

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
Washington

ORDER NO. 3290

SIGNATURE DATE: September 24, 2009

Subject: Delegation of Authority for Water Management Improvement

**Sec.1 Purpose.** This Order provides authority under Pub. L. 111-8 and Pub. L. 111-11, Section 9504, for the Bureau of Reclamation to enter into grants and agreements for the purpose of improving water management.

**Sec. 2 Background.** Division C, Section 205 of Pub. L. 111-8 authorizes the Secretary to enter into grants, cooperative agreements, and other agreements to fund up to 50 percent of the cost to plan, design, and construct improvements that will conserve water, increase water use efficiency, or enhance water management at existing water supply projects within the states identified in the Reclamation Act of 1902, as amended.

Section 9504(a)(1) of Pub. L. 111-11 provides authority for the Secretary to enter into agreements for planning, designing, or constructing improvements to conserve water, increase water use efficiency, facilitate water markets, enhance water management, accelerate uses of advanced water treatment to increase water supply, prevent decline of species proposed for listing as endangered species, accelerate recovery of threatened or endangered species and critical habitats, and to carry out other activities that address climate related impacts to the water supply of the United States and to prevent water-related crisis or conflicts at watersheds that have a connection to Federal reclamation projects.

Section 9504(b)(1) of Pub. L. 111-11 provides authority for the Secretary to enter into agreements with any university, nonprofit research institution, or organization with water or power delivery authority to fund any research activity that is intended to conserve water, increase water use efficiency, or enhance water management.

**Sec. 3 Authority.** This Order is issued in accordance with Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended; Division C, Section 205 of Pub. L. 111-8; and Section 9504 of Pub. L. 111-11.

**Sec. 4 Delegations.** The Assistant Secretary for Water and Science is delegated so much of the Secretary's authority that is necessary to carry out the responsibilities described in Division C, Section 205 of Pub. L. 111-8, Subtitle F, Section 9504 of Pub. L. 111-11, or any other grant or cooperative agreement authority available to the Bureau of Reclamation. This authority is delegated to the Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, who may, in writing, further delegate to officers and employees of the Bureau of Reclamation the authority granted herein.

Sec. 5 **Expiration Date.** This Order is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until its provisions are converted to the Departmental Manual or until it is amended, superseded, or revoked, whichever occurs first. In the absence of any of the foregoing actions, the provisions of this Order will terminate and be considered obsolete on October 30, 2010.

/s/ Kenneth L. Salazar  
Secretary of the Interior

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