



Colorado River Authority of Utah FY 23/24 Budget Presentation

Executive Office and Criminal Justice Appropriation Subcommittee

January 23, 2023



Mission Statement

The Mission of the Authority is to “protect, conserve, use, and develop Utah’s waters of the Colorado River system”. The Authority may advise, support, gather information, and provide input to Utah’s River Commissioner and the Governor of Utah. The Authority may develop a management plan to ensure Utah can protect and develop its Colorado River water and work to ensure Utah can live within its Colorado River apportionment.





Background

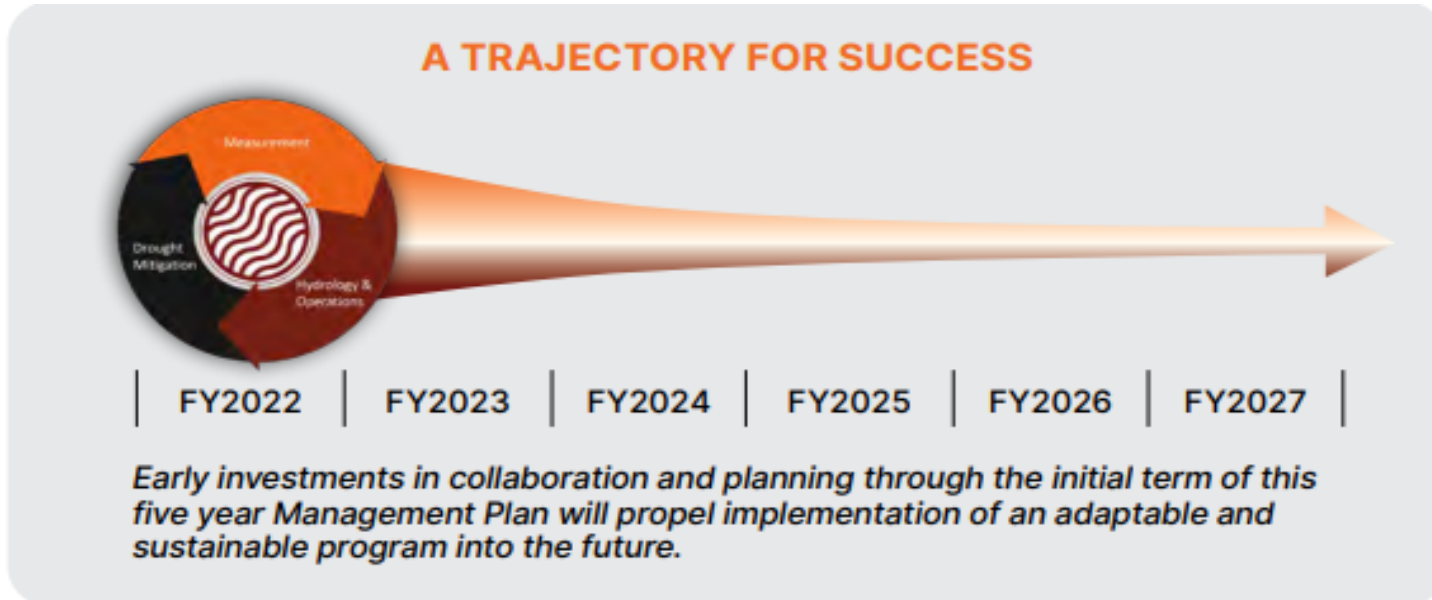
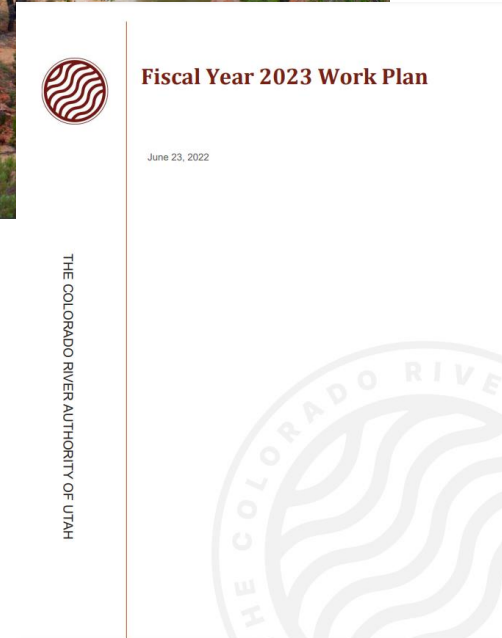
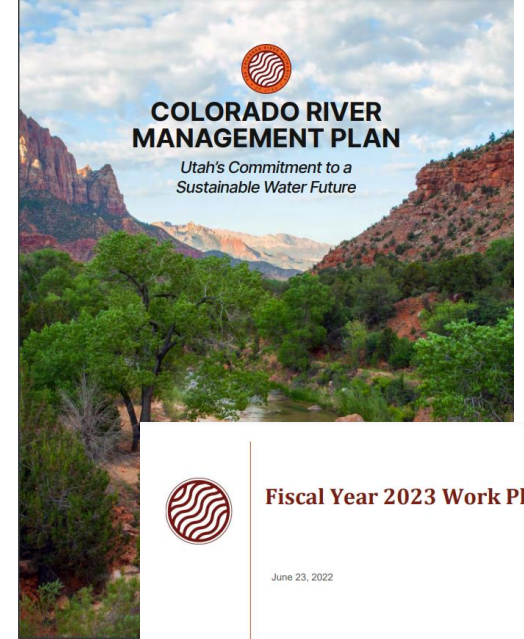
- **HB 297, Colorado River Amendments, 2021 GS**
-63M-14-101, et seq., Colorado River of Utah Act
- **SB 160, 2022 General Session**
- **Appropriated funding to the Colorado River Authority of Utah in FY 22-\$600,000 ongoing & \$9,000,000 one-time**
- **Appropriated an Additional \$900,000 ongoing & \$8,000,000 one-time in FY 23**





