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Vegas water agency proposes new Lake Mead drilling

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LAS VEGAS (AP) -- Water officials in Las Vegas say they need to fast-track a new Lake Mead drilling project to ensure the region can draw a steady drinking water supply from the shrinking Colorado River reservoir.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal reports (<http://bit.ly/1ekoxa9>) the Southern Nevada Water Authority expects the tunneling job this winter will extend the life of the oldest and shallowest of two existing intake pipelines.

The lake provides about 90 percent of Las Vegas' water supply.

Water Authority General Manager Pat Mulroy is telling board members it's vital for the \$12 million project to start immediately and be finished next year.

A vote is planned Sept. 26.

The work comes with officials projecting delays completing a so-called "third straw" tunnel to one of the deepest parts of the lake.

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