

# 2011 Clyde O. Martz Summer Conference



## Navigating the Future of the Colorado River

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# Introduction

## Colorado River: 2005-2011

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# Some Key Events

## New Rules and Deals

- Interim Guidelines adopted (2007)
- SECURE Water Act (2009)
- Tribal water settlements (e.g., Navajo Water Rights Settlement, 2010)
- Minute 318 (regarding storage of Mexican water in Lake Mead) (2010)

## Research and Studies

- IPCC AR4 [climate change study] (2007)
- Basin Study authorized (2009); Interim Report of the Basin Study (2011)
- Several major academic and NGO publications (“Rethinking the Future of the Colorado River” (2010), “Thinking Like a River Basin” (2011))

## New Infrastructure

- Construction on SNWA intake #3 (2008)
- All-American Canal lining (2010)
- Warren H. Brock (Drop 2) Reservoir (2010)

## External Events

- The “Great Recession” (2007)
- Earthquake in Mexico (2010)
- Continued drought; but a really wet 2011!

## Other Salient Events

- Key personnel changes (new federal administration (2009); retirements of Herb Guenther (2011), Jerry Zimmerman (2010), Larry Anderson (2006), ...)
- Arizona Department of Water Resources downsized by two-thirds (2010)
- QSA implementation, Salton Sea issues, legal challenges (2010 et al.)
- Record low elevation at Lake Mead (1081.89 feet on Nov. 27, 2010; 11.98 MAF)

# Shifting Views of Americans on the Existence of Global Warming: 2008-2010

Question : From what you've read and heard, is there solid evidence that the average temperature on Earth has been getting warmer over the past four decades?

	<b>There is solid evidence of global warming</b>	<b>There is not solid evidence of global warming</b>	<b>Not sure</b>
<b>Fall 2008</b>	72%	17%	11%
<b>Fall 2009</b>	65%	20%	15%
<b>Spring 2010</b>	52%	36%	13%
<b>Fall 2010</b>	58%	26%	16%

*National Survey of American Public Opinion on Climate Change (NSAPOCC)*

**Total Storage in Lake Mead and Lake Powell 2000-2011 (June 1 values)**

