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Honorable Norman Coeoyate
Governor, Pueblo of Zuni
P.O. Box 339
1203-B State Highway 53
Zuni, New Mexico 87327-0339

Dear Governor Coeoyate:

We are writing to apologize for an oversight that occurred as part of the recent Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program (AMP) Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) meetings. We intended to conduct a meeting with the Tribes involved in the AMP on August 23, prior to the August 24-25 AMWG meeting. We had planned for this meeting within the Department of the Interior, but through an unfortunate internal mistake, we failed to communicate with you and your AMWG representative to provide an invitation to the meeting. We realized our mistake when, on August 20, we forwarded a proposed agenda and heard from two of the recipients that no previous notification had been received. Although this was an unintentional error, we are concerned that the situation may have created the perception that your input is not appropriately valued or considered.

Please know that we greatly value the contributions of the Pueblo of Zuni to the AMP. We feel our meetings with you are a valuable contribution that ensures the federal agencies are doing all that we can to meet the needs of AMP Tribes and meaningfully integrate your input into decisions made by the Secretary of the Interior. We are optimistic that the recently established position of tribal liaison to the AMWG, reporting directly to the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the Department, will facilitate greater and more effective participation by the tribes in the AMP process. We hope that our efforts to establish and fund this position, complete a plan for AMP tribal consultation, and continued government-to-government tribal consultation meetings help to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to working effectively with you.

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Honorable Mary Lou Boone
President, San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe
P.O. Box 2656
Tuba City, Arizona 86045

Dear President Boone:

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Please know that we greatly value the contributions of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe to the AMP. We feel our meetings with you are a valuable contribution that ensures the federal agencies are doing all that we can to meet the needs of AMP Tribes and meaningfully integrate your input into decisions made by the Secretary of the Interior. We are optimistic that the recently established position of tribal liaison to the AMWG, reporting directly to the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the Department, will facilitate greater and more effective participation by the tribes in the AMP process. We hope that our efforts to establish and fund this position, complete a plan for AMP tribal consultation, and continued government-to-government tribal consultation meetings help to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to working effectively with you.

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Honorable Wilfred Whatoname, Sr.
Chairman, Hualapai Tribe
P.O. Box 310
Peach Springs, Arizona 86434

Dear Chairman Whatoname:

We are writing to apologize for an oversight that occurred as part of the recent Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program (AMP) Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) meetings. We intended to conduct a meeting with the Tribes involved in the AMP on August 23, prior to the August 24-25 AMWG meeting. We had planned for this meeting within the Department of the Interior, but through an unfortunate internal mistake, we failed to communicate with you and your AMWG representative to provide an invitation to the meeting. We realized our mistake when, on August 20, we forwarded a proposed agenda and heard from two of the recipients that no previous notification had been received. Although this was an unintentional error, we are concerned that the situation may have created the perception that your input is not appropriately valued or considered.

Please know that we greatly value the contributions of The Hualapai Tribe to the AMP. We feel our meetings with you are a valuable contribution that ensures the federal agencies are doing all that we can to meet the needs of AMP Tribes and meaningfully integrate your input into decisions made by the Secretary of the Interior. We are optimistic that the recently established position of tribal liaison to the AMWG, reporting directly to the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the Department, will facilitate greater and more effective participation by the tribes in the AMP process. We hope that our efforts to establish and fund this position, complete a plan for AMP tribal consultation, and continued government-to-government tribal consultation meetings help to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to working effectively with you.

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Honorable Joe Shirley, Jr.
President, Navajo Nation
Navajo Nation Office of the President
and Vice President
P.O. Box 9000
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

Dear President Shirley:

We are writing to apologize for an oversight that occurred as part of the recent Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program (AMP) Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) meetings. We intended to conduct a meeting with the Tribes involved in the AMP on August 23, prior to the August 24-25 AMWG meeting. We had planned for this meeting within the Department of the Interior, but through an unfortunate internal mistake, we failed to communicate with you and your AMWG representative to provide an invitation to the meeting. We realized our mistake when, on August 20, we forwarded a proposed agenda and heard from two of the recipients that no previous notification had been received. Although this was an unintentional error, we are concerned that the situation may have created the perception that your input is not appropriately valued or considered.

