



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

To: Secretary's Designee, Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group
Assistant Secretary – Water and Science

From: Secretary *Ken Salazar*

Subject: Report and Recommendations from the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Work Group
Federal Advisory Committee Meeting, May 10, 2012, and August 29-30, 2012

I have reviewed and considered the two recommendations forwarded to me from the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG). I first want to convey my sincere thanks to the AMWG for the dedication, passion, and wealth of knowledge they provide to help guide our efforts to appropriately manage the operations of Glen Canyon Dam. I commend those that took extra time from their schedules to participate in the associated field work session on August 31, 2012. Without this important Federal Advisory Committee, we would not have the breadth of input that factors into the many complex decisions to be made and our overall resources management would be less effective.

I appreciate the extensive work done by Dr. Jack Schmidt and the staff of the U.S. Geological Survey Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center in developing a biennial budget and work plan for Fiscal Years 2013-14 that uses the Desired Future Conditions as a basis for the monitoring and research activities in the Grand Canyon. The work plan includes clear explanations of the scientific rationale for research projects and shows outstanding critical thinking. This effort will increase the effectiveness of the program in the future. In these economic times when Federal budgets are severely constrained, I am very pleased to see the level of detail that has been provided.

I approve the FY 2013-14 Biennial Budget and Work Plan and the 2013 Water Year Hydrograph as described in your memo on the AMWG recommendations.

cc: Acting Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks
Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs
Director, U.S. Geological Survey
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, National Park Services
Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

DECISION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

January 9, 2013

FROM: Anne J. Castle, Assistant Secretary – Water and Science

SUBJECT: August 2012 Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) Federal Advisory Committee Recommendations to the Secretary

I. INTRODUCTION

The following two items are included in this package:

- 1) Transmittal from the Secretary's Designee (ASWS) to the Secretary of a memo with a summary of the most recent AMWG meetings held in Arizona (May and August 2012) and two Recommendations from the August 2012 AMWG meeting.
- 2) Proposed response from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary-Water and Science approving the two August 2012 Recommendations of the AMWG.

Such a package is prepared after each FACA meeting.

II. BACKGROUND

A major initiative of the AMWG is developing a set of desired future conditions for important resources within the Glen Canyon National Recreational Area and Grand Canyon National Park that will provide opportunities to balance the competing demands on dam operations. The AMWG makes recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior on dam operations and other management actions that will likely meet those objectives. AMWG convened for an in-person meeting on August 29-30, 2012, and reached consensus on two recommendations to the Secretary:

- 1) Recommends approval of the biennial FY 2013-14 budget and work plan.
- 2) Recommends approval of the DOI-DOE Proposed Hydrograph for Water Year 2013.

III. POSITION OF INTERESTED PARTIES

The Recommendations were approved by consensus of the AMWG. Surnames of the Recommendations package have been received from BOR, BIA, NPS, FWS, USGS, OEIA, ASFWP, and SOL.

IV. DECISION OPTIONS

Approve or disapprove the August 2012 AMWG Recommendations.

V. RECOMMENDATION

Approve the August 2012 AMWG Recommendations.

VI. SECRETARY'S DECISION

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

COMMENTS



Ken Salazar