

Motion Language:

The Technical Work Group recommends that the Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) recommend for approval to the Secretary of Interior, the Fiscal Year 2023 budget as shown on the budget worksheets presented to the Technical Work Group (TWG) on June 15, 2022; furthermore, as funds become available, the Technical Work Group recommends those funds are used to fund the work items listed below in priority order:

Priority 1 – Given the historic release temperatures from Glen Canyon Dam and the possibility of invasive fish establishment in the Colorado River ecosystem (CRE) with the potential to harm Endangered Species Act listed fish and the rainbow trout fishery, the Department of Interior should prioritize funds, including the use of the Reclamation C.6 Native Fish Conservation Contingency Fund and the C.5 Experimental Management Fund, and prioritize activities such as evaluation of operational alternatives or other CRE management and monitoring, to address this concern. These activities might require budgetary adjustments. Such actions will be coordinated with the TWG and AMWG. The Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program sees the potential establishment of nonnative fish as an emergency situation that warrants swift and decisive mitigation action.

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 – Begin the Grand Canyon portion of the water quality synthesis requested by the Adaptive Management Work Group at their February 9-10, 2022 meeting

Priority 5 – Investigate an aquatic vegetation removal pilot project in Lees Ferry to reduce brown trout habitat

Priority 6 – Continue two monitoring trips for Project Element C.1, Ground-based Riparian Vegetation Monitoring

Priority 7 – Continue Project Element B.5, Streamflow and Sandbar Modeling

In addition, should an emergency arise that would require budgetary adjustment, the TWG is notifying the AMWG that we may make necessary budgetary recommendations at a later date.

Motion made by Kelly Burke, GCWC,
Seconded by Erik Stanfield, Navajo Nation,
To adopt the motion as written above on 6/16/2022.
The motion was approved by consensus.