Please know that we greatly value the contributions of the Navajo Nation to the AMP. We feel our meetings with you are a valuable contribution that ensures the federal agencies are doing all that we can to meet the needs of AMP Tribes and meaningfully integrate your input into decisions made by the Secretary of the Interior. We are optimistic that the recently established position of tribal liaison to the AMWG, reporting directly to the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the Department, will facilitate greater and more effective participation by the tribes in the AMP process. We hope that our efforts to establish and fund this position, complete a plan for AMP tribal consultation, and continued government-to-government tribal consultation meetings help to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to working effectively with you.

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Honorable Leroy Ned Shingoitewa
Chairman, The Hopi Tribe
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, Arizona 86039

Dear Chairman Shingoitewa:

We are writing to apologize for an oversight that occurred as part of the recent Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program (AMP) Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) meetings. We intended to conduct a meeting with the Tribes involved in the AMP on August 23, prior to the August 24-25 AMWG meeting. We had planned for this meeting within the Department of the Interior, but through an unfortunate internal mistake, we failed to communicate with you and your AMWG representative to provide an invitation to the meeting. We realized our mistake when, on August 20, we forwarded a proposed agenda and heard from two of the recipients that no previous notification had been received. Although this was an unintentional error, we are concerned that the situation may have created the perception that your input is not appropriately valued or considered.

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Honorable Timothy Rogers
Chairman, Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians
HC 65 Box 2
Pipe Springs, Arizona 86022

Dear Chairman Rogers:

We are writing to apologize for an oversight that occurred as part of the recent Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program (AMP) Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) meetings. We intended to conduct a meeting with the Tribes involved in the AMP on August 23, prior to the August 24-25 AMWG meeting. We had planned for this meeting within the Department of the Interior, but through an unfortunate internal mistake, we failed to communicate with you and your AMWG representative to provide an invitation to the meeting. We realized our mistake when, on August 20, we forwarded a proposed agenda and heard from two of the recipients that no previous notification had been received. Although this was an unintentional error, we are concerned that the situation may have created the perception that your input is not appropriately valued or considered.

Please know that we greatly value the contributions of the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians to the AMP. We feel our meetings with you are a valuable contribution that ensures the federal agencies are doing all that we can to meet the needs of AMP Tribes and meaningfully integrate your input into decisions made by the Secretary of the Interior. We are optimistic that the recently established position of tribal liaison to the AMWG, reporting directly to the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the Department, will facilitate greater and more effective participation by the tribes in the AMP process. We hope that our efforts to establish and fund this position, complete a plan for AMP tribal consultation, and continued government-to-government tribal consultation meetings help to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to working effectively with you.

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We hope that you will accept our sincere apology. The Secretary and both of us truly value the relationship between the Department and the AMP Tribes and look forward to our continued work with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Anne J. Castle
Assistant Secretary
for Water and Science



Larry Walkoviak
Regional Director
Bureau of Reclamation –
Upper Colorado Region

Enclosure

cc: Adaptive Management Work Group Members and Alternates
Technical Work Group Members and Alternates
(via e-mail)

**Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program
Adaptive Management Work Group Tribal Pre-meeting
Bureau of Land Management National Training Center
9828 N. 31st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona
Building B, "Wyoming" Conference Room**

August 23, 2010 2:00-5:00 pm

Agenda

- 2:00 Introductions
- 2:10 AMP Tribal Liaison
- 2:45 DOI Tribal Consultation Core Team
- 3:00 AMP FY 2011-12 Project Tribal Consultation Spreadsheet
- 3:30 Canyon Treatment Plan
- 4:00 Nonnative Fish Control Environmental Assessment
- 4:30 Other items, including AMWG Agenda
- 5:00 Adjourn