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Managing Water in the West

Managing for Excellence

Action Item 7
Expedited Policy Development

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The cover features a dark, atmospheric photograph of a canyon with a river winding through it. The text is overlaid in white and gold colors.

Purpose of Breakout

- Familiarize public with:
 - Action Item 7
 - Reclamation's pilot policy development process
 - New policy development challenges
 - Reclamation's high priority policy efforts

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Objective

- Expedite policy development for highest priorities identified in Action Item 6

Tasks

- Develop a pilot process to ensure expedited development
- Develop, review, and issue *Reclamation Manual* releases
- Develop and issue *Reclamation Manual* releases for remaining items on policy development inventory
<http://www.usbr.gov/recman/Postinginventory.pdf>

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Policy Development Process

- Policy drafted
- Reclamation-wide review of draft release (≥ 30 days)
- Draft revised
- Draft release available via link on *Reclamation Manual* web site (≥ 30 days)
- Draft revised
- Release finalized and approved
- Release posted on the *Reclamation Manual* web site

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Policy Development Challenges

- Office of Management and Budget – Good Guidance Practices
- Guidance documents
 - Federal statements interpreting statutory or regulatory issues
 - Procedures dependent on whether applicable to agency or public
 - Process incorporated into the *Reclamation Manual*

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- Highest priority results
 - Cost Estimating
 - Design, Estimating, and Construction Oversight
 - Operation and Maintenance Cost Allocation
 - Program Coordination and Budget
 - Project Planning/Report Certification
 - Title XVI Program

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Cost Estimating

- Temporary *Reclamation Manual* Releases FAC TRMR-8 through TRMR-11 released October 2006
<http://www.usbr.gov/recman/temporaryreleases.html>
- Purpose: Ensure all cost estimates required to support Reclamation's mission are effectively prepared, reviewed, and properly used
- Benefits: Improves quality and consistency of cost estimates, facilitation of corporate oversight and the associated improvement in credibility with stakeholders

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Design, Estimating, & Construction Oversight

- Temporary *Reclamation Manual* Releases FAC TRMR-12 through TRMR-13 released October 2006
<http://www.usbr.gov/recman/temporaryreleases.html>
- Purpose: Establish independent oversight process of Reclamation's design, cost estimating and construction activities to ensure that major decisions and products related to design, cost estimating and construction are sound
- Benefits: Increases quality, accuracy and credibility to customers and the general public

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Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Cost Allocation

- **Purpose:** Establish reasonably consistent, legally sufficient, and economically sound methods for allocating project O&M costs, recognizing
 - Practical realities of diverse projects and their sponsors
 - Priorities associated with Reclamation's limited budget resources
 - Long-term stewardship responsibilities of Reclamation's Federal assets
- **Benefits:** Establishes greater consistency, accuracy, and transparency in the methods used by Reclamation to allocate the O&M costs of facilities among project beneficiaries

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Program Coordination and Budget

- **Purpose:** Integrate performance measures in budgeting process
- **Benefits:** Ensures budgeting meets Federal performance goals and initiatives

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Project Planning/Report Certification

Project Planning

- **Purpose:** As necessary, revise existing *Reclamation Manual* planning releases to reflect new needs (CMP P04, CMP 05-01 through 05-05)
- **Benefits:** Ensure effective planning requirements meet current needs

Report Certification

- **Purpose:** Establish requirements for certification of Reclamation water resource management reports, including reports of which the subject is planning
- **Benefits:** Increases quality and consistency of Reclamation water resource management reports

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Title XVI Program

- **Purpose:** Establish requirements for feasibility reports prepared for projects under consideration for funding through Reclamation's Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program and to describe the process used by Reclamation to review such feasibility reports
- **Benefits:** Identifying feasibility report and Reclamation's review procedure requirements will increase consistency and effectiveness of the Title XVI Program

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- *Managing for Excellence* web site will link to drafts
 - <http://www.usbr.gov/excellence/draftproducts.html>
- Submit comments on draft policy to excellence@do.usbr.gov
 - Mention Action Item 7
 - Mention policy subject (e.g., cost estimating)

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