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10.1 Regional Directors. The Regional Directors report to the Deputy Commissioner of Operations and are responsible for formulating and executing Reclamation's program within an assigned geographic area, supervising the Area Managers, and providing necessary leadership and oversight to all offices within their respective jurisdictions. Within the scope of authority delegated, each region, through its regional, area, field, or specialized offices, performs all functions necessary for formulating and executing Reclamation's program in their assigned Department of the Interior Unified Region (See the attached map entitled "12 Unified Regions Based on Watersheds.") Facilities and personnel are managed by Regional Directors and some facilities and personnel located outside Unified Regional boundaries are managed as delineated in Memoranda of Agreement and Understanding with fellow Reclamation Regional Directors to ensure the most efficient and effective operation and maintenance of Reclamation's facilities and projects. See 105 DM 3 for a full description of all the unified regions.

10.2 Regional Offices.

The regional office boundaries of Reclamation shall be as defined on the attached map titled "12 Unified Regions Based on Watersheds."

A. Columbia Pacific Northwest Region - Boise, ID.

(1) Watersheds. Includes, within the boundaries of the United States, the drainage basins of all streams entering the Pacific Ocean from the United States-Canadian border on the north to, but not including, the Smith River on the south; at the California-Oregon border, those portions of the Lahontan Basin which comprise individual closed basins and which have their lowest point of drainage in Oregon; and that part of the Lahontan Basin lying in the closed Goose Lake Sub-basin.

(2) States. Includes all of the State of Washington; the State of Oregon, excluding Klamath county; the State of Idaho; a portion of the State of Montana including the counties of Deer Lodge, Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, and Silver Bow.

B. California-Great-Basin Region - Sacramento, CA.

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(1) Watersheds. Includes the drainage basins of all streams in California which drain into the Pacific Ocean from and including the Smith River on the north to and including Calleguas Creek on the south. Includes all of Lahontan Basin in California and Nevada except the Goose Lake Sub-basin (extending into Lake County, Oregon), those portions comprising individual closed basins which have the lowest point of drainage in Oregon, and that part lying south of and including the drainages of Mono Lake, Adobe Meadows, Owens River, Amargosa River, and Dry Lakes.

(2) States. Includes the county of Klamath and that part of the State of Oregon lying in the Klamath River and the Smith River drainage areas. Includes those parts of the State of California lying outside the Lahontan Basin, except those portions in the Colorado River Basin, including the Imperial Valley; in the Rogue River Basin; and in the Coastal Basin draining into the Pacific Ocean south of Calleguas Creek. Includes those parts of the States of California and Nevada lying in the Lahontan Basin, except the Goose Lake Sub-basin (extending into Lake County, Oregon); the individual closed basins which have the lowest point of drainage in Oregon; and those portions of Lahontan Basin lying south of, and including, the drainages of Mono Lake, Adobe Meadows, Owens River, Amargosa River, and Dry Lakes. Including the central and northern portion of California as delineated by the counties of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and Inyo and all California counties lying north. In Nevada, includes the counties of Lincoln and Nye and all counties lying north.

C. Lower Colorado-Basin Region - Boulder City, NV.

(1) Watersheds. Includes, within the boundaries of the United States, all of the drainage area of the Colorado River, including the Imperial Valley, tributary to the river below a point 1 mile downstream from the mouth of the Paria River; the southern portion of California basin that includes San Antonio Valley and Lake Cachuma drainage to the Pacific Ocean; the drainage basins of all streams draining into the Pacific Ocean south of Calleguas Creek; that part of the Lahontan Basin within the Mohave Desert and south of Death Valley which includes dry lakes and drainages; and all closed independent basins or other areas in southern Arizona not tributary to the Colorado River.

(2) States. Includes all of the State of Arizona; Clark County of Nevada; and the southern portion of California (including islands) as delineated by the county boundaries of San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara, and all California counties lying south.

