




THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

To: Members and Alternates

From: Secretary 

Subject: Secretarial Designee - Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG)

For the past year, Ms. Brenda Burman, our Deputy Assistant Secretary - Water and Science has served as my designee to the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG), and has been a valued and effective member of the Department of the Interior's ongoing efforts to balance Grand Canyon protection with the important purposes for which the Glen Canyon Dam was constructed. Brenda has recently announced that she will be resigning from Federal service. I want to take this opportunity to thank Brenda for the effective job that she has done as my designee, and wish her well in her future endeavors.

With Brenda's departure, I am designating the position of the Assistant Secretary - Water and Science (ASWS) or the Acting ASWS to serve as the Secretarial Designee for the AMWG in the future. Among other duties, the ASWS oversees the efforts of the U.S. Geological Survey, which includes the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center based in Flagstaff, Arizona. Given the importance and priority that I place on using sound and objective science to inform Interior's management decisions, including the operation of Glen Canyon Dam, I have concluded that the position of Assistant Secretary for Water and Science is the most appropriate official to chair this committee in the future. The Assistant Secretary will also continue to coordinate with other senior Departmental officials through the Department's Glen Canyon Dam Policy Group.

Currently, Ms. Kameran Onley serves as our Acting ASWS. I believe that Kameran is particularly well suited to take on the additional responsibilities as my designee to the AMWG. Kameran has served as my lead for restoration efforts in the Florida Everglades, and is familiar with the complexities of large-scale ecosystem studies and multi-stakeholder programs. I have asked Kameran to continue to prioritize the timely and accurate scientific publication of USGS research efforts from this unique and important program. In recent weeks, I have been particularly impressed with the efforts of our scientists to promptly and objectively describe their preliminary observations from the March 2008 high flow experiment. As final results from the March 2008 high flow experiment become available, we will share those results with the AMWG and the public prior to making additional decisions about this program.

The AMWG is a Federal Advisory Committee established to advise the Secretary of the Interior on the effects of Glen Canyon Dam operations and other management actions. Pursuant to the charter that I approved on July 19, 2006, and filed with the General Services Administration on July 24, 2006, for the Glen Canyon Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG), I make this appointment today, effective on the date of this memorandum. As the Department's "designee" on the AMWG, the ASWS will be responsible for timely dissemination and consideration by the Department of formal recommendations and other related input from the AMWG, and will serve as the primary spokesperson to convey my decisions and views, as appropriate, to the AMWG.

I will continue to rely on the Bureau of Reclamation's Upper Colorado Regional Director (or Acting Regional Director) to serve as the Department's Permanent Alternate Designated Federal Official for the AMWG, as established on March 3, 2006. In the absence of, or as directed by, Ms. Onley, the Regional Director will continue to carry out all duties and responsibilities of the Designated Federal Official.

The responsibilities of the Designated Federal Official and the Department's Permanent Alternate include:

- orienting new Committee members;
- scheduling meetings, preparing meeting agendas;
- ensuring public participation;
- attending all meetings of the AMWG, chairing the meetings, and adjourning the meeting when-it is in the public interest;
- maintaining the records, reports, transcripts, minutes, appendices, working papers, drafts, studies, agendas, or other documents which are made available for public inspection and copying at a single location in the agency until the Advisory Committee ceases to exist;
- maintaining detailed minutes;
- maintaining records of costs;
- filing reports with the Library of Congress; and,
- as noted above, tracking Committee recommendations and obtaining agency responses, including coordination with the Glen Canyon Adaptive Management Policy Group, established by separate memo.

It is my intention that the daily responsibilities for carrying out the primary administrative and routine functions identified above will continue to be carried out by the Upper Colorado Regional Office of the Bureau of Reclamation.

cc: Glen Canyon Adaptive Management Work Group - Members and Alternates
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Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs
Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation
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