AMWG Appointments & Reappointments

Below is a summary of recent member nominations and appointments to the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program’s Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) and Technical Work Group (TWG). For more information on the process for nominating members, please see Attachment 1.

Committee Leadership:
- Wayne Pullan, Acting Secretary’s Designee, Bureau of Reclamation
- Daniel Picard, Acting Designated Federal Officer, Bureau of Reclamation
- Christina Kalavritinos, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior

Newly Appointed AMWG Members
- Daniel Picard, Member, Bureau of Reclamation
- Kathleen Callister, Alternate, Bureau of Reclamation

AMWG Nominees in Process:
- Carrie Cannon, Alternate, Hualapai Tribe
- Shane Capron, Alternate, Western Area Power Administration
- Martina Dawley, Member, Hualapai Tribe
- Laura Dye, Alternate, State of Nevada
- Ali Effati, Member, State of New Mexico
- Mel Fegler, Alternate, State of Wyoming
- Charlie Ferrantelli, Member, State of Wyoming
- Jessica Neuberth, Member, State of California
- Christina Noftsker, Alternate, State of New Mexico
- Shana Rapoport, Alternate, State of California
- Brian Sadler, Member, Western Area Power Administration
- Heather Whitlaw, Member, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
AMWG Members with pending term expirations:
- Charlie Ferrantelli, Alternate, State of Wyoming, 2/7/2023
- Jessica Neuwerth, Member, State of California, 2/7/2023

TWG Nominees in Process:
- Mel Fegler, Member, State of Wyoming
- Stewart Koyiyumptewa, Alternate, Hopi Tribe

Newly Appointed TWG Members:
- Colleen Cunningham, Alternate, State of New Mexico
- Emily Higuera, Alternate, State of Arizona
- Daniel Leavitt, Alternate, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Jessica Neuwerth, Member, State of California
- Christina Noftsker, Member, State of New Mexico
- Shana Rapoport, Alternate, State of California
- Erik Skeie, Alternate, State of Colorado

Attachments
- Attachment 1: Member Nomination and Appointment Process
- Attachment 2: Vacancy Report

Updated: August 11, 2022
AMWG Member Nomination Process

The Adaptive Management Work Group makes recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior to protect and improve resources downstream of Glen Canyon Dam, consistent with the Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-575). The AMWG is a Federal advisory committee and is also subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Members of the AMWG are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior and the duties, roles and functions of the AMWG are in an advisory capacity.

Under the current process, the Department of the Interior will solicit non-federal nominees via publicly issued Federal register notices. Stakeholders and the general public are invited to submit new member and alternate nominees in response to each call for Nominations notice that publishes in the Federal Register. Members will be selected based on their individual qualifications, as well as the overall need to achieve a balanced representation of viewpoints, subject matter expertise, regional knowledge, and representation of communities of interest. Individuals who are federally registered lobbyists are ineligible to serve on all FACA and non-FACA boards, committees, or councils in an individual capacity.

The most recent Federal Register Notice period is from July 1, 2022, to August 15, 2022. A complete nomination package should be submitted to Reclamation’s Upper Colorado Basin Regional Director, and include the following:

- Signed nomination letter
- short biographical description
- resume

Once issued, the Federal register notice will allow at least 45-days for nomination packages to be submitted. Any packages received will be reviewed by Reclamation’s Program Office for completion and then forwarded to the Department of the Interior for further review and vetting of personal information by the Department. Notification will then be issued as to whether or not the nominee has been appointed as an AMWG member. Approximate turnaround time: several months.

TWG Member Nomination Process

The Technical Work Group is a subcommittee of the AMWG. Current AMWG members can contact Reclamation’s Program Office via phone or email to nominate a TWG member. A complete nomination package should include a resume or biography describing the nominee’s qualifications. Any packages received will be reviewed by Reclamation’s Program Office for completion and then forwarded to the Secretary’s Designee for review and approval. Approximate turnaround time: a couple weeks.
Frequently Asked Questions

How long is an AMWG member term?

AMWG member terms are now 3 years, with alternate end dates being tied to the primary member’s term. For example, if a primary member is in place for 1.5 years and a new alternate is appointed, the alternate will only have 1.5 years on their term because they will have the same end date as the primary.

I am an AMWG member, when does my term expire?

Current members should refer to their appointment letters for their term start and end dates. If you have questions regarding specific member term dates, please contact the Program Office at bor-sha-ucr-gcdamp@usbr.gov.

TWG member terms are indefinite.

For State representatives, can a Governor’s designee nominate an AMWG member?

In general, State nominees must be nominated directly by the State Governor. However, if a designee can provide or reference documentation that describes the delegated authorities granted to the designee to make such an appointment, the Department may consider the designee’s nomination valid. Please contact the Program Office to further discuss options.

There are a lot of people on this committee! Which stakeholders do AMWG members represent?

The AMWG is made up of a diverse group of 25 stakeholders from Federal, State, and Tribal governments; contractors who purchase power from Glen Canyon Dam; and environmental and recreational organizations. Membership is based on direction provided by Congress via the Grand Canyon Protection Act and is formalized by the AMWG Charter as follows:

a. Secretary’s Designee, who will serve as Chairperson for the AMWG.

b. One representative each from the following entities:
   (1) The Secretary of Energy (Western Area Power Administration)
   (2) Arizona Game and Fish Department
   (3) Hopi Tribe
   (4) Hualapai Tribe
   (5) Navajo Nation
   (6) San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe
   (7) Southern Paiute Consortium
   (8) Pueblo of Zuni

c. One representative each from the Governors from the seven basin States:
   (1) Arizona
   (2) California
   (3) Colorado
   (4) Nevada
   (5) New Mexico
   (6) Utah
   (7) Wyoming

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d. Representatives each from the general public as follows:
   (1) Two from environmental organizations
   (2) Two from the recreation industry
   (3) Two from contractors who purchase Federal power from Glen Canyon Powerplant

e. One representative from each of the following DOI agencies as ex-officio non-voting members:
   (1) Bureau of Reclamation
   (2) Bureau of Indian Affairs
   (3) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
   (4) National Park Service
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|        |                |           |             | Federal Agency | **Edward Keable**  
Billy Shott | National Park Service | No | Yes | 01/25/2022 | 08/14/2023 |
|        |                |           |             | Federal Agency | **Heather Whittlaw**  
Kirk Young | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service | No | Yes | 08/14/2020 | In Process |
|        |                |           |             | Federal Agency | **Brian Sadler**  
Shane Capron | Western Area Power Administration | No | Yes | 01/04/2013 | In Process |
|        | Cooperating Agency | Julie Carter  
Clayton Crowder | | Coordinating Agency | **Daniel Bulletts**  
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Carrie Cannon | Hualapai Tribe | No | No | 08/14/2020 | In Process |
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