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TO: Technical Work Group

FROM: John Hamill, Chief, GCMRC
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SUBJECT: Sentence Outlines for the Strategic Science Plan and Monitoring and Research Plan to support the Glen Canyon Dam AMP

We are pleased to attach for your review prior to the November 29-30, 2005, TWG meeting the draft sentence outlines of GCMRC's Strategic Science Plan and Monitoring and Research Plan to support the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program. In June, 2005, GCMRC and the Science Planning Group (SPG) committed to completing these documents for your review by January 2006. They are provided now to provide adequate time for a thorough discussion of various plan elements.

At the last two SPG meetings we have had extensive discussions of how best to approach flow and non-flow experimental options over the next five years. The SPG has provided excellent input and we continue to revise the experimental approach based on these inputs. At next week's TWG meeting, we would like to identify any major issues or recommendations that need to be addressed prior to the January 25-26, 2006 TWG meeting. We are especially interested in the TWG's comments/position on the proposed experimental design including the desirability of a Selective Withdrawal Structure for Glen Canyon Dam

During December, we will evaluate opportunities for including several experimental options proposed at the November SPG meeting and the comments/recommendations provided by the TWG. The new proposed experimental flow and non-flow options will be presented for discussion and approval at the January 9-10, 2006, SPG meeting and January 25-26, 2006, TWG meeting.

In the schedule for the SPG through July 2006, we have established clear steps for moving these Plans to completion with ongoing input from the TWG. We feel the support and input of TWG members on the SPG have helped us immensely in our development efforts on the plans.

We look forward to updating TWG on our continued progress at the November 29-30 meeting.

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