

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group
Agenda Item Information
September 9-10, 2008

Agenda Item

Strategic Plan, Desired Future Conditions, and Collaboration

Action Requested

√ Motion suggested.

To establish an AMP Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Group to make recommendations to the AMWG at its next meeting with regard to a revision to the AMP Strategic Plan. The Ad Hoc Group will:

1. Review how other adaptive management programs have collaboratively devised goals, targets, or desired future conditions. These might include ranges of acceptable conditions, thresholds for undesirable conditions, quantitative targets, qualitative targets, conditions that indicate the direction of a particular resource, and other options.
2. Report to the AMWG about what it learned under #1, with a recommendation for how the AMWG should proceed. This recommendation should include:
 - a. The scope of the revision; i.e., whether and how it should include desired future conditions or any other description for the Management Objectives; whether it should include a review and suggested changes of the Strategic Plan as adopted by AMWG in 2003; other items; or any combination of these items; and
 - b. The process that should be adopted to accomplish that revision, including timeframe, what entities should be involved and how, and other considerations as identified by the Ad Hoc Group.

Presenters

Previous Action Taken

√ By AMWG:

At its **January 2002** meeting, with one abstention and no nay votes, AMWG recommended to the Secretary of the Interior to accept the Strategic Plan (vision, mission, principles, goals, management objectives, qualitative targets, and narrative sections) with amendments approved at this meeting.

At its **August 2003** meeting, by a vote of 18 yes, 1 no, and 1 abstention, the AMWG approved the following motion regarding the updated strategic plan (principles, combined vision/mission statement, goals, management objectives, information needs in sequence order, and an indication for each IN whether it was appropriate to be addressed by the GCMRC or not, and if so, whether it was appropriate for power revenues to be used to address that IN).

Accept the recommendation and report of the AHCIO as a working document, change wording from “exploration of new techniques may not result in an RFP” to “exploration of

new techniques and methods might not result in an RFP,” under Goal 12, and assign Category C to RIN 2.6.1.

The Strategic Plan as accepted included the following language: “It is anticipated that this strategic plan is a long-term plan; however, it is recommended that the Adaptive Management Work Group review this plan at the beginning of every other federal fiscal year.” The plan has not been reviewed since it was accepted.

√ By the Secretary’s Designee:

At the AMWG meeting on December 5, 2006, the Secretary’s Designee announced that he was initiating a review and possible revision of the AMP Strategic Plan. He gave AMWG members approximately three months to send him their comments and suggested revisions.

Relevant Science

N/A

Background Information

This agenda item follows up from Lance Gunderson’s presentation at the May 2008 AMWG meeting, in which he reviewed ways other adaptive management programs have addressed strategic planning and agreeing on desired future conditions.

A panel of invited guests will discuss ways other collaborative programs have addressed the issues of planning for the future and defining program goals and objectives. This will be followed by a discussion by AMWG with regard to next steps on the strategic plan, including the possible establishment of a Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Group that would further educate itself about how other programs are accomplishing these planning tasks, and make a recommendation to the AMWG about how to proceed.