



# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION  
Washington, DC 20240

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Dear Tribal Leader:

In accordance with the Secretary's commitment to government-to-government consultation, the Bureau of Reclamation invites you and/or a staff member to provide comments on: 1) a draft Reclamation Manual Policy, and 2) a draft Reclamation Manual Directives and Standards. The draft Policy (NIA P10) reaffirms Reclamation's overarching Indian policy, which was originally issued by Commissioner Eluid L. Martinez on February 25, 1998. The draft Directives and Standards (NIA 10-01) provide Reclamation's internal requirements for the execution and administration of Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (Pub. L. 93-638) contracts and annual funding agreements.

The Reclamation Manual is Reclamation's principal repository for policies, procedures, and directives and standards. Collectively, they assign internal program responsibility and document Reclamation-wide methods for doing business. All of the requirements in the Reclamation Manual are mandatory for Reclamation. The draft Policy and draft Directives and Standards are available for your review at [http://www.usbr.gov/native/policy\\_temporary-page.html](http://www.usbr.gov/native/policy_temporary-page.html).

We invite you and/or your staff to provide us with your comments in writing or at one or more of the following scheduled consultation session:

Tuesday, February 4, 2014  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Best Western Ramkota Hotel Rapid City (Badlands Room)  
2111 N LaCrosse Street  
Rapid City, South Dakota 57701  
605-343-8550

Wednesday, February 5, 2014  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Sheraton Phoenix Downtown  
340 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004  
602-262-2500

Thursday, February 6, 2014  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
DOI University & the National Indian Programs Training Center  
1011 Indian School Road NW, Room 234  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104  
505-563-5404

Tuesday, February 11, 2014  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
DoubleTree  
1000 NE Multnomah Street  
Portland, Oregon 97232  
503-281-6111

Wednesday, February 12, 2014  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Hilton Sacramento Arden West  
2200 Harvard Street  
Sacramento, California 95815  
916-604-3597

Please provide us with any written comments by February 28, 2014 via mail to the Bureau of Reclamation, Native American and International Affairs Office, Mail Stop 7069-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20240. Following the conclusion of the consultation process, the draft Policy and draft Directives and Standards will be posted on Reclamation's internet site for public comment.

We look forward to your input. Should you have questions, please contact Richard Ives, Director, Native American and International Affairs Office, at 202-513-0550 or [rives@usbr.gov](mailto:rives@usbr.gov) or John Peterson, Senior Advisor Native American Affairs, at 303-445-2122 or [jepeterson@usbr.gov](mailto:jepeterson@usbr.gov).

Sincerely,



Michael L. Connor  
Commissioner