

Bureau of Reclamation – Diversity Video 2011

Commissioner Mike Connor

Water is fundamental to the economy of the West, it is fundamental to the quality of life in the West and it is fundamental to the basic needs of many people in the West.

June DiDonato

Reclamation, managing water in the West

Commissioner Mike Connor

The decisions that we make, they affect the lives of people. Since the beginning of Reclamation to where we are today, the mission has changed a great deal.

Paul Fujitani

Reclamation – you get a chance to really work on a balance of objectives, try to work with a lot of different agencies, work the middle ground.

Commissioner Mike Connor

We still deliver water. We still generate power. But we also have to maintain and protect the environment. So as that mission evolves, our work forces had to evolve also. In that respect, it has become more diverse.

John Arcenas

The Reclamation team helps support diversity because we have a lot of different people who provide different inputs and I think it all supports our mission.

Maria Ramirez

Reclamation has been a great supporter of the diversity program as long as I have been with Reclamation; that's been for almost 30 years.

Commissioner Mike Connor

The engineers have to work with the biologists; we all have to work with the lawyers and there is an array of other professions in the mix there, and we learn from each other. It improves our decision making when our employees bring all those different disciplines to bear on a problem.

Hong Nguyen-DeCorse

I was given the opportunity when I first started out as a young engineer. Here I am 26 years later, I'm still with Reclamation. So that just tells you something about Reclamation and their support of diversity.

Alejandro G (Dro) Anastasio

The more diversity within people, the easier it is to foster more creative ideas. And I think when people embrace that; it can really be a very positive environment.

Teneal Jensen

A lot of people don't realize how many differences of culture that actually exist out there. But when you bring diversity into a workplace, you're bringing many cultures in they're creating this sense of cohesiveness that pulls a community together.

Sharon Moreland

In today's society diversity is very, very important. As our society moves and change towards the future we need to have input across all spectrums of life.

Lorri Gray-Lee

I started with Reclamation right out of high school and quickly learned the importance of Reclamation's mission. In order to accomplish this mission, Reclamation needs employees from a broad, diverse background and bringing all of those perspectives together allow us to make better decisions for our stakeholders.

Commissioner Mike Connor

We're looking for a diverse crowd of highly talented people. I know they're out there and I hope they come work for the Bureau of Reclamation.