

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group
Agenda Item Information
February 9-10, 2011

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Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) Update

Action Requested

- ✓ This is an information item.

Presenter

Larry Walkoviak, Regional Director, Upper Colorado Region, Bureau of Reclamation

Previous Action Taken

- ✓ By the Regional Directors of the AMP DOI agencies: In **August 2008**, the Regional Directors from the five GCDAMP Department of the Interior (DOI) agencies (Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and US Geological Survey) began work on the development of DOI DFCs. The starting point used in the development of these DFCs was the 12 GCDAMP goals from the Strategic Plan and the work completed by the TWG DFCs Ad Hoc Group.
- ✓ By the Secretary's Designee: On **January 22, 2010**, Secretary's Designee Anne Castle distributed a draft document entitled "Draft Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for the Colorado River Ecosystem" from the Department of the Interior. These are available starting on page 5 of the document found at http://www.usbr.gov/uc/rm/amp/amwg/mtgs/10feb03/Attach_12.pdf.
- ✓ By AMWG: At its **February 2010** meeting, AMWG passed the following motion by consensus: To establish a Desired Future Conditions Ad Hoc Group to consider and make recommendations to AMWG on the draft Phase I DFC statements developed by the DOI agencies and dated January 22, 2010, and describe linkages among resources, prior to the Phase II development of quantitative DFCs.
- ✓ By AMWG: At its **August 2010** meeting, AMWG passed the following motion by a vote of 17-1 with 4 abstentions: AMWG recommends the narrative Desired Future Conditions (DFCs) for the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program to the Secretary of the Interior for consideration, revision, and approval. The DFCs are described in and attached to the memorandum dated August 4, 2010 from George Caan and Larry Stevens (as amended by the DFC AHG subsequent to receipt of AMWG comments). AMWG further recommends that the Secretary consider directing the AMWG to use the approved DFCs as a basis to define quantitative DFCs (Phase 2) for the program, acknowledging that the narrative DFCs may change as the quantitative DFCs are developed.
- ✓ By the DFCs Ad Hoc Group: On **November 8, 2010**, the AMWG DFCs Ad Hoc Group forwarded to the Secretary's Designee the final report of the DFCs Ad Hoc Group, after accepting comments and amending the report per the motion at the August 2010 AMWG

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meeting. Secretary's Designee Anne Castle sent a copy of the report to AMWG members on November 10, 2010.

Relevant Science

N/A

Background Information

In addition to the previous action summary, above, the Secretary's Designee asked a small group of federal staff (consisting of DOI agency and WAPA representatives) to take the product of the DFCs Ad Hoc Group and provide a quick review based on federal authorities and related perspectives. That review is nearly complete and will be finalized and shared with the AMWG before the next AMWG meeting.