



Reclamation Budget Process

AMWG Meeting
February 16, 2026

Authorization and Appropriation

- **Authorization:** An act of Congress which permits a federal program or activity to begin or continue from year to year. It sets limits on funds that can be appropriated but does not grant funding which must be provided by a separate congressional appropriation
- **Appropriation:** Permits Federal agencies to incur obligations and make payments from the Treasury



GCDAMP Authorization

- P.L. 106-377 (Oct 2000) - Section 204
- Authorizes Reclamation to fund activities of the GCDAMP as authorized by Section 1807 of the Grand Canyon Protection Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-575)
- No more than \$7.85 million per year (October 2000 price level), adjusted in subsequent years to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index
- No sunset clause



FY2026 GCDAMP Budget

- Appropriations in Public Law 119-74
- Colorado River Compliance Activities
 - House Report 119- 213 p 78
 - Includes Initial Units, Water Quality & Consumptive Use Studies
- Initial Units is funding for GCDAMP & 2 Recovery Programs
- GCDAMP received \$10.6 million
 - BOR - \$ 2.1 million
 - USGS - \$8.5 million
 - Roughly 15% walkdown from FY26 TWP

Colorado River Compliance Activities	
Consumptive Use Studies	\$ 880,000
Initial Units	\$ 20,667,000
Water Quality Studies	\$ 1,170,000
Total	\$ 22,717,000

