

Lower Colorado River Tour

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The 2015 Lower Colorado River Tour

The Colorado River is a lifeline to 35 million people in the Southwest. In the Lower Basin, virtually every drop of the river is allocated and yet demand is growing and the drought is continuing. How the Lower Basin states – Arizona, California and Nevada – use and manage this water to meet agricultural, urban, environmental and industrial needs is the focus of this tour.

The tour travels along the Lower Colorado River from Hoover Dam to the Salton Sea and the Coachella Valley. The tour is a must for water policy-makers, water district managers and directors, lawyers, consultants, journalists, and anyone interested in Colorado River issues. The tour is cosponsored by the Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region. Additional tour sponsors are ESA, CV Strategies, Coachella Valley Water District, and Imperial Irrigation District.

- Tentative stops:** ▶ Hoover Dam, and a boat ride on Lake Mead ▶ Central Arizona Project facilities
▶ Havasu National Wildlife Refuge ▶ Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's facilities
▶ Farms in the Imperial and Coachella valleys ▶ The Salton Sea ▶ Warren H. Brock Reservoir
▶ All-American Canal lining project

On this action-packed tour, you will learn about:



- Drought conditions and shortage criteria in the Colorado River Basin
- Lower Basin state perspectives - Arizona, California and Nevada
- The Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA)
- Salton Sea restoration project issues
- Endangered species and the Multi-Species Conservation Program (MSCP)
- Warren H. Brock Reservoir and lining the All-American Canal
- U.S.-Mexico Minute 319
- Agricultural water use, drainage issues and salinity
- The Colorado River Basin Study
- Impacts of Climate change

This **fast-paced** tour begins at 7:30 a.m., **Wednesday, March 11** at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 3600 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, NV and will end at approximately 6 p.m., **Friday, March 13** at Ontario International Airport in California.

New in 2015 - Early Bird registration discount. Register before Feb. 11 and pay: \$765 per person, single occupancy room; \$665 each for two people sharing a room. Register four or more people from the same organization: \$615 per person, single occupancy.

Fee includes all meals, transportation and hotel accommodations while on the tour: Hampton Inn in Lake Havasu City (Wednesday) and the Barbara Worth, Holtville, CA (Thursday). Participants are responsible for their own transportation to Las Vegas and home from Ontario.

To register, return form to the Foundation with payment; faxed reservations accepted with credit card or purchase orders. Or, register securely online at www.watereducation.org/general-tours. **All reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Deadline to cancel and receive a full refund is 5 p.m. Feb. 25 due to hotel, meal and transportation bookings. Refund request must be in writing. Substitutions must be made by March 6.

For those arriving in Las Vegas March 10, the Embassy Suites is holding a **limited** number of rooms. To reserve a room, call the hotel at (702) 893-8000 and request the Water Education Foundation group sales special \$109 rate. This extra night *is not included* in the cost of the tour. This activity has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credit by the State Bar of California. The tour also offers Continuing Education units for water plant or wastewater plant operator's licenses. There is an additional \$100 fee to register for these credits.

Additional information and an itinerary will be emailed 1 week before the tour. Please notify the Foundation prior to the tour if you have a medical condition, dietary restrictions or other special need.

More information about our tours can be found on our website: www.watereducation.org/general-tours.

Registration - 2015 Lower Colorado River Tour

Name(s) _____

Job Title(s) _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Enclosed is my fee: **Before Feb. 11, 2015** \$765 each, single occupancy;
 \$665 each, two people sharing a room; \$615 each, four or more people from the same organization.
After Feb. 11, 2015 (Registration open until tour is filled) \$790 each, single occupancy;
 \$690 each, two people sharing a room; \$645 each, four or more people from the same organization.
 \$100 additional for credits: CLE DPH

Total enclosed \$ _____

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