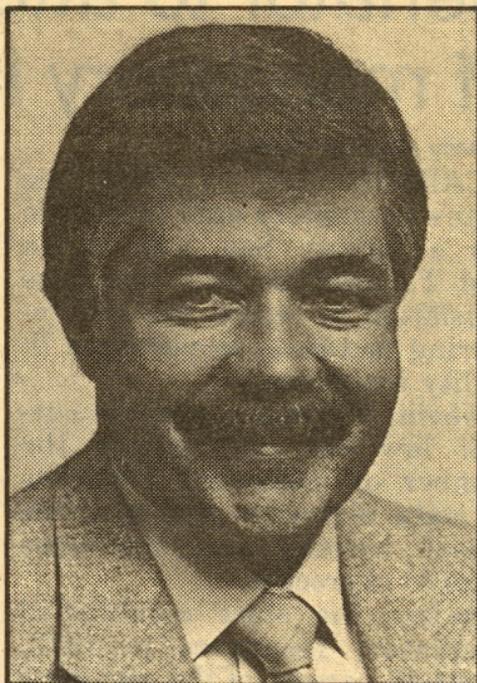


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New director



**ROBERT JOHNSON**  
Top assistant

## Bureau of Reclamation names new area director

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Robert J. Towles, a veteran of more than 40 years with the Bureau of Reclamation, has been named director of the bureau's Lower Colorado Region.

From his office in Boulder City, Towles will be in charge of operation and maintenance of the last 688 miles of the Colorado River in the United States.

His responsibilities include administering water resource programs in Southern Nevada, Arizona, and Southern California, and overseeing operations at the Hoover and Davis dams.

Towles replaces Edward Halenbeck, who retired in February.

Towles' top assistant will be Robert W. Johnson, who, like

Towles, began work at the Boulder City office this month. Johnson replaces John Brown, who retired last November.

Towles has served the bureau more than 40 years.

Since 1986, he has been the project manager for the Arizona Projects Office.

Johnson, who graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1977, began his career with the bureau's office in Sacramento, Calif. He was transferred to the Lower Colorado Region in 1979, and in 1987 he was named chief of the contracts and repayment branch in the commissioner's office in Washington, D.C.

Johnson returned to the Lower Colorado Region in 1988.