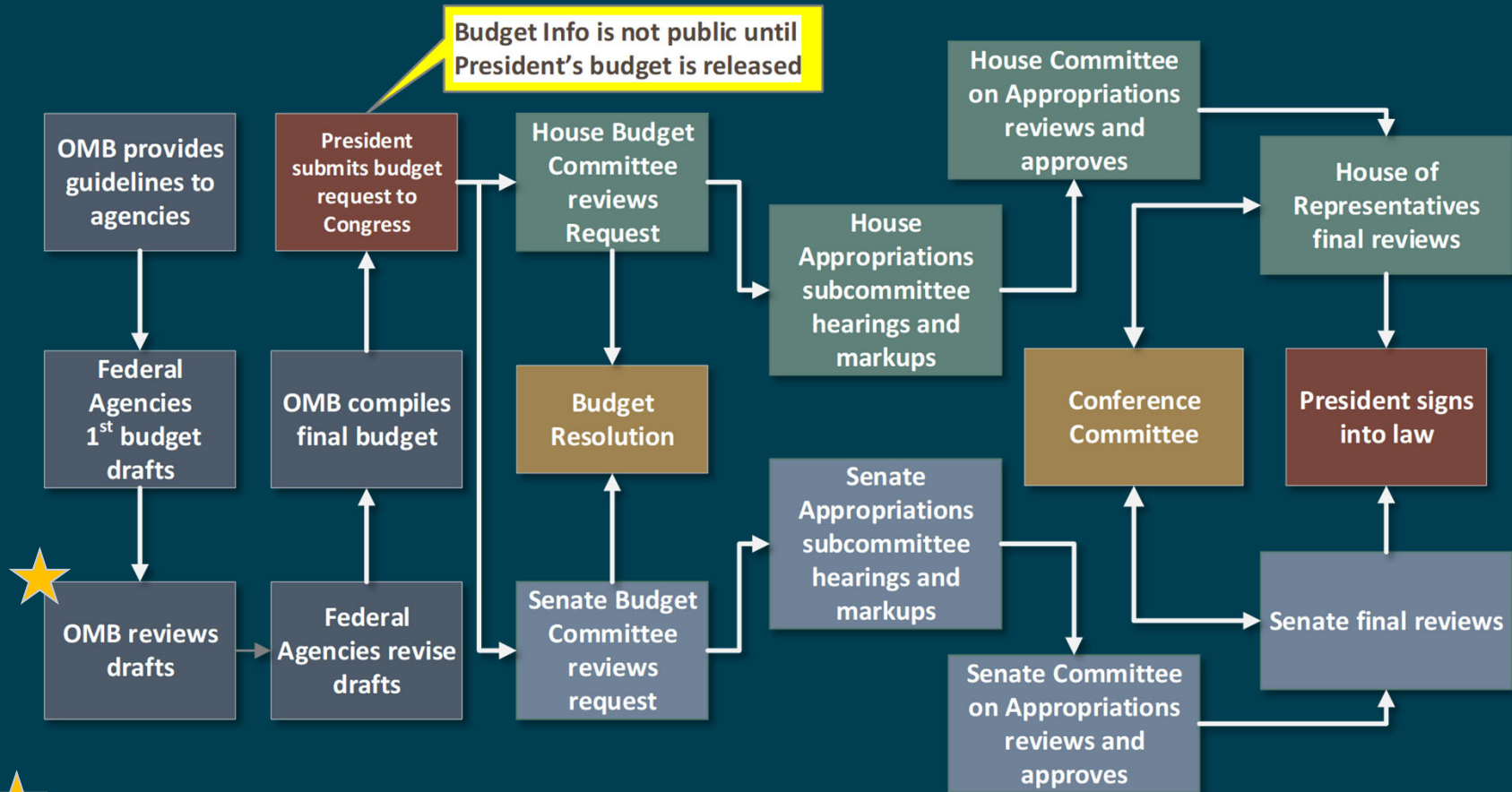


FY2027 GCDAMP Budget

- Historically, the President's Budget is released by the Office of Management and Budget each year in early February
- Awaiting release of President's Budget
- For FY27 workplan planning purposes, Reclamation is directing the GCDAMP through the BAHG process to start with \$10.6 million
 - BOR - \$2.1 million
 - GCMRC - \$8.5 million
 - BAHG to develop scenarios with a 5% and 10% reduction



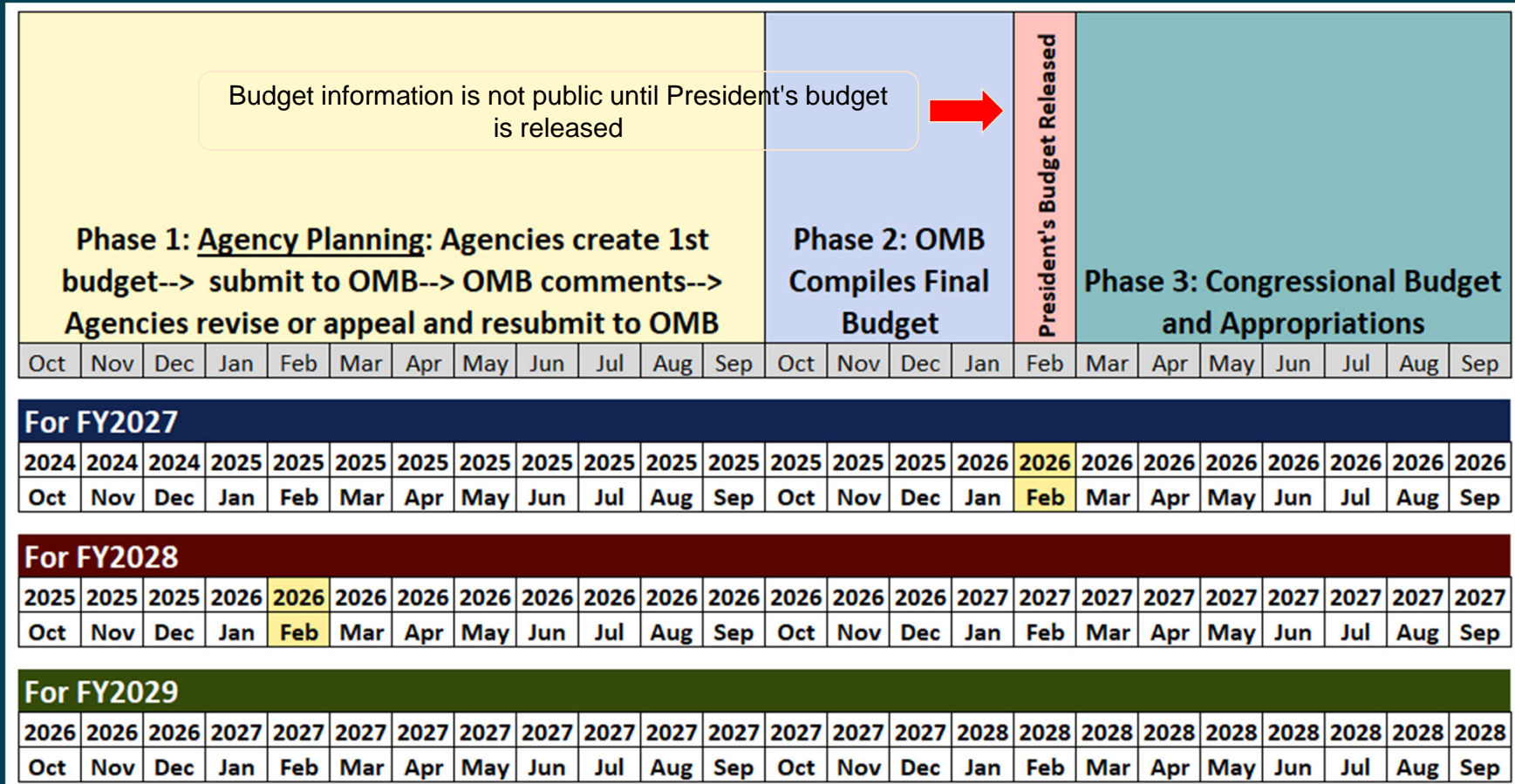
The Annual Federal Appropriations Process



★ Current FY27



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