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*Managing Water in the West*

## Reclamation Meeting on *Managing For Excellence* Breakout Session: Policy Gaps

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## Policies and Organization

### Overall Objectives

- Improved communications
- Improved transparency of policies, delegations, and guidance
- Structured decision making
- Address barriers to various methods of service delivery

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## Action Item 6: Identify Policy Gaps

### Objectives

- Identify policy gaps created by past sunseting efforts or based on new needs
- Prioritize policy gaps using internal and public feedback

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### Tasks

- Compare sunsetted Reclamation Instructions to Reclamation Manual Policy and Directives and Standards
- Develop prioritized inventory of policy gaps
- Solicit internal and external feedback to ensure the inventory correctly reflects and prioritizes policy gaps
- Finalize prioritized inventory (expedite release of highest priority gaps in 2007 - Action Item 7)
- Retain remaining list for future assessment

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### Progress to Date

- Reclamation Instructions and Reclamation Manual inventories compared
- First draft of policy gap inventory is available
- Currently soliciting comments (internal and public)

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### Next Steps

- Address comments received
- Edit inventory
- Produce final prioritized inventory
- Proceed with Action Item 7 - development of high priority policy

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## Action Item 6: Identify Policy Gaps

### Purpose of Breakout

- Familiarize public with this Action Item
- Provide draft inventory (draft also available at <http://www.usbr.gov/excellence/results/index.html>)
- Solicit comments (submit to [excellence@do.usbr.gov](mailto:excellence@do.usbr.gov))
- Comments due September 29

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