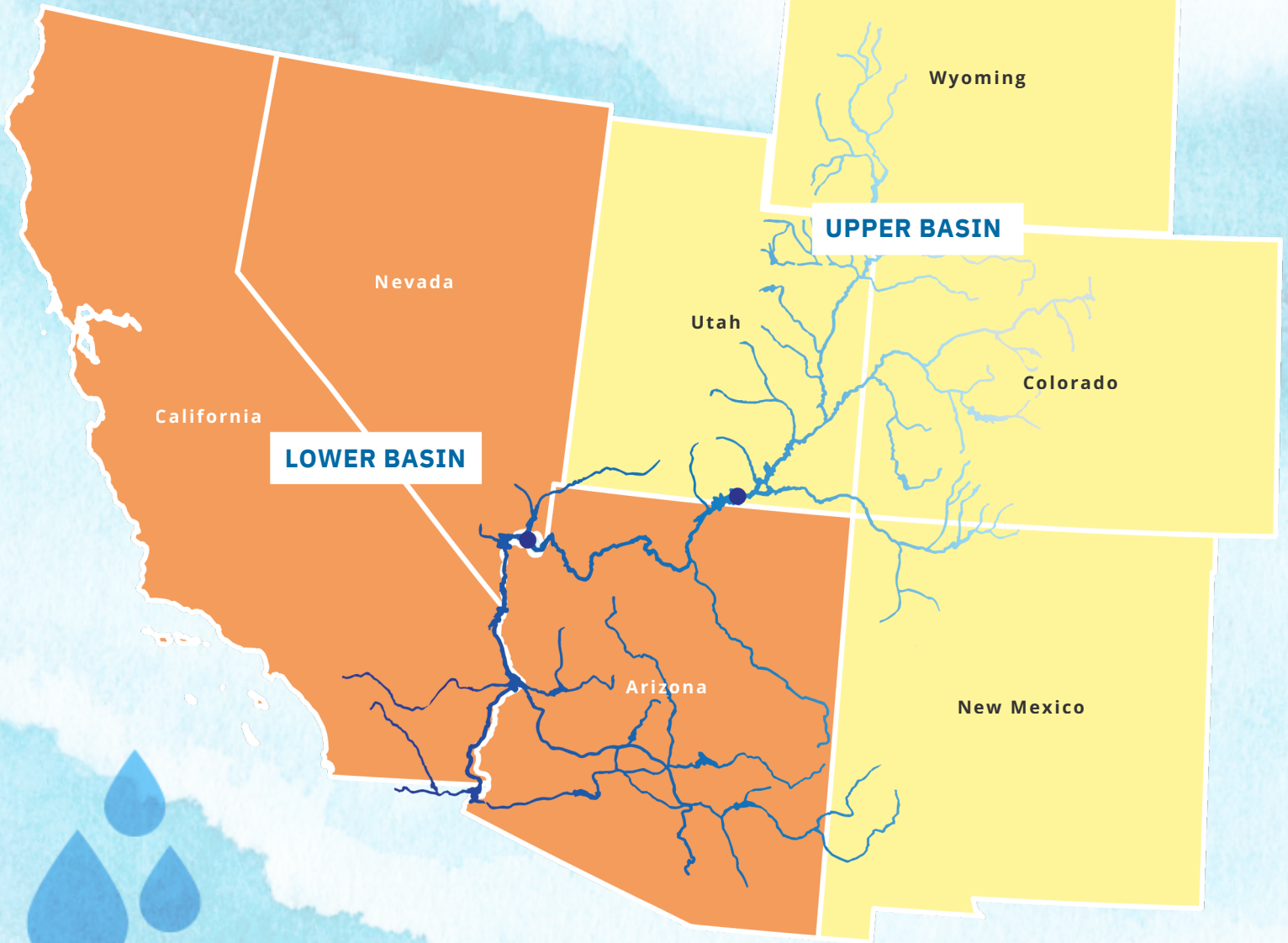


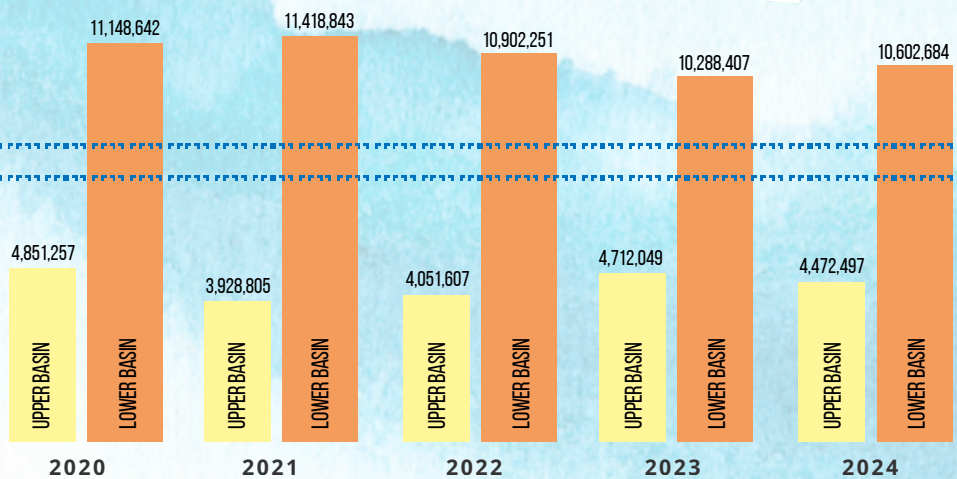
WHERE THE WATER IS USED IN THE COLORADO RIVER BASIN



8.5 million acre-feet
for the Lower Basin
Compact apportionment

7.5 million-acre feet
apportionment

The Lower Basin has an
additional 1.0 million
acre-feet available under
the 1922 Compact



WATER USE BY BASIN

Lower Basin use data includes Mainstem Colorado River deliveries, evaporation and transit losses, and tributary use, including groundwater recharge.

Upper Basin use data is comprehensive, including mainstem, tributary, and CRSP reservoir evaporation.

Mexico's uses are not included in this graphic.
Mexico's apportionment of 1.5 million acre-feet is first satisfied by surplus



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