

To: TWG Members
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Subject: 2004 AMP Budget

At the November 7-8, 2002 TWG meeting, we discussed the potential recommendation by the TWG to the AMWG of a detailed 2004 line item budget. Several TWG members expressed a need for more information before they were willing to vote on a motion to send such a recommendation to the AMWG. The AMWG will again address the 2004 budget at their January 2003 meeting. We scheduled a December 20, 2002 TWG conference call / phone poll, after TWG members had some additional time to consider proposed changes to the AMP budget originally presented at the July 2002 AMWG meeting. Absent an AMWG recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior, Reclamation and the USGS would manage the AMP budget using previous guidance and comments by the AMWG and TWG.

Several budget summaries are attached to this cover memo, along with an explanation of the proposed modifications to the budget presented at the July 2002 AMWG meeting. These attachments are intended to inform the TWG regarding the expenditure of power revenues, potential appropriations from DOI agencies for tribal participation and consultation, and additional appropriations through the USGS for experimental research.

Four tables summarize budget discussions and comments to date. Table 1 is a budget summary table that lists the projects presented to the AWMG in July 2002. Table 2 lists the revised budget recommended by the TWG ad hoc committee at the November 7-8, 2002 meeting, and Table 3 lists the differences between these first two tables. Table 4 was prepared by GCMRC and lists the comments received from AMWG/TWG members and responses to those comments. The comments were meant to be all-inclusive from our discussions at TWG, AMWG, and ad hoc meetings, but there may be comments on the use of appropriations that are not listed. Following Table 4 is a narrative description of the differences displayed in Table 3. This narrative details the logic and rationale behind these proposed revisions.

In proposing the use of appropriated funds for 2004, the ad hoc committee recognized that a decision has not yet been made on the proposed experimental flow program. However, the committee recommends that any such appropriation requests granted in 2004 be applied to the experimental flow fund to finance research in future years, particularly to the resource areas of humpback chub and sediment conservation. However, adjustments to the budget could be made in 2004 if the AMWG deems specific research activities more important in priority or sequence than the conducting of experimental flows research. Examples of these type of research activities were included in the 2004 budget originally proposed to the AMWG last July (Table 1).