

David Raff, was named Chief Engineer on May 28, 2020. In this capacity Dr. Raff is responsible for Reclamations Technical Services, Dam Safety and Infrastructure, Hydropower, Research and Development and Water Resources and Planning Offices. Prior to becoming Reclamation's Chief Engineer Raff was named as Reclamation's Science Advisor in February 2014. In this position, he served as Reclamation's Scientific Integrity Officer — promoting data quality, peer review, and ensuring adherence to the Department of the Interior's Scientific and Scholarly Integrity Policy while overseeing Reclamation's Research and Development and Water Resources and Planning Offices.

Raff began his career with Reclamation providing technical leadership to assessments of Dam Safety and developing new and novel approaches to water resources forecasting and projections. He was also instrumental in developing Reclamation's implementation of the SECURE Water Act and drafting its first report to Congress, which identified the vulnerabilities and risks to water management in the major basins of the western United States. In recognition of work with Reclamation, Raff received the Department of the Interior's Superior Service Award.

Raff earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University, a Master of Science in Rangeland Ecosystem Science from Colorado State University and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Tufts University.