

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group FY20 Accomplishments & FY21 Outlook

February AMWG Meeting February 10-11, 2021

# **Administrative Updates**

### DOI Leadership

- DOI Scott de la Vega, Secretary of the Interior (acting)
- AS-WS Tanya Trujillo, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
- BOR Camille Touton, Deputy Commissioner
- BOR Wayne Pullan, Secretary's Designee (acting)
  - Daniel Picard, Designated Federal Officer (acting)
- USGS Scott VanderKooi, SBSC Director (acting)
  - Mark Wimer, GCMRC Chief (acting)

#### Executive and Secretarial Orders

- o <u>E.O. 13990</u> Protecting Public Health and the
  - **Environment and Restoring Science To**
  - Tackle the Climate Crisis (1/25/21)
- S.O. 3395 Temporary Suspension of Delegated
  - **Authority (1/21/21)**



# **Administrative Updates**

### AMWG / TWG Member Appointments

- New nomination opportunity as soon as practical
- Anyone w/ vacancy or terms ending in FY21
- Member Status Summary

## FY2021 Funding

- <u>FY21 Consolidated Appropriations Act</u> (Division D, Title III, Sec 306)
- \$21.4M in hydropower revenues for CRSP enviro programs

#### Action Item Tracking Sheet (see meeting packet)

- development of monitoring metrics
- streamlining of GCDAMP guiding documents



# FY2020 Accomplishments

### Continuity Through...

- FY20 Funding uncertainty: resolved 12/20/19 (PL 116-94)
- COVID-19 constraints: river trips prohibited until <u>June 13, 2020</u>
- Leadership transition: Reclamation, USGS, NPS, WAPA
- Onboarding new members & staff

### Funding Support to Partners via Contracts

- 5 tribal partners (Hopi, Hualapai, Navajo, SPC, Zuni)
- 7 with federal partners (GCMRC, NPS-GRCA, NPS-GLCA)
- 2 for support services (facilitator, notetaker)
- 2 private vendors (equipment, RBS surveys)



# FY2020 Accomplishments (cont'd)

- Federal Advisory Committee Meetings
  - AMWG: 4 / TWG: 4 / ARM: 1 / Ad Hoc Groups: >35
- AMWG Member Appointments
  - 23 nominees processed, vetted, & (re)appointed as members
- Reviews and Reporting
  - E.O. 13875 Review of Federal Advisory Committees
  - 2018-2019 Report to Congress Operations of GCD
  - GSA / FACA 30-day Meeting Reports
  - GSA / FACA Annual Comprehensive Review (<u>database</u>)
  - 2020 AMWG Report and Recommendations to the Secretary
  - 2020 GCMRC Annual Project Report

# FY2020 Accomplishments (cont'd)

## LTEMP Biological Opinion

- 2018 & 2019 summary progress reports submitted to FWS
- Humpback chub <u>proposed for downlisting</u> (1/22/20)

#### LTEMP Experiments

Fall HFE: evaluation, no implementation

Bug Flows: evaluation, implementation & monitoring

Spring HFE: evaluation, no implementation

Spring Disturbance Flow

Flow Ad Hoc Group (FLAHG) established hydrograph, monitoring plan developed



# FY2020 Accomplishments (cont'd)

- 2021-2023 Triennial Budget & Workplan
  - BAHG development, Science Advisors review
  - Consensus recommendations from TWG, AMWG
  - Secretary of the Interior approval (12/22/20)



# FY2021 Outlook

# Ongoing Opportunities / Challenges

- COVID-19 constraints
- Non-native fish: green sunfish, brown trout
- Long-term funding uncertainty

# Emerging Opportunities / Challenges

- Humpback chub recruitment
- Hydrology, Drought Operations planning
- 7D Review Report, New Interim Guidelines



# FY2021 Outlook - Action Items

### Charter Renewal – September 2021

## Tribal Engagement

- Professional Capacity Building
- Appropriate coordination and progress tracking
- Non-Native Fish Control MOA
- Cultural Sensitivity Training

### LTEMP Flow Experiments

- Spring Disturbance Flow: implementation & monitoring
- Bug Flows: evaluation, implementation?, review
- Trout Management Flows: state of science, design review

# LTEMP Biological Opinion

- Humpback chub Response Actions to incidental take trigger
- Humpback chub 5-year review of take triggers

# FY2021 Outlook - Action Items

### Staffing and Support Services

- Vacancies: Archeologist, Tribal Liaison
- Support Services: Science Advisor

### Budget and Funding

- FY2022 TWP Review
- FY21-23 Budget & Work Plan Prioritization
- Long-term funding support

### Program Management

- Onboarding New Members AMWG 101
- Streamlining guidance documents
- Monitoring Metrics development and resource tracking
- Assessment of Models and Evaluation Tools



