

## TWG POSITION PAPER

### GLEN CANYON DAM MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

**Background:** Resource management objectives are developed to define the desired condition of the specific resources. The attainment or nonattainment of these objectives drive implementation of management actions intended to maintain or reestablish the resource condition. Beginning on page 54 of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the operations of Glen Canyon Dam are objectives for each resource. In a June 1995 meeting of the Transition Work Group it was decided that development of management objectives was key to identifying and prioritizing future work elements. A subgroup, made up of representatives of the stakeholders, was charged with developing a definitive list of management objectives, using those objectives listed in the EIS as a guide. The process began in September 1995 and ended with a set of objectives dated July 2, 1996. All parties recognized that the final objectives are subject to review and modification if necessary. The product was used by the Transition Work Group and the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center (Center) to develop the 1998 and 1999 fiscal year plans and the Center's Strategic Plan. The Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) would use them to build monitoring and research programs in the future.

**Issue:** At the first meeting of the AMWG a subgroup was formed called the Technical Work Group (TWG). This subgroup serves to analyze and make recommendations to the AMWG on specific issues. The AMWG identified the areas they wanted the TWG to provide input on, one area being the management objectives. As the TWG debated the issue two thoughts came forward for consideration: What is the process for reviewing the existing objectives and if changes are made what would be the first opportunity the new objectives could be used to develop monitoring and research plans and the Center strategic plan.

**Recommendations:** The TWG recommends that the Management Objectives and information needs statements, previously prepared under the Transition Work Group, be adopted for guiding research and monitoring activities during FY 1998 and FY 1999. The TWG will review of the current management objectives and information needs to determine if they meet current requirements and develop recommendations on any necessary modifications for use in developing the FY 2000 program. The reviewed objectives and FY 2000 program will be submitted to the AMWG for approval during the mid-1998 meeting.

The current Management Objectives form the basis for the Center's Strategic Plan. The TWG recommends that the current strategic plan be accepted "as is" for FY 1998 and FY 1999, and that the GCMRC be instructed to revise their strategic plan for FY 2000, if necessary, based upon the review of the management objectives.