



GCMRC Monitoring and Research Plan to support the GCD AMP

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program
Technical Work Group Meeting
April 8, 2008

Overview

Purpose/Scope: specifies the scope and objectives of a research and monitoring program to address priority goals and information needs of the GCDAMP during the next 5 years.

- Consistent with and implements the AMP Strategic Plan Strategic and GCMRC Strategic Science Plan
- Collaborative science planning process
- Focus on AMWG priorities and related strategic science questions
- Basis for the annual/biennial work plan
- Placeholder for the long-term experimental plan

Background

- August 2007: The AMWG recommended approval of the MRP to the Secretary of the Interior with the understanding that it would be revised to reflect the results of the Long-Term Experimental Plan Environmental Impact Statement once it is finalized.
- Recommendation accepted by the Department of the Interior.
- MRP finalized in March 2008 (Handout)

Status

- Recent EA and Biological Opinion set direction for next 5 years
- LTEP on hold; future uncertain
- MRP is essential to effective work planning and budgeting
- MRP needs be revised/updated to reflect new priorities and direction
 - High flow test
 - Fall steady flows
 - Translocation
 - Near shore ecology study

Recommendation

- **AMWG directs TWG to work with GCMRC to update the MRP to reflect new program direction and provide recommended updates for review/approval at the fall/winter 2008 AMWG meeting**



Questions/Discussion