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### 155 DM 10

**10.1 Regional Directors.** The Regional Directors report to the Deputy Commissioner, Operations and are responsible for formulating and executing the Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) 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 delegated authority, and in consultation with the Department of the Interior's (Department) Field Special Assistants, each region, through its regional, area, field, or specialized offices, performs all functions necessary for formulating and executing Reclamation's program in their assigned Unified Region (see the attached map entitled "12 Unified Regions Based on Watersheds"). Regional Directors manage facilities and personnel within their region. 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 "12 Unified Regions Based on Watersheds" (attached) defines the boundaries of Reclamation's Regional Offices (as well as other Department of the Interior Bureaus and Offices). The majority of Reclamation's activities fall within the following Unified Regions:

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-Canada 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 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.

(1) Watersheds. Includes the drainage basins of all streams in California that drain into the Pacific Ocean from and including the Smith River on the north and 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. Includes the central and northern portion of the State 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 one 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 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 one 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, 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 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 the states of Minnesota and Iowa and draining into the Missouri River from the north, except the portion within the states of Wyoming and Colorado; all of the Missouri River Basin draining into the Missouri River from the south, except the portion within the State of Colorado; all areas in the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana draining into the Hudson Bay; and that part of the Minnesota River Basin in the State of 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 the State of 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 the State of Kansas, not including those portions lying in the states of Colorado, Arkansas, Missouri, and Louisiana.

(2) States. Includes 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 the states of New Mexico, Arkansas, and Louisiana; includes those portions of the Arkansas River Basin in the states of Oklahoma and Texas; includes those portions of the Texas-Gulf Region hydrologic unit within the State of Texas that discharge into the Gulf of Mexico; and those portions of the Rio Grande Basin within the State of Texas.

(2) States. Includes 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. Reclamation considers area offices 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.

## 12 Unified Regions Based on Watersheds

