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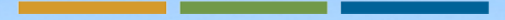


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At the Walton Family Foundation, we believe conservation solutions that make economic sense, stand the test of time.



WFF Environment Program



We work to achieve lasting change by creating new and unexpected partnerships among conservation, business and community interests to build durable solutions to important problems.

WFF Environment Program

Oceans: We invest in the Americas and Indonesia, to end overfishing, improve ocean health and preserve coastal livelihoods.

Mississippi River: We align policy and market incentives to encourage farmers to adopt practices that improve water quality, build soil health and reduce pollution across the basin, while continuing to meet the growing demand for food.

Coastal Gulf of Mexico: We work to ensure that the restoration dollars from the 2010 oil spill settlement flow to priority restoration projects, with an emphasis on the Mississippi River Delta.

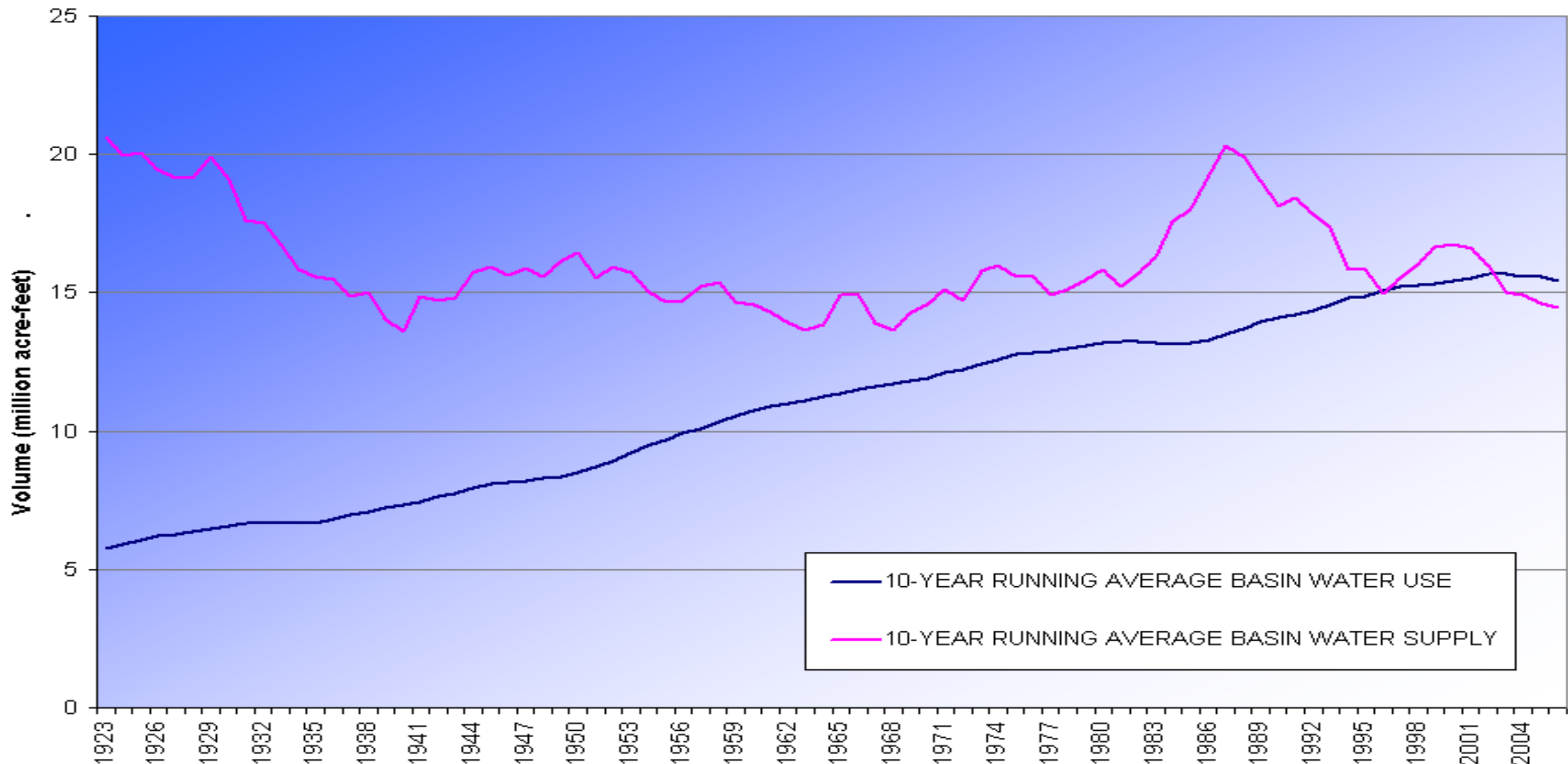
Colorado River: We focus on developing a flexible water management system by increasing market incentives for agricultural and urban water efficiency in the Upper Basin; shaping binational and multistate water agreements in the Lower Basin; and restoring riparian habitat and flows.

Colorado River Basin Overview

- Provides water for >36 million.
- Supports 4 million acres of productive agricultural land.
- Generates more than 4200 MW through hydropower.
- Supports a \$26 Billion recreational economy.
- Lifeblood of 15 Tribes
- Supports 16 national parks, refuges, and recreational areas.



Colorado River Basin-Water Supplies and Demands



Colorado River Basin



In the Upper Basin, we focus on:

- supporting effective markets for trading water in the State of Colorado
- creating an Upper Basin water bank
- increasing the availability of funds to incentivize agricultural and urban water efficiency.

In the Lower Basin, we promote effective agreements related to the Salton Sea, Arizona conservation, and holistic binational water management.

Salton Sea

- Imperial County has the highest asthma rate in California, it is a looming health crisis.
- As the Salton Sea, it exposes access to geothermal resources that can help California meet it's renewable energy goals, and introduce another economic engine in the Imperial Valley.
- State funding for mitigation for health and wildlife purposes is critical for IID's participation in the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan.



Salton Sea

[Video.MOV](#)

Example-Minute 319

- Five year agreement, signed in 2012, expires on December 31, 2017.
- Shared shortages and shared surpluses.
- Intentionally created Mexican allocation.
- Environment (pulse flow and restoration projects).
- Water projects.



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