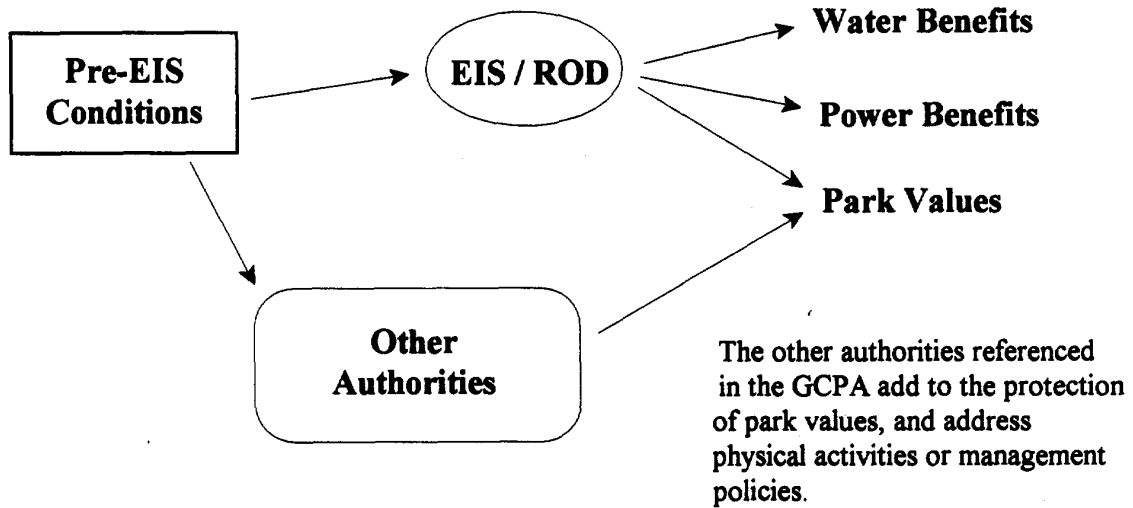


Diagram of the "Picture" of the AMP

(This is the mix of benefits from the EIS/ROD referenced in the Guidance Document,)



Key Talking Points for the TWG meeting

- 1 - Mandate of GCPA is to protect values for which the parks were established (complete EIS, audit impacts of EIS, adopt operating criteria and plans for GCD, exercise other authorities).
- 2 - NPS interprets park values using authorizations and policies.
- 3 - These interpretations may strive for retention of natural ecosystems, but must acknowledge that human activities have modified the ecosystem and NPS' ability to preserve the park in a natural condition (existence of the dam and other human uses).
- 4 - These park values could then form the basis for determining MO target values. These targets should be reasonable, achievable, and work together as a complete ecosystem.
- 5 - Selection of the MO targets will complete the "picture" of what the canyon should look like.
- 6 - The revised dam operations (through the EIS/ROD) will contribute toward achieving this "picture", but so will management actions taken under the Secretary's other authorities (non-native fish control, TCD, tamarisk eradication, recreational/visitor use). Use of these other actions contribute to the goals of the ROD, but may also provide additional protection granted the canyon beyond that provided solely through dam operations, and may mitigate for any negative effects of dam operations.
- 7 - Perhaps the next step for the strategic plan is to define an integrated "picture" of the canyon using the MO targets as the mechanism. We should form a small group using the AMWG strategic plan ad hoc group with additional TWG members to develop a "straw dog" of this picture for the TWG to consider and eventually recommend and forward to the AMWG. We have worked on the vision narrative, and perhaps we can use that as a starting point for discussion. Clearly two of the most important resources (chub and sediment) need immediate, additional attention, even to achieve the changes predicted by the preferred alternative in Table II-7. We should work hard to move forward with the Strategic Plan and get to work on protection of these resources.