
MEETING AGENDA

AGC – U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) Meeting

8:45 AM – 9:40 AM

Welcome Remarks and Introductions

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Past AGC Federal Division Chair, Past AGC Bureau of Reclamation Chair

USBR Remarks

Members of Bureau of Reclamation Headquarters

AGC Questions for USBR

1. Agency Budget Overview and Update

- A. Please provide a general update on upcoming and anticipated projects included in the approved FY2023 enacted budgets and the FY2024 request.
- B. What is the breakdown of projects? By project types; By procurement/project delivery method (design-build, CMc, design-bid-build); By state/location.
- C. There are projects that are authorized, but do not have funds appropriated. What is the status of these projects, and when are appropriations expected?

2. Infrastructure Investment

A record-setting [AGC backed](#) construction investment bill, the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill, represents a critical chance to significantly invest in building and maintaining a broad range of physical infrastructure without unnecessarily burdening the construction industry with new mandates. The infrastructure bill provides significant money to [USBR](#) for infrastructure investments.

- A. Please describe USBR plans to execute projects originating from this infrastructure bill.
- B. Will there be a preferred project delivery method? For example: For example: IDIQ programs, Design-Build, Best-Value, etc.
- C. How can AGC and USBR work together to expedite the completion of these projects?

3. Contracting

- A. What do you see as the future program growth areas for the construction contracting community regarding the Reclamation program?

4. PLA Executive Order

AGC is expecting the [final regulations](#) that will implement President Biden's Executive Order mandating Project Labor Agreements (PLAs). When in effect, this regulation will

require every prime contractor and subcontractor to engage in negotiation or agree to PLAs on federal construction projects valued at \$35 million or more. ([AGC of America comments](#)) According to an AGC of America [analysis](#) of data obtained via a [Construction Advocacy Fund](#)-financed lawsuit under the Freedom of Information Act, the Department of Defense federal construction agencies rejected PLA mandates 99.4 percent of the time even when encouraged to do so under the Obama Administration.

- A. How does USBR intend to apply it?
- B. How does USBR intend to pursue exemptions for its programs?

5. USBR and USACE Partnership

Over the last several years, USBR and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have solidified partnerships in a range of activities. Please explain where/what projects USBR is partnering or working closely with USACE.

- A. What USBR construction projects resemble those performed by USACE Civil Works, i.e., flood control, environmental restoration, dam, and lock repair harbor maintenance dredging?
- B. What construction opportunities are there currently or in the future for those types of projects?

6. Partnering

AGC believes that engaging in project-level partnering as committed team members with USBR will improve project execution, staff efficiency (USBR and contractor), safety, trust, and the project team relationships. AGC members have embraced partnering and are committed to bringing key decision makers into the fold in order to get the most out of the process. We see an opportunity to improve the process by getting a commitment from all parties attending to bring key decision makers (i.e. Design Manager, Contracting Officer, Contract Specialist, Project Manager, and Operation Manager, etc.).

- A. What is USBR's policy on Formal vs. Informal Partnering?
- B. Does USBR have a policy regarding what agency staff should participate in this process?
- C. If so, what is that policy and what can contractors do to help encourage attendance by key decision makers, particularly on large or complex projects?
- D. How does USBR ensure that partnering is actually followed through and abided by? What metrics are tracked from the date of partnering through project completion?
- E. How can AGC and USBR work together to increase partnering?

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Questions from the floor.