**Legal Bases for ACWI Water Resources Adaptation to Climate Change Workgroup**

**Secure Water Act (Public Law 111-11):** §9503(b)(4) directs that “the Secretary shall --

(4) in consultation with appropriate non-Federal participants, consider and develop appropriate strategies to mitigate each impact of water supply changes analyzed by the Secretary under paragraph (3), including strategies relating to –

(A) the modification of any reservoir storage or operating guideline in existence as of the date of enactment of this Act;

(B) the development of new water management, operating, or habitat restoration plans;

(C) water conservation;

(D) improved hydrologic models and other decision support systems; and

(E) groundwater and surface water storage needs;"

**CEQ’s National Action Plan:** *Priorities for Managing Fresh Water Resources in a Changing Climate*, also *Progress Report of the Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Task Force: Recommended Actions in Support of a National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, October 5, 2010.*\(^1\) recognizes need to build strong partnerships including –

“Establish a planning process with the capability to identify priority adaptation actions and promote their implementation.”\(^2\)

“Establish a planning process to Adapt Water Resources Management to a Changing Climate (including continuing interagency coordination and expanding outreach to, and collaboration with, State, Tribal, and local governments and other stakeholders.”\(^3\)

“Adaptation requires coordination across multiple sectors and scales and should build on the existing efforts and knowledge of a wide range of public and private stakeholders.”\(^4\)

“Build and maintain strong partnerships to increase responsiveness of Federal Government activities to support local, state and Tribal needs.”\(^5\)

**Subcommittee on Water Availability and Quality (SWAQ):** §9506 Report to Congress, *Strengthening the Scientific Understanding of Climate Change Impacts on Freshwater Resources of the United States*, calls for ACWI

“to establish a new subcommittee or other appropriate mechanism to solicit an consider input from the public and stakeholders on matters related to freshwater resources and a changing climate and relay these views to the Federal water data program managers in the SWAQ.”\(^6\)

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\(^{1}\) Developed pursuant to Executive Order 13514, October 5, 2009.


\(^{3}\) Overall Goal and Priority Recommendations, 1 (p.13), *Priorities for Managing Fresh Water Resources in a Changing Climate*, also *Progress Report of the Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Task Force*


\(^{6}\) Of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Sustainability (CENRS) of the (White House) Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)

\(^{7}\) Next Steps, #6, 4th bullet (p.53)