

***Motion Language:***

The Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) recommends for approval to the Secretary of the Interior, the Fiscal Year 2023 budget as shown on the budget worksheets presented to the Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) on August 18, 2022; furthermore, as additional funds become available, the Adaptive Management Work Group recommends those funds are used to fund the work items listed below in priority order:

*Priority 1 – Given the historic release temperatures from Glen Canyon Dam and the possibility of invasive fish establishment in the Colorado River ecosystem (CRE) with the potential to harm Endangered Species Act listed fish and the rainbow trout fishery, the Department of the Interior should prioritize such additional funds, in combination with, if necessary, other funding sources including but not limited to, the Reclamation C.6 Native Fish Conservation Contingency Fund and the C.5 Experimental Management Fund. The Department of the Interior should in expending these funds prioritize activities such as evaluation of operational alternatives and other CRE management and monitoring, to address this concern. These activities might require budgetary adjustments. The Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program sees the potential establishment of nonnative fish as an emergency situation that warrants swift and decisive mitigation action. Reclamation should continue to coordinate with the TWG and AMWG on activities related to this Priority.*

*Priority 2 – Continue Project Element G.6, Juvenile Chub Monitoring-West*

*Priority 3 – Continue sampling at two sub-reaches for Project Element H.2, Experimental Flow Assessment of Trout Recruitment*

*Priority 4 – Begin the Grand Canyon portion of the water quality synthesis requested by the Adaptive Management Work Group at their February 9-10, 2022 meeting*

*Priority 5 – Investigate an aquatic vegetation removal pilot project in Lees Ferry to reduce brown trout habitat*

*Priority 6 – Continue two monitoring trips for Project Element C.1, Ground-based Riparian Vegetation Monitoring*

*Priority 7 – Continue Project Element B.5, Streamflow and Sandbar Modeling*

Motion made by Sara Price, Colorado River Commission of Nevada.

Seconded by Larry Stevens, Grand Canyon Wildlands Council.

To adopt the motion as written above on 8/18/2022.

The motion was approved by consensus.