Approved 5 Year Management Plan(FY 23-FY 27) & FY 23 Annual Workplan(\$4,361,000), Total Amount (\$17.5 Million)

- Measurement
- Hydrology & Operations
- Drought Mitigation



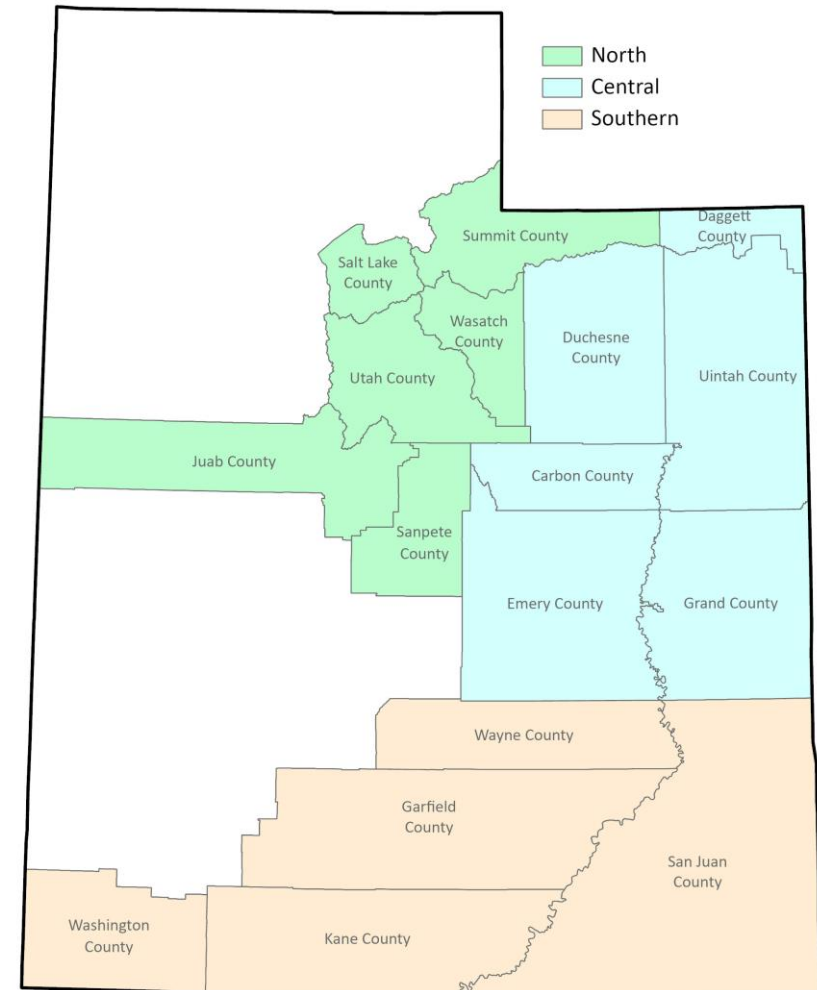


Advisory Councils

- 27 Advisory Council Members
- 14 Meetings have been held
- Meetings have been held throughout the state
- Each Advisory Council has a co-chair
- Each Advisory Reported to the Authority Board on January 12, 2023



3 Council Model





Accomplishments-FY 23

- **2 Staff Engineer Positions**
- **Prepared Annual Report for FY 22**
- **Passage of SB 160, Amendments to the Colorado River Authority Act, 2022 GS**
 - **Added a Tribal Seat to Authority Board**
 - **Also Allowed Authority to Adopt Policy Rather Than Use Administrative Rule**
 - **Create Government to Government between Utah Tribes and Authority**
- **Interstate Colorado River Authority of Utah Activities**
 - **Drought Response Operations Agreement: 2022 Plan**
 - **Lake Powell Cooperative Action**
 - **Upper Basin 5-Point Plan**
 - **Development of a 2023 DROA Plan**
 - **System Conservation Pilot Program**
 - **Consideration of a Demand Management Program**
 - **Implementation of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law(BIL) funding**
 - **Aggressive Water Management**
 - **Post-2026 Operations Criteria**
 - **NEPA Process to Change Colorado River Operations(SEIS)**





No FY 24 Request





Questions?