

Message distributed to the TWG via email on December 20, 2019:

In addition, TWG Chair, Seth Shanahan, recently established a new Flow Ad Hoc Group (FLAHG) in accordance with TWG operating procedures and with input from the TWG. The FLAHG will be moving forward under the leadership of Ms. Peggy Roefer with the following charge:

FLAHG Charge

*In accordance with direction provided by the AMWG at its August 18, 2018 meeting, and the Secretary Designees August 14, 2019 guidance to BOR and GCMRC, the FLAHG is charged with working with GCMRC to evaluate opportunities for conducting higher spring releases that may benefit high value resources of concern to the GCDAMP (recreational beaches, aquatic food base, rainbow trout fishery, hydropower, humpback chub and other native fish, cultural resources, and vegetation), fill critical data gaps, and reduce scientific uncertainties. As a starting point, the FLAHG shall consider the benefits of and opportunities for conducting higher spring releases within power plant capacity. The FLAHG and GCMRC will report their initial findings to the TWG in April 2020 so that the TWG and GCMRC can report their conclusions to the AMWG in May 2020.*

*The FLAHG is also charged with working with GCMRC to develop and propose a project element in the FY 2021-2023 Triennial Budget and Work Plan to identify other spring high flow options that may be allowed under the current LTEMP ROD (as determined by DOI) that may benefit high valued resources of concern to the GCDAMP (defined above), fill critical data gaps, and reduce scientific uncertainties.*