

Reclamation Manual

Policy

Subject:	Water-Related Contract and Repayment Principles and Requirements
Purpose:	To state, as policy, the overarching objective of the Bureau of Reclamation's water-related contracting and repayment program. The benefit of this Policy is that it helps ensure that Reclamation continues to perform contracting responsibilities cognizant of the basic, overarching objective in doing so.
Authority:	Reclamation Law, as applicable, ¹ beginning with the Reclamation Act of 1902 (ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388)
Approving Official:	Commissioner
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1. **Policy.** The overarching objective behind Reclamation's water-related contracting is to make the required deliveries of water under Reclamation contracts according, in each instance, to applicable law and policy. It is Reclamation policy that its contracting activities reflect this objective, and that they are undertaken in pursuit of its ongoing accomplishment. To effectively accomplish its overarching contracting objective, Reclamation must take into account each contractor's relevant needs and circumstances, the generally growing demand on the West's water supplies for municipal uses, demands on supplies for environmental needs, and Reclamation's obligation to Native American Tribes. The Reclamation Manual Directive and Standard, PEC 05-01 provides further details, setting out the defining principles and points of policy through which the contracting and repayment program accomplishes its overarching objective.
2. **Purpose.** Through awareness of, and adherence to, the overarching objective, the contracts and repayment program can determine appropriate policy and negotiate and execute contractual instruments effectively to meet its repayment and water delivery responsibilities, maintaining customer satisfaction and public confidence.

¹As used here, the term "Reclamation law" refers inclusively to those laws, beginning with the Reclamation Act of 1902 that Congress enacts or has enacted to authorize Reclamation to perform its mission, whether these are original, amending, or supplementing laws.