

BAHG Update

GCDAMP

Technical Work Group Meeting

April 9, 2026

The BAHG TWP Process

- BAHG works with BOR and GCMRC to develop TWP and annual Budget recommendations for TWG
- Currently working within the FY25-27 TWP approved by AMWG Aug 2024
- Recommendation this year will be an update for FY27
- Recommendation due to TWG before its June 11 TWG meeting
- TWG FY27 recommendation due to AMWG before its August 20-21 meeting
- AMWG FY27 recommendation due to Secretary of Interior before Sep. 30, 2026

Funding & Budget Background

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

Funding & Budget Background

FY26 Colorado River Compliance Activities Budget

- Appropriations in Public Law 119-74
- Includes Initial Units, Water Quality & Consumptive Use Studies
- FY26 Initial Units: \$20.667 M

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

- Initial Units includes GCDAMP & 2 Recovery Programs
 - Typically 51% to GCDAMP, 49% to 2 RIPs
 - Typically 80% to GCMRC and 20% to BOR
- GCDAMP received \$10.6 M (BOR: \$2.1M, USGS \$8.5M)
 - Roughly 15% reduction from FY25 to FY26

Funding & Budget Background

FY2027 Anticipated GCDAMP Budget

- For FY27, Reclamation directed the GCDAMP through the BAHG process to start with the FY26 \$10.6 M (BOR - \$2.1 M; USGS - \$8.5 M) and develop 5% and 10% walkdown reduction scenarios.
 - 5% Walkdown = \$10.07 M (BOR \$2.01 M; USGS \$8.06 M)
 - 10% Walkdown = \$9.54 M (BOR \$1.91 M; USGS \$7.63 M)
- President's Budget recently released
 - \$21.799 M total, Initial Units \$20.060 M
 - 51%: \$10.23 M GCDAMP (BOR \$ 2.046 M, USGS \$8.184 M)
- Congress determines annual appropriations

Survey

- Sent to TWG members and TWG alternates
- Similar to FY26 BAHG survey, different format
- Sections: sliding scale, text input, points rank, agree/disagree necessity for LTEMP resources, max/diff ranking necessity for decision making
- One vote per TWG seat
- Need to take in 1 sitting
- Due Monday, April 20
- Results will be discussed April 28

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STEP 4 / 11

If there are significant budget cuts, what information do you need to properly advise DOI?

Add your answer here...

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Please allocate 15 points to the projects you believe have the highest impact in meeting LTEMP Goals. You can give multiple points to an individual project or a single point to 15 projects.

Points remaining: 15

0	L.3 Acquisition of airborne lidar in conjunction with overflight remote sensing imagery \$0.00	-	+
0	A.1 Stream gaging and hydrologic analyses \$444,751.67	-	+
0	D.4 Pilot study to evaluate potential to extract cultural and ecological information from Colorado River deposits using eDNA and pollen \$0.00	-	+

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STEP 8 / 11

Is this project element necessary for a better understanding of progress in meeting LTEMP goals?

B.3 Control network and survey support \$0.00

✓ AGREE

✗ DISAGREE

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STEP 10 / 11

Which project is more necessary for decision making?

Necessary for Decision Making

Not as Necessary for Decision Making

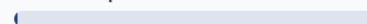
K.1 Enterprise GIS, geospatial analysis, and processing
\$220,027.51

D.2 Monitoring landscape-scale ecosystem change with
repeat photography \$79,940.97

G.3 Juvenile chub monitoring near the LCR confluence
(JCM-East) \$630,262.11

E.4 Productivity at higher trophic levels \$66,001.00

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Future Meetings

- 4/28/26 – Review survey results, discuss FY27 workplan
- 5/8/26
- 5/26/26
- 6/2/26
- TWG: 6/11