

Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
Corps of Engineers  
Department of the Army  
and  
Bureau of Reclamation

Department of the Interior

Pertaining to Cooperative Involvement  
in Western Water Resource Development Projects

This Memorandum of Understanding is made this 16th day of March, 1984, in accordance with the authority vested in the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Interior. The understanding is made between the Corps of Engineers of the Department of the Army hereinafter referred to as the "Corps," and the Bureau of Reclamation of the Department of the Interior, hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau," together hereinafter referred to as the "Agencies."

Witnesseth that:

Whereas, the Corps and Bureau are by separate mandates of the Congress involved in water resource development projects throughout a 17-state area of the Western United States;

Whereas, the President of the United States, on February 3, 1983, approved Principles and Guidelines governing the formulation and evaluation of water development projects which establishes a policy framework for consideration of such projects by the Agencies;

Whereas, although projects having navigation and flood control as exclusive purposes have historically been administered by the Corps, and projects having irrigation and drainage as exclusive purposes have historically been administered by the Bureau, both Agencies have, in certain instances, been authorized by the Congress to undertake multi-purpose water storage projects combining such purposes as municipal and industrial water supply, recreation, hydropower, flood control, navigation, irrigation, drainage, and others;

Whereas, historically, cooperation between the Corps and the Bureau on water resource development projects stems either from congressional authorization and direction or project-specific cooperative agreements entered into between the Agencies;

Now, therefore, we the undersigned, recognizing the potential for duplication and redundancy in the investigation, planning, and operation of water resource development projects and desiring to ensure that such efforts are coordinated throughout the Washington and field levels of each Agency in a manner that will effectively serve the needs of the public while meeting the Agencies' respective mandates, hereby agree as follows:

I. General.

1. At least once a year, the respective division and regional offices of the Corps and the Bureau will meet, by geographic area, as follows:

<u>Corps</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>Bureau</u>
South Pacific Division	<u>and</u>	Mid-Pacific Region Upper Colorado Region Lower Colorado Region
Southwestern Division	<u>and</u>	Southwest Region
Missouri River Division <i>North Central Division</i>	<u>and</u>	Upper Missouri Region Lower Missouri Region
North Pacific Division	<u>and</u>	Pacific Northwest Region

The purpose of these meetings will be:

a. To provide an opportunity for each Agency to present its water resource development project planning agenda for the coming period, with attention focused on proposed investigation and planning activities for projects of mutual interest to the Agencies.

b. To consider opportunities for joint analysis or planning on projects requiring technical expertise within the province of both of the Agencies.

c. To facilitate early coordination of the Agencies' responsibilities in meeting the requirements of all pertinent Federal statutes, Executive orders, and regulations related to water resource development.

d. To identify ongoing or future projects where lands, facilities, funds, services, or operational functions may be shared or transferred between the Agencies as a result of mutual agreement by the Agencies to facilitate opportunities for management efficiencies or by direction of the Congress. As necessary, contracts, agreements, memorandums of understanding, or other appropriate documents will be jointly drafted by the Agencies to implement such arrangements.

e. To provide a forum for regular field-level communication on general issues of mutual interest.

2. In May and November of each year and as otherwise necessary, the Corps and Bureau central Washington offices will meet to review the results of the Division/Region meetings between the Agencies. The further purpose of these meetings will be:

a. To ensure that Corps and Bureau cooperative involvement on water development projects is fostered, understood, and supported at the Washington office level of the Agencies.

b. To provide a forum for the resolution of issues which cannot be agreed upon between the Agencies at the Division/Region level and, if necessary, to refer such issues to the respective Assistant Secretaries of the Departments of the Army and the Interior.

c. To provide a forum for discussion of events of immediate concern to the Agencies.

## II. Communications.

For purposes of facilitating communication and implementing this agreement, the Agencies have identified the following key contact offices:

### Corps

Deputy Director,  
Civil Works

### Bureau

Assistant Commissioner -  
Planning and Operations

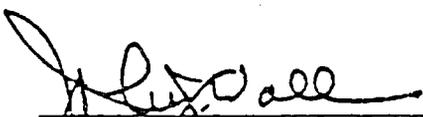
III. Nothing in this Memorandum is intended to alter existing agreements or other formal means of coordination between the Agencies except insofar as such arrangements may be modified by the mutual consent of the Agencies, subject to relevant legislative directives.

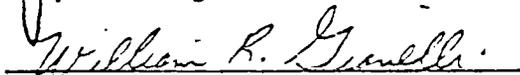
## IV. Modification.

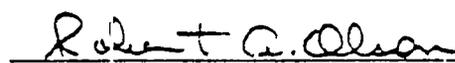
Modification of this Memorandum, consistent with its purpose and within its general scope, may be accomplished by written mutual agreement of the Agencies.

## V. Term.

This Memorandum shall continue in force indefinitely. Either Agency may terminate involvement in the Memorandum by providing 60 days' written notice to the other party.

  
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Director of Civil Works  
Corps of Engineers

  
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Assistant Secretary of the Army  
(Civil Works)

  
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ACTING Commissioner  
Bureau of Reclamation

(Sgd) H. W. Furman II  
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DEPUTY Assistant Secretary of the Interior  
(Water and Science)



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Subject: Field Meetings Held in Accordance With the March 16, 1984, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation

The March 1984 MOU pertaining to cooperative involvement between the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation provides that, the counterpart division and regional offices will meet, at least once a year.

Since a major purpose of the MOU is to facilitate early coordination and cooperation between our two agencies in areas of mutual concern and interest, we wish to emphasize that to meet once a year is a minimum requirement. We are in agreement that the language of the MOU was not meant to suggest that one meeting per year would be adequate and definitely does not limit the meetings to but once a year. Without specifying an actual number, we encourage as many meetings as necessary in a given year to accomplish the stated purpose of the MOU.

Each division and regional office of the two agencies is separately responsible for maintaining a record, to the extent deemed appropriate, of each formal meeting conducted under the aegis of the MOU.

ROBERT A. OLSON  
Acting Commissioner

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THE COMMISSIONER

May 27, 1986

Lieutenant General E. R. Heiberg III  
Chief of Engineers  
U.S. Corps of Engineers  
Washington, D.C. 20314-1000

Dear General Heiberg:

Please find enclosed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Corps of Engineers pursuant to our conversation in my office.

I have consulted with my Regional Directors and found they are regularly meeting with their counterparts at the Corps. Currently, my people feel that there are no issues that are necessary to elevate to our joint attention. Because of the coordination and time that went into the MOU, we do not wish to discontinue its authority but, rather, I would suggest we meet when issues at the regional level are not resolved or necessitate policy consideration. I hope that you and your managers will concur. However, I welcome and wish to keep our lines of communication open and am available to meet with you at any time.

Sincerely,



C. Dale Duvall

Enclosure