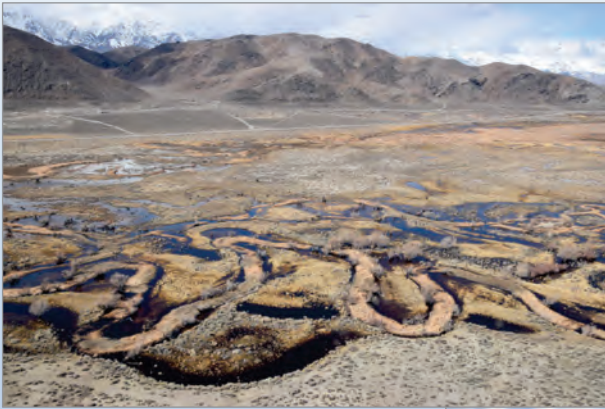
## 4. Effects of High Runoff and Tropical Storm Conditions on the Lower Owens River Project



Lori Dermody (LADWP) and Holly Alpert (ICWD)  
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## March 2023 Storm Event



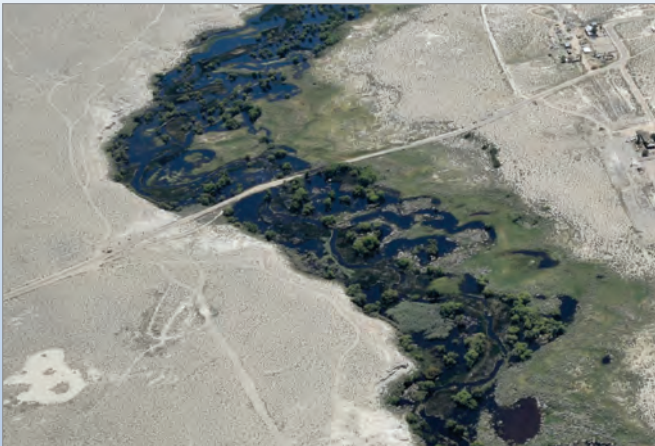
*Lower Owens River channel south of Islands, looking northwest*

*Islands south of Alabama Gates, looking south*



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## Runoff, Summer 2023



*Lower Owens River at Lone Pine Narrow Gauge Road, looking south*

*Lower Owens River at Highway 136, looking southwest*



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## Tropical Storm Hilary, August 2023



*Lower Owens River post-Hilary stormflows over Highway 136, looking south*

*Islands, looking southeast from Aqueduct*



*Pump Station, looking northeast*

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## Tree Recruitment

*Reach 6*



*Reach 2*



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## How have flows changed the river?

- Flooded extent
- Sediment deposition
- Imagery at different flows



*Looking north from Hwy 136 @900 cfs*

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## Invasive Species



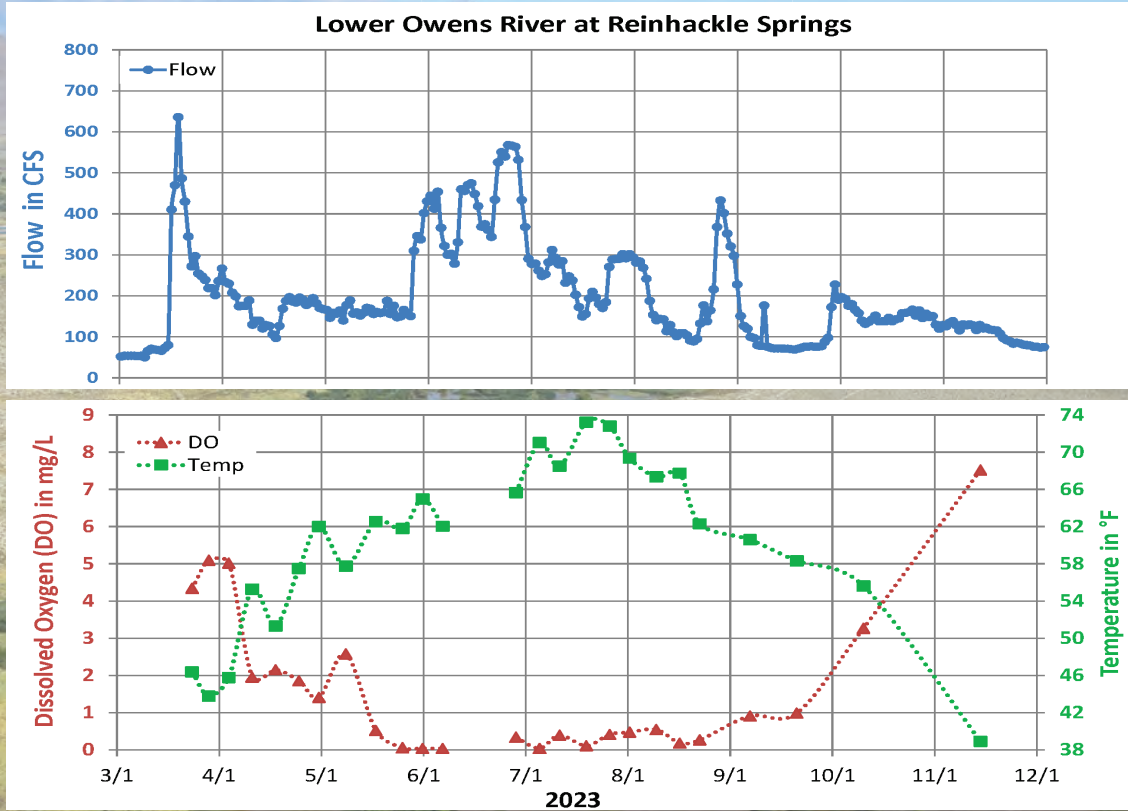
Tamarisk



Perennial pepperweed

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## Water Quality



## Looking to the future



Looking south from Lone Pine Narrow Gauge Rd, July 2023



## **AGENDA ITEM #6**

### **Future Standing Committee meetings:**

**May 16, 2024 (Inyo County)**

**August 8, 2024 (Los Angeles) - tentative**

**November 7, 2024 (Inyo County)**