

2016 SECURE Report to Congress

- Reclamation is required to submit a report to Congress every 5 years starting in Mar 2011 on the implementation of the SECURE Water Act
- 2011 report focused primarily on impacts to hydrology (water supply) for the western 17 states using CMIP3 projections and the VIC
- Question: for the 2016 report what are the ways we can improve upon our analysis of climate change impacts?
 - Model fidelity
 - Characterizing uncertainty
 - Downscaling methods
 - Groundwater aspects
 - Impacts to water demands
 - Selecting relevant climate change projections
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- Between R&D funding and WWCRA funding we have been trying to answer some of these questions
- Reporting on these topics in 2016 is not an end point to the discussion but an interim point along the progression of implementing a climate change adaptation program