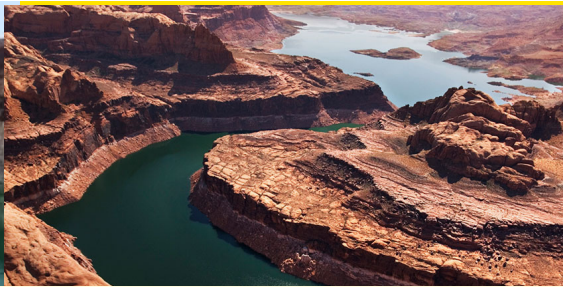


FOA VALLEY NEWS

Your community resource hub to increase civic participation through faith-based and civic organizations.



GOT WATER?

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Las Vegas Valley receives roughly 90 percent of its water from the Colorado River which is "facing the worst drought in the river basin's recorded history. The water level of Lake Mead which serves the source of most of our community's drinking water, has dropped more than 130 feet since January 2000" says the Las Vegas Valley Water District. It was also declared that Colorado River projections from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation shows its pretty certain that a water shortage would be declared by the federal government in August. In total, our local water supply will be cut by 6.8 billion gallons (21,000 acre-feet) in 2022 – enough to serve about 45,000 valley households for a year. Should Lake Mead's water level continue to decline, additional cuts will follow.

The Nevada Legislature recently passed a law prohibiting the use of Colorado River water to irrigate the almost 4,000 acres of unused, decorative grass in our valley by the end of 2026. This applies to "grass in medians, roundabouts, business centers, HOA entrances and bordering parking lots and streets. This decorative grass consumes about 10 percent of our annual water supply—more water than is consumed by the entire Las Vegas Strip". The goal for this initiative is to save nearly 9.5 billion gallons (30,000 acre-feet) of water annually and help our community manage Colorado River shortage conditions.

So how can we help? Here are some tips from the LVVWD to conserving water:

- Following your mandatory [watering schedule](#), either changing your own irrigation clock each season to comply or making sure your landscaper does
- Replacing purely decorative grass with desert-friendly landscaping (Opens another site in new window).
- Fixing sprinklers or anything that's causing water to spray off your property.
- Making sure water isn't leaking inside your home or in your yard.
- Taking advantage of financial incentives to update your old watering clock, purchase a smart water leak detector, or remove grass.

HELP ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY INTO ACTION!

Faith Organizing Alliance (FOA) is COMMITTED to educating our communities in partnership with faith and civic groups on political issues, clean energy, voting rights, economic and social justice for Nevada's future. We offer many opportunities to connect with the community by volunteering, door canvassing, phone bank, recruiting for events and supporting FOA on Social Media events. Click [HERE](#) to [JOIN OUR TEAM](#) or visit https://www.faithorganizingalliance.org/get_involved.

For your voice to be heard, you must REGISTER TO VOTE! Who can register? Individuals 18 and older; including newly eligible voters who were formerly incarcerated. You can also update your information ie., if you need to update your address, name or change political party. **[REGISTER TO VOTE HERE](#)** or go to **<https://tinyurl.com/foanvl>**



WHAT'S NEXT:

- **FAITH ORGANIZING ALLIANCE IS HIRING!** WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME SPIRITED INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN THE TEAM. POSITIONS AVAILABLE:
 - TEAM LEAD
 - CANVASSER
 FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
FAITH@FAITHORGANIZINGALLIANCE.ORG
- **COVID TESTING & VACCINATION SITES**
 - ONGOING - VACCINATION SITES WITH SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT AND PARTNER VACCINATION CLINICS:
[HTTPS://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/VACCINE/DISTRIBUTION/](https://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/VACCINE/DISTRIBUTION/)
 - ONGOING - COVID-19 TESTING SITES WITH SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT.:
[HTTP://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/TESTING/](http://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/TESTING/)

RECOGNIZED DATES:

- 8/4 BARACK OBAMA
- **SAVE THE DATE:**
 8/14 AT 9AM -CHURCHES OF SOUTHERN LAS VEGAS MEMBERS: WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A UNIFIED PORTRAIT ON THE STEPS OF CITY HALL ON SATURDAY, 8/14 AT 9AM. PLEASE WEAR YOUR ROBES AND CLERGY ATTIRE.



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— Barack Obama

