

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group
Agenda Item Information
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Science Advisors' Executive Coordinator FY2016 Workplan Update

Action Requested

Feedback requested from AMWG members.

Presenter

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Previous Action Taken

The Bureau of Reclamation issued a request for proposals in April 2015 for the Executive Coordinator for Science Advisors for the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program (GCDAMP). In August 2015, Reclamation awarded the contract to Sound Science LLC, with Dr. David Braun to serve as the Executive Coordinator. Dr. Braun's first responsibility was to work with Reclamation to establish a workplan for the Science Advisor program for the remainder of FY2016.

Relevant Science

N/A

Summary of Presentation and Background Information

This presentation will consist of a progress report on the Science Advisor program workplan for the remainder of Fiscal Year (FY) 2016. This plan takes into account the fact that, ordinarily, the Executive Coordinator would have developed the plan for a fiscal year during the previous fiscal year in consultation with Reclamation, GCMRC, TWG, and AMWG—an approach not feasible in this instance. The workplan for the Science Advisors program for FY2016 therefore has three goals:

- (1) Establish an updated charter for the Science Advisors' program and its Executive Coordinator office;
- (2) Establish the FY2017 workplan;
- (3) Work with the GCMRC to ensure the successful design and completion of the Fisheries Protocol Evaluation Panel (PEP).

Achieving the first two goals will involve:

- Reviewing the results of the AMP assessment survey;
- Consulting with TWG members, both individually and in groups;
- Consulting with GCMRC and with Reclamation;
- Consulting with the previous Executive Coordinator and Science Advisors from FY2010-14;

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- Reviewing Independent Science Panel programs in other large multi-institutional adaptive management programs for large western rivers (e.g., Sacramento-San Joaquin, Columbia, Missouri), and
- Working closely with the TWG and submitting recommendations to the AMWG.

Recommendations regarding items (1) and (2) will be developed with an eye toward their being concluded at the August 2016 AMWG meeting. The Fisheries PEP tentatively is being planned for mid-summer, with a final report to be completed by the panel by the end of FY2016.