

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group
Agenda Item Information
May 28, 2015 Webinar

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FY 2016 Budget and Work Plan

Action Requested

- ✓ Information item only; we will answer questions but no action is requested.

Presenters

Glen Knowles, Bureau of Reclamation
Scott VanderKooi, Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center
Shane Capron, TWG Vice-Chair and TWG Budget Ad Hoc Group Chair

Previous Action Taken

- ✓ **August 28, 2014** – AMWG Motion (proposed by David Nimkin, seconded by Larry Stevens): AMWG recommends the FY2015-17 Triennial Budget and Work Plan from the Bureau of Reclamation and the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center, as presented to the AMWG at their meeting August 27-28, 2014, to the Secretary of the Interior for approval. Motion passed by consensus.
- ✓ **September 29, 2014** – Secretary Jewell approved the FY 2015-17 Triennial Budget and Work Plan.

Relevant Science

- Memo from Anne Castle on GCDAMP Triennial Budget and Work Plan (dated May 17, 2014): http://www.usbr.gov/uc/rm/amp/amwg/mtgs/14may27/Attach_02b.pdf
- Final FY2015-17 Budget and Work Plan (approved by the AMWG on August 28, 2014): http://www.usbr.gov/uc/rm/amp/amwg/mtgs/14aug27/Attach_06f.pdf
- Report and Recommendations Memo from Secretary's Designee Anne Castle to DOI Secretary Sally Jewell (dated Sept. 29, 2014): http://www.usbr.gov/uc/rm/amp/amwg/mtgs/14aug27/Attach_11.pdf

Background Information

In May 2014, the Secretary's Designee directed GCMRC and Reclamation to create a three-year budget and work plan for the GCDAMP for FY15-17, and to work with the AMWG and TWG to create a new process for development of future three-year budget and work plans. While the GCDAMP FY15-17 Triennial Budget and Work Plan (TWP) was completed and approved by the Secretary, the three-year budget process is still in development.

While the process will greatly streamline budget development, the TWG and AMWG are still required to review the TWP every year to be consistent with the Federal budget process. In FY

2015, the TWG and AMWG will review the TWP with GCMRC and Reclamation, and the AMWG will provide a recommendation to the Secretary on the FY 2016 budget at its August meeting.

Shane Capron, TWG Budget Ad Hoc Group Chair, will discuss ongoing development of the triennial budget process, including the process for FY16.

The TWP was developed around a projected CPI of 3.0%. In October 2014, CPI was actualized at 1.7%. The original estimate of the FY15 TWP at projected CPI of 3.0% of \$10,892,444 has been reduced to the actual CPI of 1.7%, \$10,754,967. USGS overhead rates for FY15 and 16 have been revised downward, due to lower than anticipated lease costs. GSA, on behalf of USGS, has renegotiated lease rates with the City of Flagstaff for current facilities until the new USGS building is constructed and occupied. The FY15 rate decreased from the initial estimate of 15.6% to approximately 13.6%. The FY16 rate was estimated to be 21.3%, but is now projected to be about 13%. Reclamation and GCMRC will discuss the effects of changes in the CPI and USGS overhead rates on the budget, as well as other potential changes for FY16.