

## Peer Review Plan:

- (1) **Working Title and Scope:** “Report to Congress - Reclamation Climate Change and Water Program, SECURE Water Act Section 9503(c), March 30, 2011”. The subject and purpose of the planned report is to address the statutory reporting requirement under the SECURE Water Act Section 9503(c), and will include to the extent available:
  - a. The effect of, and risk resulting from, global climate change with respect to the quantity of water resources located in each major Reclamation river basin;
  - b. The impact of global climate change with respect to Reclamation’s operations in each major Reclamation river basin;
  - c. Each mitigation and adaptation strategy considered and implemented by Reclamation to address each effect of global climate change;
  - d. Each coordination activity conducted by Reclamation with the USGS, NOAA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and appropriate State water resource agencies; and
  - e. The implementation of the monitoring plan developed under Section 9503(b)(5).

Inquiries to learn the specifics of the plan may be directed to David Raff, Program Management Office (303) 445-2461.

- (2) **Document Type:** The document is not influential or highly influential as defined by Office of Management and Budget Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review (70 FR 2664-2677). The report is undergoing discretionary peer review.
- (3) **Peer Review Timing:** The review will take place between February 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 28, 2011.
- (4) **Peer Review Mechanism:** Peer review will be conducted by individuals within their home office communicated through email.
- (5) **Public Review Scope:** The report is not a decisional document, public comment is not being sought.
- (6) **Number of Reviewers:** Four to Six peer reviewers are anticipated.
- (7) **Reviewer Expertise:** The peer reviewers are expected to have as a group expertise in climate science and associated hydrologic impacts and water management in the Western United States.
- (8) **Reviewer Selection and Nomination:** Organizations with expertise identified above were asked to provide a reviewer. These include the United States Geological Survey, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Organization, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the Western Governors Association – Western States Water Council