

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program Budget Motion and Proposed Amendments

Proposed motion based on TWG action

The AMWG recommends that the Secretary of the Interior adopt the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program biennial budget, workplan, and hydrograph for FY2010-2011 as sent to the AMWG on July 23, 2009, with the following change:

- GCMRC should disclose the total 'burden' rate for each line item in the budget.

Proposed Amendments

The AMWG recommends to the Secretary of the Interior that Reclamation forward a proposal for implementing both a TCD and Sediment Augmentation project to the TWG. The TWG will make a recommendation to the AMWG for consideration at the spring 2010 AMWG meeting.

The AMWG directs the TWG to describe the potential approaches to minimize predation on HBC and other native fish, and to outline the benefits of each approach. The TWG will report back to the AMWG with a completed report at the spring 2010 AMWG meeting.

The AMWG requests that WAPA and GCT produce an economic analysis of the WY2009 hydrograph comparing the actual economic value under MLFF with a hypothetical SASF regime. AMWG recommends to the Secretary that GCMRC then subject both analyses to their standard peer review process.

The AMWG recommends to the Secretary of the Interior that seasonally-adjusted steady flows with a March BHBF (if the sediment trigger is met) be implemented in WY 2010.

AMWG recommends that the Secretary of the Interior meaningfully consult with the participating tribal stakeholders regarding the non-native fish control (i.e., mechanical removal efforts) portion of the 2010-2011 budget and work plan including an examination and evaluation of different locations for carrying out the mechanical removal and a compelling presentation of the scientific data that demonstrates a one-to-one cause/effect relationship between the destruction of thousands of trout and the improved condition of the HBC population and their critical habitat. Additionally, AMWG requests a review by GCMRC of the GCDAMP fisheries management program to determine if the mechanical removal requirement is no longer viewed as an experimental effort, but has transitioned into a management action.

AMWG calls to the Secretary's attention the concerns of the Pueblo of Zuni and other tribes with the nonnative fish removal project, and request that he take them into account as he considers this recommendation.

AMWG recommends to the Secretary of the Interior that federal agencies be directed to first offer surplus equipment purchased with GCDAMP funds to other AMP stakeholders.