

An aerial photograph of a river delta in a desert landscape. The river flows from the bottom left towards the top right, where it branches out into a complex network of smaller channels and distributaries. The terrain is arid and yellowish-brown, with some small pools of water scattered throughout. In the background, there are low mountains under a clear sky.

PART

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Reclamation facilitated a series of public hearings to receive oral comments on the DEIS. Public hearings were held between August 21 and August 24, 2000, in the cities of Ontario, California; Las Vegas, Nevada; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Phoenix, Arizona. Each of the individuals who provided oral comments are listed in Table 1, below. Transcripts were prepared for each of the public hearings to provide a written record, and are available upon request.

With one exception, each person who provided oral comments at the public hearings also submitted, or represented an organization that submitted, written comments to Reclamation. Reclamation has reviewed the transcripts of oral testimony and determined that the written comments discussed each of the issues that had been raised in the oral comments made by speakers. Because responses have been provided for each of the specific issues raised in the written comments (see Part B of this volume), Reclamation has determined that responses to oral comments are not necessary (with one exception, as noted below). Table 1 is an index of those providing oral comments and the associated comment letters which contain responses to similar issues raised in the oral comments. Note that one commentator, Mr. Wade Noble, raised issues at the Phoenix, Arizona, meeting that were not specifically reiterated in a written comment submittal. As such, Reclamation has included a transcript of Mr. Noble's statement, and has responded to the issues raised by Mr. Noble in Part B of this volume (see Letter 69).

Table 1
Persons Who Provided Oral Comments at Public Hearings

Name	Organization	Associated Comment Letter in Part B
Ontario – August 21, 2000		
James Bond	San Diego County Water Authority	Letter 27
Gerald Zimmerman	Colorado River Board of California	Letter 39
Las Vegas – August 22, 2000		
George Caan	Colorado River Commission of Nevada	Letter 43
David Donnelly	Southern Nevada Water Authority	Letter 29
David Orr	Glen Canyon Action Network	Letter 10 ¹
Salt Lake City – August 23, 2000		
Larry D. Anderson	State Division of Water Resources, Utah	Letter 46
Wayne Cook	Upper Colorado River Commission	Letter 32
Phoenix – August 24, 2000		
Herb Dishlip	Arizona Department of Water Resources	Letter 37
Larry Dozier	Central Arizona Water Conservation District	Letter 14
Doug Fant	Arizona Power Authority	Letter 35
Robert Lynch	Irrigation & Electrical Districts Association of Arizona	Letter 22
Wade Noble	Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation & Drainage District	Letter 69 ²

¹ The Glen Canyon Action Network was one of eleven organizations that jointly submitted comment letter 10 on the DIES.

² A transcript of oral comments provided by Mr. Wade Noble has been included in Part B as Letter 69.