

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation**

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group

RENEWAL CHARTER

- 1. Advisory Committee's Official Designation.** Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG).
- 2. Authority.** The AMWG is a discretionary advisory committee established by the Grand Canyon Protection Act (Act) of October 30, 1992, Public Law 102-575. The AMWG is operated pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. Ch. 10) and the Federal Advisory Committee Management regulations found at 41 CFR Part 102-3.
- 3. 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 or an alternate designee 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."

4. **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 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.
5. **Agency or Federal Officer Receiving the Advisory Committee's Advice/Recommendations.** The AMWG reports to the Secretary through the Secretary's Designee.
6. **Support.** The logistical and support services for the meetings of the AMWG will be provided by the Bureau of Reclamation.
7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years.** The estimated annual operating costs associated with supporting the AMWG's functions are \$400,000, including all direct and indirect expenses. It is estimated that four full-time equivalent (FTE) employees will be required to support the AMWG.
8. **Designated Federal Officer (DFO).** The DFO is the Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Region, Regional Director, or designated alternate who is a full-time Federal employee appointed in accordance with Agency procedures. The DFO must:

- a. Ensure the AMWG activities comply with the FACA, FACA Final Rule, Agency administrative procedures, and any other applicable laws and regulations;
- b. Approve or call all meetings of the AMWG or subcommittee;
- c. Approve the agenda;
- d. Attend all AMWG and subcommittee meetings for their duration;
- e. Fulfill the requirements under section 1009 of the FACA, Advisory Committee Procedures;
- f. Adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines it to be in the public interest;
- g. Chair any meeting when so directed by the Secretary;
- h. Maintain information on AMWG activities and provide such information to the public, as applicable; and
- i. Ensure AMWG members and subcommittee members, as applicable, receive the appropriate training (e.g., FACA overview, ethics training) for efficient operation and compliance with the FACA and FACA Final Rule.

In addition, the DFO should ensure a public facing website is created and maintained for the AMWG.

- 9. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.** The AMWG is expected to meet approximately twice a year, and at such other times as designated by the DFO.
- 10. **Duration.** The duration of the AMWG is continuing, subject to the Termination section below.
- 11. **Termination.** The AMWG will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless prior to that date, it is renewed in accordance with the provisions of section 1013 of the FACA. The AMWG will not meet or take any action without a valid current charter.
- 12. **Membership and Designation.** Members and alternate members of the AMWG appointed by the Secretary will be comprised of, but not limited to, the following:
 - 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

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

Members and alternates will be appointed to the AMWG by the Secretary, with input and recommendations from the above-referenced agencies, States, Tribes, contractors for Federal power from Glen Canyon Dam, environmental organizations, and other stakeholders. Members and alternates of the AMWG will be appointed for a 3-year term.

Members of the AMWG will serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, AMWG and subcommittee members engaged in AMWG or subcommittee business approved by the DFO may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service under 5 U.S.C. § 5703.

13. Ethics Responsibilities of Members:

- a. **Federal Employees.** Federal members who are appointed to the AMWG in their official capacity as Federal employees are subject to applicable Federal ethics statutes and regulations, to include applicable exceptions and exemptions.
- b. **Non-Federal Employees.** Non-Federal members of the AMWG and subcommittees are appointed as representatives and therefore are not subject to Federal ethics statutes and regulations. However, non-Federal AMWG and subcommittee members may not participate in any AMWG and subcommittee deliberations or votes relating to a specific party matter before the Department or its bureaus and offices including a lease, license, permit, contract, grant, claim, agreement, or litigation, in which the member or the entity the member represents has a direct financial interest.

14. Subcommittees. Subject to the DFO's approval, subcommittees may be formed for the purpose of compiling information or conducting research. However, such subcommittees must act only under the direction of the DFO and must report their recommendations to the full AMWG for consideration. Subcommittees must not provide advice or work products directly to the Agency. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments, subject to the approval of the DFO and the availability of resources.

15. Recordkeeping. Detailed records must be kept of each AMWG, subcommittee, or other subgroups. All records must be made available to the public, subject to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) and must be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2 and other approved Agency records disposition schedules.

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Secretary of the Interior

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Date Signed