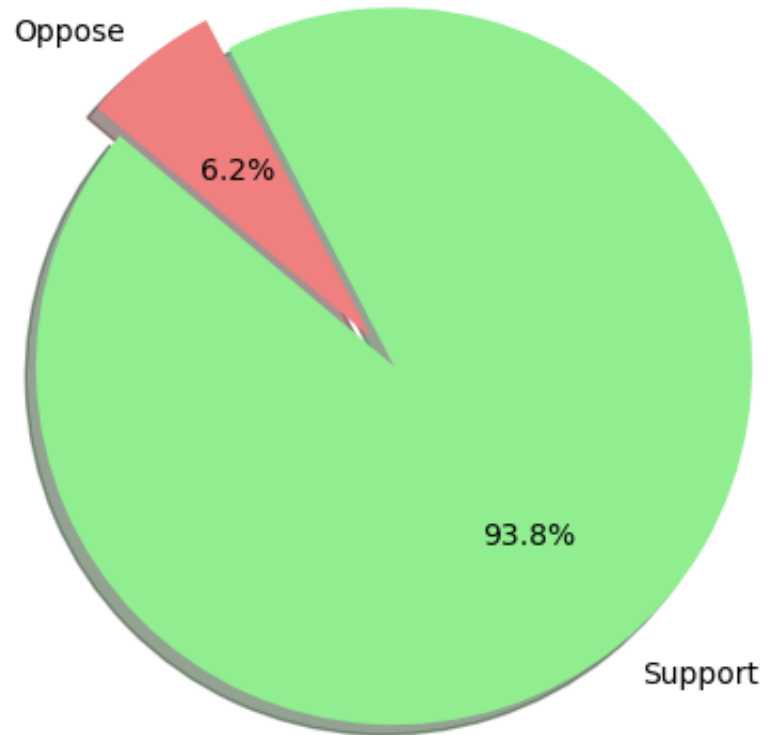


TWG Budget Motion

- August 8, 2024
- 17 of 20 voting members present
- 16 of 17 members voted, 1 abstention

Vote Results: 15 out of 16 Supported the Motion



TWG Budget Motion

The Technical Work Group (TWG) recommends that the Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) recommend, for approval to the Secretary of the Interior, the Triennial Budget and Work Plan (TWP) Fiscal Years (FY) 2025-2027 provided to the TWG on August 7, 2024. The TWG recognizes that the proposed budget exceeds the anticipated funds for FY 2025-2027 by less than one percent and urges the AMWG to acknowledge the cuts that have occurred. Additionally, the TWG offers the following guidance for the AMWG to consider:

First Bullet

The FY 2025-2027 TWP presented to the TWG at the August 8, 2024 TWG meeting was received by TWG members the evening of August 7, providing limited time for a full review. Changes to the TWP made between the July TWG meetings and the August 8 TWG meeting have not been fully evaluated.

Second Bullet

Given the potential for multiple experimental flows to occur within any given year, and several proposed projects in the FY25-27 TWP are seeking funding from the Experimental Management Fund (Reclamation 4.C), possibly exceeding its current limit, the TWG recommends the Experimental Management Funds prioritize research and monitoring to further understand the impact LTEMP and LTEMP SEIS flow experiments have on smallmouth bass establishment below Glen Canyon Dam.

Third Bullet

The following tribal prioritization of unfunded projects in the proposed TWP, by the TWG representatives from the Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, and the Southern Paiute Consortium, may be proposed when funding is available through the Reclamation budget or non-GCDAMP funds:

Third Bullet Sub-bullets

1. D.4 - Pilot study to evaluate potential to extract cultural and ecological information from Colorado River deposits using eDNA, phytoliths, and pollen
2. C.1.2 - Can bird habitat quality be reliably assessed by combining plant traits with estimates of plant species composition and cover? Can the data collected by the riparian plant monitoring program be used to assess patterns in riparian-dependent bird communities?
3. D.5 - Monitoring petroglyphs and pictographs with photogrammetry and Lidar
4. J.3 - Tribal resource research
5. B.4 - Streamflow, sediment and sandbar modelin

Dissent – Pueblo of Zuni

- Minority opinion submitted to the AMWG previously
 - Deletion of additional language from July 31 TWG meeting
 - Lack of meaningful and productive consultation
 - Lack of participation in Tribal prioritization list