

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group
Agenda Item Information
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Technical Work Group Chair Report

Action Requested

Information Item Only

Presenters

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

Previous Action Taken

N/A

Relevant Science

N/A

Background Information

The June 26, 2013, Technical Work Group meeting was conducted as a three and one half hour Webinar. There were three principal topics discussed, each with a motion attached, and the TWG chair and vice chair were elected for the year 2014 beginning on October 1. The topics discussed were the revised TWG Operating Procedures, covered below, which were approved by motion. The FY2013-14 Budget and Work Plan, covered in a separate AWMG agenda item, was approved by motion and forwarded to the AMWG. The Glen Canyon Dam FY 2014 proposed Hydrograph motion, covered in a separate AMWG agenda item, was reviewed and revised in motion-form to be forwarded to the AMWG.

Operating Procedures Ad Hoc Group (OPAHG)

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 (OPAHG), first chaired by Chris Harris and subsequently 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 OPAHG will provide that direction to the TWG in consultation with the CRAHG.

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

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

The OPAHG also included an additional provision for a second TWG Vice-Chair to assist the Chairperson. The April 2013 TWG meeting approved the draft revised Operating Procedures subject to a review by the AMWG. The draft Operating Procedures were circulated in advance of the May 2013 AMWG meeting for review and comment where they were accepted. The revised Operating Procedures were approved by consensus at the June 2013 TWG meeting and are now in place.

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 GCDAMP 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.” At the October 2012 TWG meeting, TWG Chair authorized 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. The web-site 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.

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 GCDAMP, will permit a clear evaluation of what information needs are appropriate for a work plan for GCMRC/GCDAMP apart from the LTEMP/EIS process. This effort is to assure no duplication exists in socioeconomic assessments.