

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group
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FY 2017 Budget and Work Plan

Purpose

To give Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) members a preview of proposed changes to the FY 2017 budget and work plan and to receive their feedback, in preparation for an AMWG recommendation to the Secretary on this subject in August 2016.

Action Requested

Feedback requested from AMWG members.

Presenters

Shane Capron, TWG Vice-Chair and TWG Budget Ad Hoc Group Chair
Katrina Grantz, Chief, Adaptive Management Group, Bureau of Reclamation
Scott VanderKooi, Chief, Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center

Previous Action Taken

By AMWG:

On August 28, 2014, AMWG passed the following motion by consensus: AMWG recommends the FY2015-17 Triennial Budget and Work Plan from the Bureau of Reclamation and the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center, as presented to the AMWG at their meeting August 27-28, 2014, to the Secretary of the Interior for approval.

By the Secretary of the Interior:

On September 29, 2014, Secretary Jewell approved the GCDAMP FY 2015-17 Triennial Budget and Work Plan.

Relevant Science

- Memo from Anne Castle on GCDAMP Triennial Budget and Work Plan dated May 17, 2014: http://www.usbr.gov/uc/rm/amp/amwg/mtgs/14may27/Attach_02b.pdf
- Final FY2015-17 Budget and Work Plan (approved by the AMWG on August 28, 2014): http://www.usbr.gov/uc/rm/amp/amwg/mtgs/14aug27/Attach_06f.pdf
- Report and Recommendations Memo from Secretary's Designee Anne Castle to DOI Secretary Sally Jewell (dated Sept. 29, 2014): http://www.usbr.gov/uc/rm/amp/amwg/mtgs/14aug27/Attach_11.pdf

Summary of Presentation and Background Information

In May 2014, the Secretary's Designee directed the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center (GCMRC) and the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to create a three-year budget and work plan for the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program (GCDAMP) for FY15-17, and to

work with the AMWG and TWG to create a new process for development of future three-year budget and work plans. While the GCDAMP FY15-17 Triennial Budget and Work Plan (TWP) was completed and approved by the Secretary, the three-year budget process is still in development.

While the process will greatly streamline budget development, the TWG and AMWG are still required to review the TWP every year to be consistent with the Federal budget process. In FY 2016, the TWG and AMWG will review the TWP with GCMRC and Reclamation, and the AMWG at its August meeting will provide a recommendation to the Secretary regarding the FY 2017 budget.

Shane Capron, TWG Budget Ad Hoc Group Chair, will discuss ongoing development of the triennial budget process, including the process for FY17. Katrina Grantz and Scott VanderKooi will provide an overview of any proposed changes to the Reclamation and GCMRC budgets for FY17.

The TWP was developed with a projected annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 3.0%. The CPI was actualized at 1.7% in October 2014 and 0% in October 2015. The original estimate of the FY15 TWP at projected CPI of 3.0% of \$10,892,444 was been reduced to the actual CPI of 1.7% (\$10,754,967). Since the actual CPI for FY16 was 0%, funding for this fiscal year was also \$10,754,967 versus the original estimate of \$11,219,217. FY17 funding was projected to be \$11,555,794, but will be lower due to the compounding effect of lower-than-projected CPI rates. The CPI for the first six months of FY16 is approximately 0%. If the CPI remains at this level through September, then funding for FY17 would again be \$10,754,967.

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) overhead rates for FY15, FY16, and FY17 have been revised downward due to lower than anticipated lease costs. GSA, on behalf of USGS, has renegotiated lease rates with the City of Flagstaff for current facilities until the new USGS building is constructed and occupied, now projected for January 2018. Overhead rates decreased from the initial estimates of 15.6% to 13.6% in FY15 and from 21.3% to 11.9% in FY16. The FY17 rate was estimated to be 27.4%, and is now projected to be approximately 12%.

Reclamation and GCMRC will discuss the effects of changes in the CPI and USGS overhead rates on the budget, as well as other potential changes for FY17. Budget shortfalls are projected to be offset by reduced overhead rates, additional funding received from USGS and the Southwest Biological Science Center, and salary savings from unfilled positions.