

**Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group**  
**Agenda Item Information**  
**February 20-21, 2013**

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Technical Work Group Chair Report

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Action Requested

✓ Information item only.

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Presenters

John Jordan, Technical Work Group Chair  
Shane Capron, Operating Procedures Ad Hoc Group Chair  
Jason Thiriot, Administrative History Ad Hoc Group Chair  
Dave Garrett, Socio-Economic Ad Hoc Group Chair

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Previous Action Taken

N/A

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Relevant Science

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Background Information

**Operating Procedures Ad Hoc Group**

In August 2011, AMWG directed the Cultural Resources Ad Hoc Group (CRAHG) to make a recommendation to TWG, and TWG to make a recommendation to AMWG, with regard to the following two 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?

In June 2012, the CRAHG presented its report to the TWG, and in August 2012 the TWG/CRAHG presented that report to the AMWG. The TWG agreed that the recommendations in that report should be adopted, and formed an Operating Procedures Ad Hoc Group, first chaired by Chris Harris and now Chaired by Shane Capron, to develop a recommendation to the TWG for revisions to the TWG operating procedures to implement appropriate portions of the CRAHG report. Some of the recommendations contained within the CRAHG report may need further consideration at levels higher than TWG, and the Operating Procedures Ad Hoc Group (OPAHG) will provide that direction to the TWG in consultation with the CRAHG.

The OPAHG has met numerous times via teleconference and in person during a breakout session at the October 2012 TWG meeting. The OPAHG is working to modify the operating procedures to include the important points from the CRAHG recommendation including:

- Consensus Building and Collaboration
- Openness and Transparency
- Dispute Resolution
- Monitoring and Tracking Tribal Values

The OPAHG will also include an additional provision for a second TWG Vice-Chair to assist the Chairperson. Details are still being worked out on the exact nature of this position as there are many possibilities and opinions. The OPAHG expects to have a recommendation to the TWG by April 2013, and solicit input from AMWG in August 2013 (or earlier if possible).

### **Administrative History Ad Hoc Group (AHAHG)**

At the August 2010 AMWG meeting, the following motion passed by consensus:

AMWG requests that POAHG, working with Reclamation, GCMRC, and other appropriate parties, develop and forward to TWG a recommendation with regard to a prospectus that identifies goals and objectives, scope, lead agency, cost, and funding source (s) for an RFP for an annotated administrative history of the AMP to document the history of events, people, sites, issues, and documents that have contributed to adaptive ecosystem management of the Colorado River ecosystem in relation to Glen Canyon Dam. AMWG further requests that TWG make a recommendation on the subject to AMWG by the summer 2011 AMWG meeting.

At the August 2012 AMWG meeting,

“AMWG accepts the *Administrative History Prospectus* dated August 2011, and directs TWG to review it for potential implementation.”

[http://www.usbr.gov/uc/rm/amp/amwg/mtgs/11aug24/Attach\\_12.pdf](http://www.usbr.gov/uc/rm/amp/amwg/mtgs/11aug24/Attach_12.pdf)

At the October 2012 TWG meeting, TWG Chair authorizes the creation of the Administrative History Ad-Hoc Group (AHAHG) to be chaired by Jason Thiriot. TWG directs the AHAHG to further develop the “Wikipedia Concept” as presented at the Oct, 2012 TWG meeting. [http://www.usbr.gov/uc/rm/amp/twg/mtgs/12oct24/Attach\\_09.pdf](http://www.usbr.gov/uc/rm/amp/twg/mtgs/12oct24/Attach_09.pdf)

The web-site [www.GCDAMP.com](http://www.GCDAMP.com) was created with the purpose to implement and address the recommendations from the *Administrative History Prospectus*. As applicable, the WIKI is to serve as a collaborative resource tool to aid managers and to serve as a “clearing-house” for the Program’s historical information.

The AHAG has met various times via teleconference and Web-Ex. The AHAHG is working to improve the Wiki web-site by adding features and uploading documents to better share information and visually display what the Wiki can accomplish. The AHAHG expects to solicit input from AMWG in the February 2013 meeting on direction moving forward.

### **Socio-Economic Ad Hoc Group (SEAHG)**

The SEAHG’s approved charge by TWG for 2013 is to “*Identify information needs and research priorities not addressed through the LTEMP process so that GCMRC can refine and develop a work plan*”. Currently the SEAHG Chair is working with the DOI leadership team on the LTEMP/EIS as well as agency scientists to clarify the science and technical assessments that are in progress or planned for the LTEMP. These assessments, when contrasted with information needs specified for the AMP, will permit a clear evaluation of what information needs are appropriate for a work plan for GCMRC/AMP apart from the LTEMP/EIS process. This effort is to assure no duplication exists in socioeconomic assessments.