**Interior’s Office of Policy Analysis Seminar**

**Water Management Strategies to Address Water Supply Issues**

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For decades, water users throughout the 17 Western States have established a variety of institutional structures and approaches to address water needs particular to their location. In some cases, these types of institutions create market conditions designed to meet local needs, in the context of existing water infrastructure, local water supplies and demands, and environmental and other State and Federal legal frameworks. Many past and on-going water management strategies involve Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) facilities and/or Reclamation contractors. Reclamation supports the use of various water management strategies including market-based transactions to address water supply shortfalls. Statutory authority, State requirements, and procedures applicable to some water management strategies can present challenges.

This seminar will discuss Reclamation’s role in a variety of water management strategies involving Reclamation-supplied water and/or Reclamation facilities. The topics covered will include the following:

* Colorado River Pilot System Conservation Program
* Acquisition of water for environmental purposes
* Standard guidance and existing authorities for water transfers and groundwater banking in the California Great Basin Region
* WaterSMART Water Marketing Strategy Grant project examples and program description.

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