The Colorado River—Introduction Wall (TBD)

Summary & Purpose
It will be an introduction piece to the exhibit space. Visitors examine the large map of the Colorado River watershed and learn a few basic facts about the effects of the river on human life and the environment of the Southwest. They will also locate the Middle Colorado Watershed on the map.

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What will visitors learn?
- The river travels 8 US states and 1 Mexican state.
- Major features along the river and tributaries
- The river supplies drinking water to more than 40 million people.
- The river irrigates more than 5.5 million acres of land.
- The river sometimes no longer reaches the Gulf of Mexico (DW: “as it once commonly did”) due to a lack of flow.

Related Themes and Messages
(1.1)(1.3)

Location
Front side of the park exterior sign

Description and Conceptual Rendering
1. Title lettering for the exhibits as a whole
2. Introduction text.
3. Large Colorado watershed map including US and Northern Mex. Map legends will be kept minimal. The essential legends will be:
   - The Middle Colorado Watershed
   - Major river
   - Minor river
   - Reservoir with dam
   - International border
   - State border
   - Major City
   - DW: can we add any indicator of predominant land cover/biome? E.g. desert, grazing, forest, etc.