

Report to the Glen Canyon Adaptive Management Work Group
From the Technical Work Group in Re:
Recommendations of the TWG Cultural Resources PEP Ad Hoc Committee
May 17, 2002

The Technical Work Group recommends the Adaptive Management Work Group approve the ten recommendations contained in the Technical Work Group (TWG) Cultural Resources Protocol Evaluation Panel (PEP) Ad Hoc Committee's report dated April 26, 2002 which are listed below; as amended by revisions made and actions taken by the TWG as described herein below.

CULTURAL RESOURCES PEP AD HOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Approve all 11 PEP recommendations with the following clarifications:
- 2) PEP Recommendation # 1. As part of the HPP, the PEP recommended a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) Plan. The ad hoc committee does not believe it is necessary and is currently being handled by the Bureau of Reclamation through Determination of Eligibility with each tribe and will be handled in the future through the consultation and monitoring plans.
- 3) PEP Recommendation #1. As part of the HPP, the PEP recommended a Cultural Resource Database Plan. The Cultural Resource Database Plan proposed by the PEP is underscoped. This project will be much more involved than recommended by the PEP and the first step is to start project planning, gather the data requirements that the GCMRC or database users have, get agreement on the goals and purpose of the database management project.
- 4) The PEP recommended an Introduction chapter for the HPP to provide a framework or structure for all the subplans. The Bureau had proposed contracting it in FY 2002. However, this timing will not work since much of the contents (sic) for the Introduction will be contingent on the conclusions of the research design and treatment plan. Therefore, the ad hoc committee recommends that the Introduction chapter start with an inclusion of the background portions available in the draft 1997 HPP. This background can form the basis for the Introductions chapter until all parts of the HPP are written. At that time, the Introduction will need to be revised to incorporate all the subplans.
- 5) The PEP recommended a Monitoring Plan and a Treatment Plan for the HPP. The ad hoc committee recommends these be awarded as one contract since there is a great deal of overlap in these plans.
- 6) As part of the HPP, the PEP recommended a Public Involvement Plan. The ad hoc committee recommends that this be subsumed under the AMP Public Involvement Plan and that the AMP plan have a cultural resource section.

- 7) The Bureau of Reclamation's implementation plan for the HPP called for a NAGPRA Plan of Action and a curation plan. The ad hoc committee believes that these plans should not be done through the AMP, but that they are necessary plans that are a legally mandated responsibility of each agency involved.
- 8) Regarding the PEP recommendation to improve coordination of a complex program, the ad hoc committee recommends that the cultural resource program be on the TWG/AMWG agendas at least once a year.
- 9) The PEP recommendation for improving the coordination of a complex program was to create another federal position. To respond to this need, the ad hoc committee recommends that Ruth Lambert's position should be devoted only to the cultural resources program.
- 10) The ad hoc committee recommends that the TWG support a standing cultural resources ad hoc committee to the TWG.

TWG AMENDMENTS TO THE CULTURAL RESOURCES PEP AD HOC COMMITTEE'S
RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION TAKEN:

The TWG notes that Cultural Resources PEP Ad Hoc Committee recommendation no. 9 is for improving coordination of a complex program to create another federal position. To respond to this need, the TWG recommends GCMRC enhance their focus on cultural resources work, while achieving balance with the social, economic, and recreation resources and other monitoring programs, and report and consult with the TWG concerning options to provide this additional desired focus.

Relative to the PEP's recommendation no. 4, concerning the refinement of the definition of the Area of Potential Effects (APE), the TWG noted the Cultural Resources PEP Ad Hoc Committee recommends approval of the PEP's APE-related recommendation. Following discussion of various matters associated with APE definition issues, the TWG recommends that the responsible agencies resolve the issue of defining the area of potential effect in consultation with the Adaptive Management Program stakeholders.

The Cultural Resources PEP Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation no. 10 is the TWG support a standing cultural resources ad hoc committee to the TWG. At its May 17, 2002 meeting, the TWG, in recognition of this recommendation, established a standing Cultural Resources Ad Hoc Committee.

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