

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group
Agenda Item Information
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Glen Canyon Dam National Historic Preservation Act Compliance Update

Action Requested

✓ This is an information item.

Presenter

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Previous Action Taken

✓ By AMWG:

AMWG Motion from August 25, 2011 Meeting

To address cultural resources issues #1 and 2, below, AMWG requests (the Bureau of) Reclamation develop a timeline and process for their resolution during the meeting already scheduled for September 6-8, 2011 to discuss (National Historic Preservation Act) Section 106 and PA (Programmatic Agreement) issues. AMWG further requests that results of that meeting be shared at the next AMWG meeting. To address cultural resources issue #3, below, AMWG directs the TWG to reconstitute the Cultural Resources Ad Hoc Group and make a recommendation to the AMWG on the issue at its February 2012 meeting.

1. AMWG recommends that the Secretary of Interior consider a review of the GCDAMP programs related to archaeological site monitoring and compliance with NHPA section 106 and the GCPA, to clarify how DOI (and the GCDAMP) is achieving compliance with both NHPA section 106 and the GCPA and what is specifically necessary to do so.
2. AMWG recommends to the Secretary that Reclamation implement the process that has been identified in Reclamation's 2007 Treatment Plan to comply with the requirements of NHPA Section 106 for the operation of Glen Canyon Dam.
3. AMWG indicates its intention to make a recommendation to the Secretary on the following questions: How should the program fairly treat conflicts of cultural values, specifically those involving Native American perspectives? How will tribal values be monitored and tracked in this program?

Relevant Science

N/A

Background Information

The Bureau of Reclamation met with key stakeholders on September 7, 8 and 9 to discuss compliance under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) relative to development of two memoranda of agreement (MOAs) documents for the High Flow Experiment Protocol and Non-native Fish Control Environmental Assessments and to discuss the status of the 1994 Programmatic Agreement (PA) on the Operation of Glen Canyon Dam.

With regard to the 1994 PA, it was agreed that the 1994 PA that now serves as Reclamation's NHPA 106 compliance for Glen Canyon Dam operations needed to be updated, and a process and timeline was agreed to draft a revised PA in 2012, subject to completion of the two MOAs. Reclamation noted also that given the initiation of the Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement, and the involvement of all Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program agencies and tribes as cooperating agencies in that process, an updated PA should be consistent with that parallel process.

Reclamation will provide an update on progress on NHPA section 106 compliance including status of MOAs for the High Flow Experimental Protocol and Non-native Fish Control and status of NHPA 106 compliance since the PA was executed in 1994.