D. Upper Colorado-Basin Region - Salt Lake City, UT.

(1) Watersheds. Includes the Upper Colorado River Basin (all of the drainage area tributary to the Colorado River above Lee Ferry, a point defined by the 1922 Colorado River Compact as 1 mile downstream from the mouth of the Paria River), all of the Bonneville Basin, all of the Rio Grande Basin upstream of Amistad Reservoir pursuant to the 1929 Rio Grande Compact (including the Pecos River), portions of the Canadian and Cimarron Rivers lying within New Mexico, portions of the North Platte, Snake, Clarks Fork, Yellowstone, Bighorn, Tongue River, Little Powder, Little Missouri, Belle Fourche, Cheyenne and South Platte river

drainage basins lying within the State of Wyoming, and portions of the South Platte, Arkansas and Republican river drainage basins lying within the State of Colorado.

(2) States. Includes all of the States of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

E. Missouri-Basin Region - Billings, MT.

(1) Watersheds. Includes, within the boundaries of the United States, all of the Missouri River drainage area lying west of Minnesota and Iowa and draining into the Missouri River from the north, except the portion within Wyoming and Colorado; all of the Missouri River Basin draining into the Missouri River from the south, except the portion within Colorado; all areas in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana draining into the Hudson Bay; and that part of the Minnesota River Basin in South Dakota; all of the drainage basin of the Missouri River draining into the main stream from the west from the Osage River Basin south of Kansas City, Kansas, including the basins of the Kansas, Platte, and Niobrara Rivers, except the portion within Colorado; that portion of the Osage River Basin in eastern Kansas draining into the Missouri River downstream from Kansas City; that portion of the Arkansas River Basin within Kansas, not including those portions lying in Colorado, Arkansas, Missouri and Louisiana.

(2) States. Includes all of the States of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas; those portions of the State of Montana which include the Montana counties and those to the east of Glacier, Pondera, Teton, Lewis And Clark, Jefferson, Madison, and Beaverhead, and excluding those western Montana counties lying in the Columbia River Basin, which are part of the Columbia-Pacific Northwest Region.

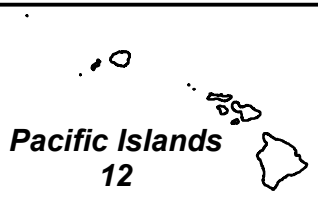
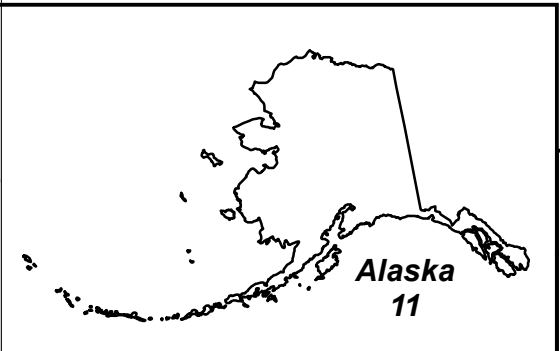
F. Arkansas-Rio Grande-Texas-Gulf Region - Billings, MT.

(1) Watersheds. Includes the boundaries of the Red River Basin, except those portions lying in New Mexico, Arkansas, and Louisiana; includes those portions of the Arkansas River Basin in Oklahoma and Texas; includes those portions of the Texas-Gulf Region hydrologic unit within Texas that discharge into the Gulf of Mexico; and those portions of the Rio Grande Basin within Texas.

(2) States. Includes all of the States of Oklahoma and Texas.

10.3 Area Managers. Within the scope of authority delegated to Area Managers by a Regional Director, the Area Managers generally have first-level program line of authority. Area Managers report to the Regional Director and are Reclamation's primary representatives in their assigned geographical jurisdictions. Taken collectively, the Area Managers provide project and water resources management services over Reclamation's entire area of responsibility in the 17 Western United States. Area offices are considered permanent in terms of functional responsibilities.

10.4 Specialized Offices. Specialized offices report directly to the regional offices and have specific functional responsibilities. Specialized offices include, but are not limited to, construction and field power operations offices.



*Region 12 Includes: Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and other US possessions in the Pacific

