As discussed at the last AMWG meeting, here is the condolence letter Larry Walkoviak sent to Mrs. Karen Magnussen.
Mrs. Karen Magnussen
12734 E. Lupine Avenue
Scottsdale, AZ 85259-3405

Dear Mrs. Magnussen:

I am writing on behalf of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG). The AMWG met in Phoenix on April 29-30, 2009, which was the first meeting since Steve’s passing. During the course of the meeting, Steve’s service to AMWG was discussed. There was consensus among the group to formally acknowledge Steve’s enormous contributions to the AMWG, and they asked that I convey the group’s thoughts and condolences to you in this letter.

Steve was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt as the first Secretary’s Designee and chairperson of the AMWG. He served in the role from 1997 through 2002. Steve was instrumental in working with the 25 diverse AMWG members in laying the foundation for the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program, and set the tone for future chairpersons. We have enclosed a list of current AMWG members to show you the incredible diversity of this stakeholder workgroup. Many of these individuals were AMWG members during Steve’s tenure as the Secretary’s Designee and were his good friends. We fondly remember Steve and take note of his friendly and effective leadership of the AMWG. He conducted each meeting with efficiency, but also allowed the requisite time for members to work through difficult and sensitive issues.

Following Steve’s retirement, it was always a wonderful surprise when Steve would drop by AMWG meetings to say hello. He often stayed a couple of hours just to visit with members during break times. We were amazed at how positive he remained while fighting his illness and his eagerness to continue playing tennis, to travel, and enjoy life with his family and friends. He was and continues to be an inspiration to us all.

Sincerely,

Larry Walkoviak
Alternate Secretary’s Designee

Enclosure
Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group

Mr. Charley Bullets
Southern Paiute Consortium

Mr. George Caan
Colorado River Commission of Nevada

Ms. Jennifer Gimbel
Colorado Water Conservation Board

Ms. Ann Gold (nomination in process)
Bureau of Reclamation

Mr. Jay Groseclose
New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission

Ms. Amy Heuslein
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Ms. Loretta Jackson-Kelly
Hualapai Tribe

Ms. Leslie James
Colorado River Energy Distributors Association

Mr. Arden Kucate (nomination in process)
Pueblo of Zuni

Mr. Leigh Kuwanwiswma
Hopi Tribe

Mr. Nikolai Lash
Grand Canyon Trust

Mr. Steve Martin
Grand Canyon National Park

Mr. Andre Potochnik
Grand Canyon River Guides

Mr. Ted Rampton
Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems

Mr. Michael Senn (nomination in process)
Arizona Game and Fish Department

Mr. John Shields
Wyoming State Engineers Office

Mr. Sam Spiller
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Mr. Mark Steffen
Federation of Fly Fishers/Northern Arizona Flycasters

Mr. Larry Stevens
Grand Canyon Wildlands Council

Mr. Dennis Strong
Utah Department of Water Resources

Mr. Brad Warren
Western Area Power Administration

Mr. Bill Werner
Arizona Department of Water Resources

Mr. Gerald Zimmerman
Colorado River Board of California
Attached is the draft agenda for the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group Meeting to be held on August 12-13, 2009 in Tempe, Arizona. Meeting packets will be mailed to AMWG members via overnight mail tomorrow. Most of the meeting documents are already posted on the meeting page and the rest will be posted soon. Please let me know if you want a meeting packet, as there will be a limited amount available at the meeting. The URL is listed at the end of this message.

FY10-11 BUDGET, WORKPLAN, AND HYDROGRAPH Developing a recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior for the FY10-11 hydrograph, budget, and workplan is on the upcoming AMWG agenda.

FY10-11 hydrograph, budget, and workplan as TWG recommended it is currently posted on the meeting page, and will be sent to you in your packets tomorrow. You will want to discuss it in detail with your TWG member, either now or when you receive the packet.

Once you have had a chance to review the document, if you have questions about it, please contact GCMRC or BOR representatives to get your questions answered in advance of the meeting.

As usual, if you plan to propose a change to the TWG-recommended FY10-11 hydrograph, budget, or workplan, we will ask you to send it in advance of the meeting to Linda Whetton (lwhetton@uc.usbr.gov) and to Mary Orton (mary@maryorton.com). The deadline is NOON, MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009. The proposed changes we receive, if any, will be distributed to the full group in advance, and this deadline is based on the time needed to post or distribute an aggregated list and for you to have time to review it. Also as usual, if your proposed change would increase the budget, please identify the amount of the increase and which line in the budget you recommend to reduce to accommodate the increase.

cc: TWG members/alternates

We have received no proposed changes to the TWG-recommended FY10-11 hydrograph, budget, or workplan. The deadline was noon today. If you plan to present changes at the meeting, please let me know with a cc to Mary Orton (Mary@maryorton.com) even if you are not prepared to send them now. If your proposed change would increase the budget, please be prepared to identify the amount of the increase and which line in the budget you recommend to reduce to accommodate the increase. Thank you.

Whetton, Linda A

From: Whetton, Linda A
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2009 4:32 PM
To: 'Caan, George M.'; 'Castle, Anne'; 'Charley Bulletts'; 'Gimbel, Jennifer'; Gold, Anamarie; 'Groseclose, Jay C.'; 'Heuslein, Amy'; 'Jackson-Kelly, Loretta'; 'James, Leslie'; 'Lash, Nikolai'; 'Martin, Steve P.'; 'Orton, Mary'; 'Potochnik, Andre'; 'Rampton, Ted'; 'Senn, Michael J.'; 'Shields, John W.'; 'Spiller, Sam'; 'Steffen, Mark'; 'Stevens, Larry'; 'Strong, Dennis J.'; Walkoviak, Larry P.; 'Warren, Brad'; 'Werner, Bill'; Zimmerman, Gerald R.; 'Balsom, Janet R.'; 'Barrett, Clifford'; 'Benemesis, Perri'; 'Cantley, Gary'; 'Christensen, Kerry'; 'Davis, William'; 'Dongoske, Kurt'; 'Hahn, Martha'; 'Harris, Christopher'; 'Johnson, Rick'; 'King, Robert'; 'Knowles, Glen'; 'O'Brien, John'; Ostler, Don; 'Palmer, S. Clayton'; 'Persons, Bill'; 'Peterson, McClain'; Ryan, Thomas P.; 'Seaholm, Dwight Randolph'; 'Skrzynski, LeAnn'; 'Steffen, Tim'; 'Yeatts, Michael'
Cc: 'Alpine, Andrea'; 'Andersen, Matthew'; 'Bennett, Glenn'; 'Bryant, Nora'; 'Fairley, Helen'; Grams, Paul; 'Hamill, John'; 'Mankiller, Serena'; 'McKenzie, Barbara'; 'Melis, Ted'; 'Barger, Mary'; 'Capron, Shane'; 'Henderson, Norm'; 'Kubly, Dennis'; 'Mietz, Steven'; 'English, Jeff'; 'Kaplineski, Matt'; 'Makinster, Andy'; 'Thriol, James'

Subject: No Response on Budget Changes

Importance: High
Many (but not yet all) of the pending appointment letters were signed by Secretary Salazar yesterday. Copies are being mailed today. All of the votes cast provisionally at the August meeting (Dongoske, Kucate, Christensen, Palmer) are now official.

We will be finalizing the date for the Feb. 2010 meeting shortly.

Best regards.

Anne J. Castle, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science
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