To the deciding official:

 The Treasury can print more money. The Dept of AG can’t produce more fresh water than falls naturally from the sky. Ecosystems developed over eons can’t adapt to loss of the small amount of water in the Colorado River watershed. Aurora and Colorado Springs can use conservation practices to replace any planned takings of water from the Colorado River system.

Keep the water west of the continental divide in the Colorado River Basin. It’s that simple.

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