



Smith named as PXAO Deputy Area Manager



Alex Smith. Photo courtesy of PXAO

“I am very pleased to announce the selection of Alex Smith as the Phoenix Area Office (PXAO) Deputy Area Manager.” With those words as the opening of an enthusiastic email message to employees, PXAO Area Manager Leslie Meyers announced the name of her new deputy.

“Mr. Smith’s legal and technical background makes him uniquely qualified as a leader in the Phoenix Area Office,” Meyers said.

“I feel very fortunate to assume this new role in Reclamation,” said Smith. “It will be very interesting broadening the topics I work on and I am eager to learn in detail Reclamation’s other business lines.”

“I look forward to following in the tradition of excellence that the previous Deputy Area Managers have maintained and I am proud to be working with such a great group of hardworking folks here at the Phoenix Area Office,” he added.

His appointment was effective on May 3, but Smith was not a new addition to the PXAO staff. Previously, he served the office as its Environmental Resource Management Division manager.

Smith began his career with Reclamation in April 2010, when he joined the PXAO staff as a biologist. Prior to that time, he worked for the Arizona Game and Fish Department and as a private consultant.

“Additionally, he has been very active in some of the most critical issues including the Navajo Generating Station, Central Arizona Project non-Indian agriculture reallocation, and numerous Indian water rights settlements,” Meyers added.

Moreover, during his time at PXAO, Smith has managed the Gila River Native Fish Program and acted as Reclamation’s main point of contact on the C.C. Cragin Watershed Partnership.

Smith holds a Bachelor of Science degree in terrestrial wildlife biology and a Juris Doctor, both of which he earned at Arizona State University. He is also a member of the Arizona Bar Association.