Lower Colorado River Tour April 5-7, 2017 Field Trip

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Explore the lower Colorado River where virtually every drop of the river is allocated and yet demand is growing from myriad sources – increasing population, declining habitat, drought and climate change. The Colorado River is a lifeline to 40 million people in the Southwest across seven states and Mexico and provides water to more than 4 million acres of farmland.

This 3-day, 2-night tour travels along the lower Colorado River from Hoover Dam to the Salton Sea and Imperial and Coachella valleys to show how California, Arizona and Nevada use and manage this water to meet agricultural, urban, environmental and industrial needs. Along the way, experts discuss challenges related to what is among the most contested, beloved for recreation and meticulously managed rivers in the US.

On this action packed tour, you will learn about:

- > Drought conditions & contingency plan in the Lower Basin
- > Lower Basin state perspectives: Arizona, California and Nevada
- Binational water management > Agricultural water use, drainage and salinity > The Colorado River Basin Study
- > Endangered species and the Multi-Species Conservation Program
- Salton Sea restoration efforts > Climate change

This fast-paced tour begins at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 5 in Las Vegas and will end at approximately 6 p.m., Friday, April 7 in Ontario, California. There is an option to depart by bus from Ontario International Airport on Tuesday, April 4, contact us for details.

This tour is cosponsored by the Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region.

Stops Include:

- Hoover Dam, featuring a private facility tour
- > Central Arizona Project facilities
- > Havasu National Wildlife Refuge
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California facilities
- Farms in the Imperial and Coachella valleys
- > The Salton Sea
- > Warren H. Brock Reservoir and the All-American Canal

Registration: \$790 per person, **Early Bird Discount for purchase before March 6** is \$765. Fee includes all meals, transportation, materials, snacks and hotel accommodations while on the tour.

Deadline to cancel and receive a full refund is 5 p.m. March 22 due to hotel, meal and transportation bookings. Substitutions may be made through Friday, March 31.

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY at <u>watereducation.org/tour/lower-colorado-river-tour-2017</u> or call Tour Director Dan Scott at (916) 444-6240. Seating is limited.