

Environmental Impact Statement for the Adoption of a Long-Term Experimental Plan for the Future Operation of Glen Canyon Dam and Other Associated Management Activities

Public Involvement Approach

Public Outreach

The Bureau of Reclamation is committed to a public involvement approach that fully informs and engages the public. To achieve this goal, Reclamation's public involvement objectives are designed to:

- Seek and consider public comments, concerns, and viewpoints and incorporate those comments, concerns, and viewpoints into the decision-making process.
- Inform the public in a timely manner about the project, process, and decisions needed.
- Engage the public in open and constructive dialogue about project alternatives and issues that may affect them.
- Identify key issues that will be addressed in the environmental review process.
- Ensure that Reclamation is fully aware of, understands, and appropriately addresses all public concerns.
- Provide opportunities for the public to contribute to the process, especially by identifying issues and potential alternatives.

Reclamation will keep the public informed and up-to-date throughout the environmental impact statement (EIS) process via public meetings, *Federal Register* notices, press releases, fact sheets, letters, public mailers, informational displays at Glen Canyon Dam, and regular updates to this website.

Public Scoping

Reclamation conducted a public meeting of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group on December 5-6, 2006, in Tempe, Arizona. Reclamation also conducted public scoping meetings on January 4 and January 5, 2007, in Phoenix, Arizona, and Salt Lake City, Utah, respectively. The public scoping period ended on February 28, 2007, and a [Scoping Report](#) was published on March 30, 2007. **While this concludes the initial scoping period, opportunities for public comment will continue throughout this EIS process and Reclamation will consider any public comments received.** When the Draft EIS for this project is released in April 2008, Reclamation will hold another series of meetings to provide the public an opportunity to review the draft and make formal comments. Public comments will then be addressed in the Final EIS which is expected to be completed by October 2008, with the Secretary of the Interior issuing a Record of Decision by December 2008. Documents will be available by mail, online, and at various local agencies and libraries.

Cooperating Agencies

Federal agencies, state and quasi-state organizations, and tribal governments with appropriate expertise or jurisdiction are participating in this EIS process. The 16 Cooperating Agencies are: Arizona Department of Water Resources, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Colorado Water Conservation Board, Hualapai Tribe, Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians, National Park Service, New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, Pueblo of Zuni, The Hopi Tribe, Upper Colorado River Commission, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems, Utah Division of Water Resources, and Western Area Power Administration. The Cooperating Agencies will meet regularly with Reclamation and will assist in the development and evaluation of alternatives and in the preparation of the EIS.

Formal Consultations

As required by law, regulation, or executive order, consultations will be conducted as appropriate with various federal and state agencies. Government-to-government consultations will be conducted with Indian tribes. Formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may be required under Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act. Other agencies may need to be consulted depending on the proposed action and its effects.