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## MEMORANDUM 2014-57

**TO: Forum Members**

**FROM: Don A. Barnett, Executive Director**

**SUBJECT: Retirement of Larry Walkoviak**

**DATE: August 19, 2014**

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It is with sadness that I report to you that Larry Walkoviak has been struggling with some significant health issues which have led to Larry's decision to retire as Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation. Larry's dedicated work and amiable personality will definitely be missed. However, we wish Larry a speedy recovery and him and his family the very best in the future.

Attached is a copy of the announcement Larry sent out relative to his retirement.

cc: Work Group, Federal Representatives, Larry Walkoviak

Howdy Everyone --

I trust that everyone has had an outstanding summer (I know it isn't officially over but school is about to start and that seems to be a more official end of summer than the autumnal equinox). My summer has been eventful in a very unexpected way.

In mid-June, my wife noticed my left leg was swollen (I already knew it was hurting) and after some prodding by her, I went to the doctor and found that I had several blood clots in the leg (Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) is the medical term). One thing led to another and the clots moved into both of my lungs (Pulmonary Emboli is the medical term as numerous doctors have told me). The good news is that I will get this licked -- but, it will take more time than I'd hoped.

My wife, Jo, and I have decided that the best course of action is for me to retire effective October 3. I will focus on getting my lungs back in better shape and my bosses can move ahead on getting a new RD for the UC Region.

I cannot adequately describe what a tremendous honor it has been to be your co-worker during the past 7 years. Each of Reclamation's regions are unique and outstanding in their own ways. However, having worked in Farmington, Albuquerque, and twice in Salt Lake City, I'm sure other folks in Reclamation won't be offended if I proudly say that the UC Region is tops. It is tops because of each of you. Day in and day out, you bring professionalism, integrity, dedication, enthusiasm, honesty, and a lively sense of humor to the public service that we provide. Thank you for all of the support that you have given me. I will always be completely humbled and appreciative.

Well, that's it for now. I've got to head to another physical therapy session. And, I hope to see many of you before October 3 rolls around.

Cheers,

Larry W.