

# Yakima River Basin Integrated Water Resource Management Plan

**“NOW is the moment; NOW is the Time”  
– Governor Gregoire**

**Yakima, WA  
September 18, 2011**



# Dignitaries in Attendance:

- **Harry Smiskin**, Chairman, Yakama Nation Tribal Council
- **Ken Salazar**, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior
- **Maria Cantwell**, U.S. Senator
- **Doc Hastings**, U.S. Representative
- **Christine Gregoire**, Governor, State of Washington
- **Mike Connor**, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation
- **Karl Wirkus**, Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation
- **Ted Sturdevant**, Director, Washington Department of Ecology
- **Dan Newhouse**, Director, Washington Department of Agriculture



# Objectives

- Brief the attending dignitaries about Yakima River Basin Integrated Plan;
- Show Workgroup Collaboration in Addressing the Basin's Needs:
  - Increasing the water supply
  - Improving habitat for fish and wildlife
  - Modifying systems to improve water availability for instream and out-of-stream use
  - Implementing an adaptive strategy to address drought, climate change, and growth.



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“The time of conflict, like the time of studies, has come to an end.” – Chairman Smiskin



“Water is increasingly becoming the liquid gold of the world economy. Interior’s WaterSMART funding shows our commitment to this project . . .” – Secretary Salazar







**“Absolute conviction to create a lasting framework.”**

**“We have the horsepower we need at this table. If we agree, we get ‘er done; if we don’t, we get nothing.”**

**– Governor Gregoire**

