TWG REPORT
Final FY 2013-14 Budget and Workplan

Chairperson: Shane Capron
General Budget Process

• Policy issues to AMWG
• Technical issues to DOI for consideration and response
• Objective: discuss final policy issues at this meeting, recommendation to SOI
Budget Background

- Knowledge Assessment II (Oct, Jan)
- TWG: initial list of budget concerns Feb. 14 (51)
- Draft budget received April 6
- BAHG webinar April 12 – briefing on budget
- TWG meeting April 16-17 – initial concerns
- AMWG May 10
- Revised draft budget & workplan late May
- DOI technical response to April issues June 15
- SA review June 18
- BAHG, CRAHG review June
- TWG June 20-21, consensus budget motion
TWG Process for Initial Budget Concerns

• **Process for Consensus**
  Based on input from TWG members and specifically the CRAHG report on tribal concerns we developed a process to try to reach consensus on the budget without taking votes

• We were successful using this facilitated group process and did reach consensus on all recommendations, not one vote was needed.

• Used green, yellow, red cards to gauge concern: then we worked issues until we could resolve them -- It’s a good start, we can learn and do better (OPAHG)
April TWG Policy Concerns - Resolution

6 Policy issues forwarded to AMWG May 10

- Inclusion of tribal values in AMP
- Funding for CREEL surveys
- SA support for LTEMP review and development
- Should implement SEAHG recommendations
- Using NNFC contingency funds to fund GCMRC for overages
- POAHG should re-evaluate the true budget needs and reduce accordingly
General Comments

• Level of discussion elevated, education and learning
• Written well, understandable, scientific rationale, critical thinking
• Recognition of imperfect science, make changes as needed
• Describes how decisions were reached for research
• Recognized the important questions/hypotheses to test, how we will test them, and then how that information will be synthesized to distinguish among hypotheses
• Responsive to TWG comments throughout the process, budget memo describes responses
• 2004 AMWG priority questions still cited – does AMWG want this to continue?
BUDGET MOTION - Technical

The TWG requests by consensus that the Department of the Interior consider the following issues in the development of the FY2013-14 Biennial Budget & Workplan from the Bureau of Reclamation and Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center:

• Maintain the annual Lees Ferry creel surveys ($25,000 FY13, $25,000 FY14)
• Include a cultural resources Science Advisor for $10,000 annually.

Passed by consensus.
The TWG recommends that AMWG recommend the FY2013-14 Biennial Budget & Workplan from the Bureau of Reclamation and Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center, as reviewed by TWG on June 20-21, 2012, to the Secretary of the Interior for approval.

Passed by consensus.