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# Update on Discussions on Water

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## Residents won't take conservation seriously while cities approve water playgrounds – Desert Sun Editorial Board – April 16

- Californians have been told to be careful when watering lawns, or take out lawns altogether, to turn off the faucet while brushing our teeth and to take shorter showers.
- Now new mandates for residential conservation are out
- Cynicism is warranted when average desert residents get such conservation nudging while developers plan four wave pools for surfers and, at a Disney-backed Rancho Mirage resort, a beach park and 24-acre lagoon.
- Does the Coachella Valley need to be a tropical paradise?

- Why do people need to go surfing in the desert when the Pacific Ocean is a mere hours away?
- Elected officials must change their approach to considering new developments.
- New developments are necessary, especially given the state's housing shortage and affordability crisis.
- City councils should reject any applications for new surf parks, lagoons and golf courses, and should reverse approval of any that have not been built.

## CNN Report April 18 *CNN — The Colorado River is the most endangered river in the US this year*

- The Colorado River — which provides drinking water, irrigation and electricity for more than 40 million people in the West — is the most endangered river in the United States this year, according to the nonprofit conservation group American Rivers.
- The climate crisis has pushed the Colorado River's Lake Mead and Lake Powell — the largest and second-largest reservoirs in the country — to unprecedented lows.

## United States Department of the Interior – April 8 letter to Reps from Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Colorado, California, Wyoming and Utah

“In light of the continuing drought and low runoff conditions, in recent weeks technical staff from the Bureau of Reclamation, along with Interior leadership, have communicated our concerns with projected runoff in the Colorado River Basin and the risk of Lake Powell and Lake Mead declining to critically-low elevations ...”

From Arizona Republic April 14, 2020: Lake Powell is tanking, and Interior’s proposed response may only buy us time

## You must vote no on Coral Mountain Surf Resort

- **Let's do a beautiful residential-only development and charge a special "La Quinta Assessment" like Toll Brothers did at Stone Creek Ranch on 58<sup>th</sup> to help mitigate the Riverside Tax Issue - \$2100 per house?**
- **And residences can start building out right away**
- **It will have beautiful vistas and dark skies that people will want to make their permanent home with their families**
- **Hiking and biking is already abundant. The kids can go to X Park.**
- **We don't need surfing in the Desert in a PRIVATE RESORT**