

Basin Study

LOI Working Meeting

July 25, 2025



Basin Study Selection Process

1. Letter of Interest
 - a. Local office will review & notify potential successful applicants
2. Study Proposal
 - a. Work with USBR to draft
 - b. 20pg max
 - c. Reviewed by ARC to determine viability

LOI Minimum Requirements

1. Non-Federal Study Lead & Partners
2. General Scope & Geography
3. Water Supply Challenges
4. Climate and Hydrologic Risks
5. Expected Outcomes and Benefits
6. Stakeholder Engagement & Resources

Non-Federal Study Lead & Partners

- Identify the lead entity
- Who will be listed as supporting partners?
- What is each partner's eligibility to participate and what is their role?

General Scope & Geography

- What is the geographical boundary of the study?
- Outline the overall approach and objectives.
- Are there any specific regional priorities?

Water Supply Challenges

- Identify current or emerging supply/demand issues
 - Inadequate supplies/infrastructure
 - Competing demands
 - Conjunctive Management
 - Water Quality
 - Growth and economic shift
 - Changing demographics
 - Other socio-economic factors

Climate & Hydrologic Risks

Discuss water supply risks related to:

- Snowpack
- Runoff timing and volume
- Groundwater recharge/discharge
- Droughts, floods, and other extremes

Expected Outcomes & Benefits

How will the study help the region?

- Examples:
 - Improved planning
 - Stronger partnerships
 - Infrastructure prioritization
 - Resilience to change

Stakeholder Engagement & Resources

- Show evidence of broad stakeholder support
- Describe what each partner will contribute:
 - Staff, data, models, expertise