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Master Of Ceremonies Notes
50th Anniversary Celebration
Colorado River Storage Project Act
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Glen Canyon Dam, Page, Arizona

- Good morning!
- On behalf of the Bureau of Reclamation, welcome to the 50th anniversary celebration of the Colorado River Storage Project Act.
- I'm Rick Gold, Regional Director of the Upper Colorado Region.
- On behalf of all the employees of the Colorado River Storage Project, welcome to Glen Canyon Dam.
- We are especially pleased to host this event today and I want to personally thank Power Office manager Kerry McCalman and the Glen Canyon Field Division manager Ken Rice and his staff for their efforts today.
- The year was 1956 --- World War II had been over for a decade; your favorite TV shows were I Love Lucy and the Ed Sullivan show; Elvis had four of the top ten tunes; the minimum wage was \$1/hour; average take home pay was \$74/week; first class postage was 3-cents; and the Dow had reached a record level of 500...
- ...and, the Colorado River Storage Project was authorized for construction.
- The Colorado River Storage Project is truly one of the great projects of the Bureau of Reclamation, spanning the entire Upper Basin of the Colorado River, touching the lives of virtually all the residents of the states of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.
- The project provides the long-term regulatory storage needed to permit states in the Upper Basin to meet their flow obligation at Lee Ferry, as defined in the Colorado River Compact of 1922, and still utilize their apportioned water from the system.
- As we will hear from our program speakers, this visionary system is the gift to us all. In that sense, while this is the "birthday" celebration of the Colorado River Storage Act, the gifts have been given to all of us.
- This project made possible the water resource expansion of the Upper Basin thru storage and thru financial contribution to agricultural development.
- Hydropower that is generated by the powerplants of the CRSP project benefits residents across much of the intermountain and southwestern states.

- Those who don't live in the Upper Basin also benefit, through the reliability that the project brings to the overall operation of the Colorado River system.
- The “gee wiz” numbers associated with the project are staggering.
- The combined “live” storage of the four initial units of the Project, including the Wayne N. Aspinall Unit on the Gunnison River in Colorado; the Navajo Unit on the San Juan River in Colorado and New Mexico; the Flaming Gorge Unit on the Green River in Utah and Wyoming; and the Glen Canyon Unit in Arizona and Utah is 30.6 million acre-feet (total storage is about 34 maf).
- The combined generation capacity of the five project powerplants is 1,755 megawatts, with the largest portion being the 1,320 MW powerplant here at Glen Canyon Dam.
- A complex transmission system then carries the power to key load points in the marketing area.
- It's a keystone project in the development of the Colorado River and stabilization of the western economy. Thank you for being here to celebrate with us.

INTRODUCTION OF BRENDA BURMAN

- It is now my pleasure to introduce Brenda Burman. Brenda was appointed Reclamation's Deputy Commissioner for External and Intergovernmental Affairs on June 7th of this year.
- While new to her current assignment, she is no stranger to Reclamation.
- Brenda previously served as Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science the past two years, where she dealt with domestic and international water supply issues, the Endangered Species Act and Bureau of Reclamation operations.
- Previously Brenda was the Legislative Counsel for Water and Energy for U.S. Senator Jon Kyl of Arizona, she has worked as a private practice attorney specializing in water, energy and natural resources law, and she clerked for the Supreme Court of Wyoming.
- Brenda is a graduate of Kenyon College in Ohio and received her Jurist Doctorate degree from the University Of Arizona College Of Law.
- Please welcome Deputy Commissioner Brenda Burman:

INTRODUCTION OF LT. GOVERNOR GARY HERBERT

- Thank you Brenda and thank you Assistant Secretary Mark Limbaugh. It is now my pleasure to introduce to you Gary R. Herbert.

- Gary Herbert is Utah's sixth Lieutenant Governor and was elected in November, 2004. He is a native Utahan, raised in Orem, Utah, in Utah County.
- As such, he is the lead for the state of Utah in issues related to homeland security, transportation, water, and rural affairs issues.
- Prior to his state service, Lt. Gov. Herbert served 14 years on the Utah County Commission, including nine years as the commission chairman.
- Mr. Herbert is also a former President of the Utah Association of Realtors and has served as the President of the Utah Association of Counties, where he was honored as Utah's Outstanding County Commissioner and County Elected Official.
- As someone who has lived and worked in Utah County, he is also very aware of the benefits of CRSP Power which is supplied to a number of cities in the county.
- Please welcome the Honorable Gary R. Herbert:

INTRODUCTION OF MICHAEL HACSKAYLO

- Thank you Governor. It is now a distinct pleasure to introduce Michael HacsKaylo to you.
- So far today we have heard about the development of the Colorado River Storage Project and the benefits, including generation of hydropower.
- The transmission of that power to millions of homes, businesses, and farms is the work of Western Area Power Administration – an agency of the Energy Department
- With us today is the Administrator of Western, which markets and transmits Federal hydroelectric power in 15 western states.
- Michael S. HacsKaylo was appointed to lead Western in 1998.
- Before his appointment, he served as Western's General Counsel from 1985 to 1998.
- Mike began his federal career in 1976 with the Interior Department Solicitor's Office.
- He is a 1972 graduate of the University of Virginia with a bachelor's degree in history and economics. He received his law degree from the College of William and Mary and is admitted to practice law in Virginia and Colorado.
- Mike has also served on the Board of Trustees of the Western Systems Coordinating Council and on the Board of Directors and the Stakeholders Committee of the North American Electric Reliability Council.

- Please welcome Mike HacsKaylo:

INTRODUCTION OF LESLIE JAMES

- Thank you Mike.
- Leslie James is the Executive Director of the Colorado River Energy Distributors Association, or CREDA as it is commonly known.
- CREDA member contractors have long-term, cost-based contracts with Western Area Power Administration for the purchase of federal hydropower generation from the Colorado River Storage Project.
- CREDA is a non-profit organization representing consumer-owned electric systems and was established in 1978.
- The Bureau of Reclamation is especially pleased with our professional working relationship with CREDA. We share a mutual desire to operate the project as effectively and efficiently as possible for the benefit of the millions of people who receive the hydropower in their homes, businesses, reservations, and on their farms.
- In the spirit of that partnership, Leslie is with us today for a special presentation.
- Please welcome Leslie James:

PLAQUE UNVEILED

- Just prior to today's program, Dixie Brunner, the publisher of the Southern Utah News in Kanab, gave us a copy of the front page of her newspaper dated October 18, 1956.
- The headline is: Blast Signals Glen Canyon Start.
- On October 17, 1956, at about this time of the day, President Eisenhower triggered the start of construction of Glen Canyon Dam by way of a telegraph key in the White House.

Unveil Plaque

- The program participants will now unveil a commemorative plaque noting the 50th anniversary of the Colorado River Storage Project Act which will be placed on the wall by the elevator that takes visitors on tours of the dam down to the powerplant.

Conclusion of Program