

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program 101

Adaptive Management Work Group Meeting
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Authorities

Authority. The Grand Canyon Protection Act (Act) of October 30, 1992, Public Law 102-575; Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

Objectives

Objectives and Scope of Activities. The Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program (AMP) provides for monitoring the results of the operating criteria and plans adopted by the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), and for research and studies to suggest appropriate changes to those plans and operating criteria.

The AMP includes the AMWG. The AMWG provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary relative to the operation of Glen Canyon Dam. The Secretary's Designee is the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science who serves as the Chair. The AMWG recommends suitable monitoring and research programs and makes recommendations to the Secretary. The AMWG may recommend research and monitoring proposals outside the Act which complement the AMP process, but such proposals will be funded separately, and shall not deter from the focus of the Act.

Under Section 1802(a) of the Act, “[t]he Secretary shall operate Glen Canyon Dam in accordance with the additional criteria and operating plans specified in Section 1804 [of the Act] and exercise other authorities under existing law in such a manner as to protect, mitigate adverse impacts to, and improve the values for which Grand Canyon National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area were established, including but not limited to, natural and cultural resources and visitor use.” Under Section 1802(b) of the Act, “[t]he Secretary shall implement this section [of the Act] in a manner fully consistent with and subject to the Colorado River Compact, the Upper Colorado River Basin Compact, the Water Treaty of 1944 with Mexico, the decree of the Supreme Court in *Arizona v. California*, and the provisions of the Colorado River Storage Project Act of 1956 and the Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968 that govern allocation, appropriation, development, and exportation of the waters of the Colorado River basin.”

Duties

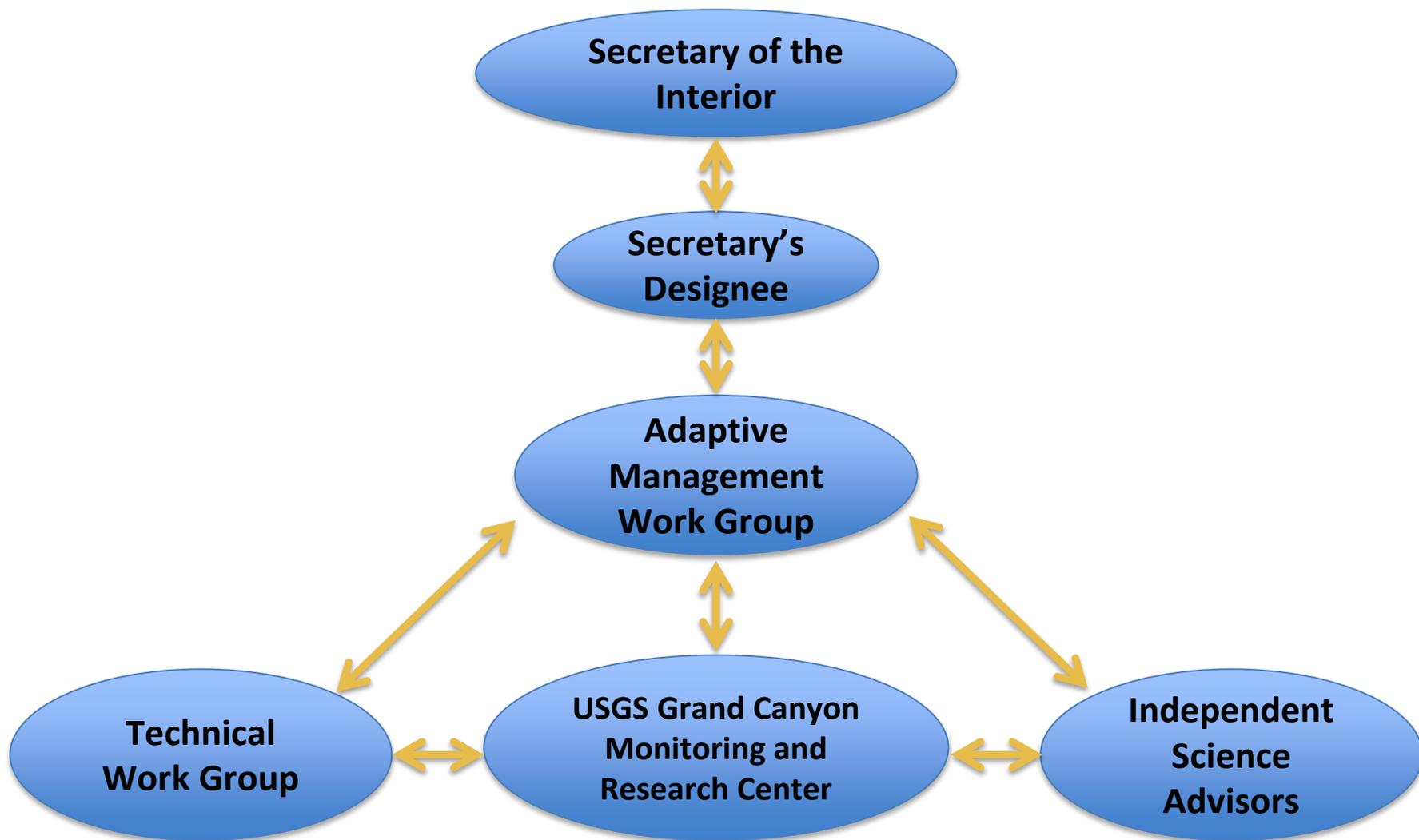
Description of Duties. The duties or roles and functions of the AMWG are in an advisory capacity only and all tasking shall be directed by the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). They are, as applicable, to:

- a. Establish AMWG operating procedures.
- b. Advise the Secretary in meeting environmental and cultural commitments including those contained in the Record of Decision for the Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experiment and Management Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement and subsequent related decisions.
- c. Recommend the framework for the AMP policy, goals, and direction.
- d. Recommend resource management objectives for development and implementation of a long-term monitoring plan, and any necessary research and studies required to determine the effect of the operation of Glen Canyon Dam on the values for which Grand Canyon National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area were established, including but not limited to, natural and cultural resources, and visitor use.
- e. Review and provide input on the report identified in the Act to the Secretary, the Congress, and the Governors of the Colorado River Basin States. This annual report includes discussion on dam operations, the operation of the AMP, status of resources, and measures taken to protect, mitigate, and improve the resources defined in the Act.
- f. Annually review long-term monitoring data to provide advice on the status of resources and whether the AMP goals and objectives are being met.
- g. Review and provide input on all AMP activities undertaken to comply with applicable laws, including permitting requirements.

If directed by the DFO, additional AMWG duties may include: All current and future Executive Orders, Secretary's Orders, and Secretarial memos should be included for discussion and recommendation as they are released. At the conclusion of each meeting or shortly thereafter, provide a detailed recommendation report, including meeting minutes, to the DFO.



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Questions?