

Memo

To: Members of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group
From: Mary Orton for the Ad Hoc Committee for Strategic Planning
Date: January 5, 2000
Re: Attached **UPDATED** Goals Documents, Plus Two Recommendations for AMWG

Enclosed please find the **final drafts** of two documents from the Ad Hoc Committee for Strategic Planning (committee) for your review before the January 2000 AMWG meeting. You received an earlier draft of both documents, in the mailing that contained the agenda for that meeting. I encourage you to use these latest versions of the document instead of the earlier versions. They are both marked "FINAL DRAFT." Below, I have detailed the changes made by the committee to the documents.

As before, the first document, <AMP goals 99-12c.doc> (Attachment 2a), contains the Principles and Goals that the committee recommends to you for adoption at the January meeting. The second, <AMP goals and comments 99-12c.doc (Attachment 2b)>, is organized to show you the transition from the Goal as you saw it in October, to the Goal that the committee recommends that you adopt. It shows you the original Goal, the comments the committee received on that Goal, the responses of the committee to the comments, and finally, the Goal, as amended, that the committee recommends that you adopt.

Also in this memorandum are two recommendations that the committee will present to AMWG in January.

Changes made to the final draft versions

1. Modification to Principle 4

"The Colorado River ecosystem is a managed ecosystem. An ecosystem management approach, in lieu of an issues, species, or resources approach, will guide our efforts. Management efforts will strive to prevent any further human-induced extirpation or extinction of native species."

The prevention of further extirpation or extinction was first presented in original Goals 13 and 17. In the previous version of this document, in response to comments, the committee agreed to delete it as a goal, and make it part of the definition of "ecosystem management" in the Glossary. However, the committee has now decided that it fits better as part of a principle.

2. Modification to original Principle 6, now Principle 5

"An adaptive management approach will be used to achieve GCDAMP ecosystem Goals, through experimentation and monitoring, to meet the intent of the Grand Canyon Protection Act, the Environmental Impact Statement, and the Record of Decision."

The committee made this change to make it clear that we operate within the constraints of these documents.

3. New Goal 10 on recreation

"Maintain or improve the quality of recreational experiences for users of the Colorado River ecosystem, within the framework of GCDAMP ecosystem goals."

The committee added this goal to be more consistent with the level of specificity of other goals, and with Table II-7 of the EIS. The original Goals 18 and 22 will become Management Objectives:

Goal 18: Protect or improve the size, number, quality, and distribution of camping beaches, consistent with GCDAMP ecosystem Goals.

Goal 22: Maintain navigability of rapids, consistent with GCDAMP ecosystem Goals.

4. Modification to original Goal 19, new Goal 11

"Maintain or increase power and energy generation within the framework of GCDAMP ecosystem Goals."

The word "ecosystem" was inadvertently omitted from the previous version of the document.

5. New Goal 12 on cultural issues

"Preserve, manage and maintain cultural resources for the inspiration and benefit of present and future generations, while making management decisions in consultation with Agency officials, State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, local governments, Indian tribes, and the interested public, as appropriate."

The committee understands that most or all of the tribes and other interested parties feel this goal expresses their intent for cultural resources. The committee suggests the deletion of the phrase beginning with "in consultation..." to make it consistent with the other goals.

6. Glossary

The committee completed the Glossary and appended it to the shorter of the two attached documents.

Recommendations to AMWG

The committee will present two recommendations to the AMWG for your consideration at the January meeting.

1. The Ad Hoc Committee for Strategic Planning recommends to the AMWG that the Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning be charged by AMWG to do the following:
 - a. produce the first draft of MOs for the TWG,
 - b. obtain comments on that draft from the TWG,
 - c. incorporate TWG comments into a second draft and revise Goals and Objectives as necessary,
 - d. meet with the TWG to review revised Goals and MOs and responses to comments, and make any further needed revisions, and
 - e. present the MOs to the AMWG spring meeting for approval.

This timeframe will allow the GCMRC to incorporate the approved MOs into their 2002 budget, which is due in July.

2. The Ad Hoc Committee for Strategic Planning recommends to the AMWG that the it direct the Ad Hoc Committee on the NRC Report "Downstream" to address the socio-economic concerns expressed in "Downstream."