

Reclamation Manual

Policy

Subject: Geographically Defined Program (GDP)

Purpose: Sets forth responsibility and basic requirements for water resource investigations performed within Geographically Defined Programs.

Authority: Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, (32 Stat. 388, 43 U.S.C. 391) and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

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1. GDPs are investigation programs developed to support Reclamation's mission-related goal to pursue water and related resource management and development activities. The investigations should, to the maximum extent possible, address resource needs from an ecosystem perspective and on a watershed or river basin level.
2. Reclamation, both independently and in partnership with other Federal, State, and local Governments, Tribes, and appropriate nongovernmental entities, will establish investigation programs that seek to maximize geographic boundaries based on states, counties, river basins, watersheds, ecosystems, or Indian reservations. The intent is that most areas within the 17 Western States be included in at least one GDP.
3. GDPs will provide a framework for Reclamation managers to participate with others in water and related resource management investigations and activities within designated areas. GDPs should incorporate multiple tasks, goals, and deliverables and provide the structure to focus on emerging problems, issues, needs, and opportunities in a responsive, timely, and flexible manner. Work performed under the GDPs will be cost-shared with a non-Federal partner or partners in accordance with criteria found in CMP 05-01.
4. Technical assistance to States and Tribes and Interagency Coordination activities should not be included as activities within the GDP.
5. It is the responsibility of the Regional Directors and Area Managers to establish and manage GDPs where appropriate within their areas. GDP managers are responsible for accountability and documentation as presented in CMP 05-01.