

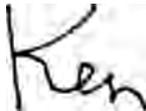


THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

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Memorandum

To: Members and Alternates  
Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group

From: Secretary 

Subject: Secretarial Designee - Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group

President Obama and I have repeatedly stressed the importance of ensuring that sound science is used to inform the important policy decisions facing our Government and our Nation. This principle is fundamental to the Department's continued efforts to implement and balance the complex provisions of Federal law that apply to the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program. In fact, the Department's 1996 decision to implement an adaptive management-based program with respect to Glen Canyon Dam operations focused on just this foundational principle - "that resource management rely on good science to monitor, and respond to possible adverse effects resulting from changes in dam operations."

In recognition of the need for the use of sound science and because of the focus on the role of water flows in the considerations of the AMWG, the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science has been the Secretary's designee to the AMWG. As the Department considers the various and important issues facing the AMP, I will continue with that designation and rely on Ms. Anne Castle, our Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, to provide the key Departmental leadership for this program. Anne's role overseeing the efforts of the U.S. Geological Survey is particularly important, as the USGS will be called on to continue to provide objective, unbiased, science-based research and analysis to form the basis of our policy decisions. As my Designee for the AMWG, Anne will serve as a key conduit for consultation with the members of the AMWG and will work to improve the effectiveness of this program within the Department.

Anne is particularly well suited to this task by her professional experience, her position as Assistant Secretary, and by the personal qualities that she brings to our Interior leadership team.

In her confirmation statement to the Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources, Anne identified a number of key elements needed to address and resolve challenging resource issues: building consensus, reconciling disparate interests, fostering a willingness to recognize the validity of other's claims, and compromising to achieve a greater good. I share these views which describe precisely the approach that I ask Anne to utilize as she works with each of you as my Designated Federal Official for the AMWG.

Consistent with § 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and the duties of the Designated Federal Official, it is my intention that the daily responsibilities for carrying out the primary administrative and routine functions identified above will continue to be carried out by Upper Colorado Regional Office of the Bureau of Reclamation. These duties include:

- scheduling meetings, preparing meeting agendas;
- ensuring public participation;
- attending meetings of the AMWG, chairing the meetings, and adjourning the meeting when it is in the public interest;
- maintaining the records, reports, transcripts, minutes, appendices, working papers, drafts, studies, agendas, or other documents which are made available for public inspection and copying at a single location in the agency until the Advisory Committee ceases to exist;
- maintaining detailed minutes;
- maintaining records of costs;
- and tracking Committee recommendations and obtaining agency responses, including coordination with the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Policy Group, which includes senior Departmental leadership of the participating Interior agencies.

cc: Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group - Members and Alternates  
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Assistant Secretary - Fish, Wildlife & Parks  
Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs  
Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget  
Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.  
Director, U.S. Geological Survey  
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Director, National Park Service