

TWG Budget Motion

The Technical Work Group (TWG) recommends that the Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) recommend for approval to the Secretary of the Interior, the Fiscal Year 2024 budget as shown on the budget worksheets presented to the TWG on June 15, 2023, with the following additional guidance:

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The TWG recommends that any lethal management activity performed under the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program (GCDAMP) Work Plan complies with the 2017 Programmatic Agreement for Long Term Experimental Management Plan and the National Park Service 2019 Expanded Non Native Aquatic Species Management Plan Programmatic Agreement prior to implementation of that action.

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The TWG recommends that Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center (GCMRC) and Reclamation coordinate on Project N elements for FY24 with the TWG before the August AMWG meeting.

If funds become available, the TWG recommends those funds are used to fund the work items listed below in order of priority:

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Priority 1 -Short Term Rapid Response Under the Invasive Species Strategic Plan – Invasive Fish Species Below Glen Canyon Dam: A Strategic Plan to Prevent, Detect and Respond was adopted by the AMWG on February 16th, 2023. Should short term response be necessary in FY24 under this Strategic Plan, the Department of the Interior should prioritize available funds outside of the GCDAMP. If other funding sources have been exhausted, the Department of Interior may consider use of the Reclamation C.5 Experimental Management Fund and the C.6 Native Fish Conservation Contingency Fund. Such actions that may require use of these funds must be coordinated with the AMWG as proposed in the Strategic Plan and Budget Ad Hoc Group process.

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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 – Continue Project Element C.3, Riparian Vegetation Predictive models and synthesis

Priority 5 – Other Additional Requests identified in the GCMRC FY24 Table.