

## **A Resolution from the Subcommittee on Sedimentation, a sub-group of the Advisory Committee on Water Information**

### **Reservoir Sustainability Resolution**

Continued sedimentation threatens the project benefits of the Nation's reservoirs. The Subcommittee on Sedimentation encourages all Federal agencies to develop long-term reservoir sediment-management plans for the reservoirs that they own or manage by 2030. These management plans should include either the implementation of sustainable sediment-management practices or eventual retirement of the reservoir. The costs for implementing either sustainable sediment management practices or retirement plans should be paid for by the current beneficiaries of each reservoir, which could include the American public.

Federal agencies are encouraged to start developing sustainable reservoir sediment-management plans now for one or two reservoirs per year on a pilot basis. From this experience, interagency technical guidelines will be developed for preparing sustainable reservoir-sedimentation plans.

The Advisory Committee on Water Information's concurrence on this resolution will be requested at the Committee's annual meeting, August 19-20, 2014