

TWG REPORT  
FINAL FY 2013-14 BUDGET AND  
WORKPLAN

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# General Budget Process

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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

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## 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

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- 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**

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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.

## **BUDGET MOTION - Policy**

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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.