

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of the Interior	2026
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group	5163

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	09/15/2025	09/15/2027	

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No	Public Law 102-575	

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Grand Canyon Protection Act (Public Law 102-575)	10/30/1992	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 1 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
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Basin hydrology and operations discussion, GCMRC annual reporting meeting updates, Dragon Bravo fire updates, budget planning overview and FY27 workplan process were reviewed, outcomes of the hydropower workshop, knowledge workshop/10 year review discussion, and updates from stakeholders. 02/25/2026 - 02/26/2026

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current Next	
	FY	FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The purpose of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive

Management Work Group (AMWG) is to establish and implement long-term monitoring programs and activities that will ensure that Glen Canyon Dam is operated in a manner consistent with that of section 1802 of the Grand Canyon Protection Act. The AMWG accomplishes its work by taking action on recommendations from its technical subcommittee, reviewing scientific results provided by the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center, and evaluating assessments conducted by the science advisors (under contract to the Bureau of Reclamation). In addition, stakeholders and other entities involved in conducting research provide documents and make presentations to the AMWG. With these levels of review and involvement, the AMWG is able to provide well informed recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior. The AMWG responds accordingly to challenges being faced in operating Glen Canyon Dam by making recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior through the Secretary's Designee, the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Glen Canyon Dam Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared in March 1995 identified the AMWG membership as: (1) representation from each of the cooperating agencies associated with the EIS, (2) representatives from each of the Colorado River Basin States, and (3) two representatives each from environmental groups, recreation interests, and contractors from Federal power from Glen Canyon Dam. This configuration of Federal, State, Tribal, and community representation has served the adaptive management program well since it was chartered in 1997. While the membership remains static

because of the above designations, there are sufficient changes in personnel to maintain the integrity of the group and be actively engaged in all subject matters. Many of the members, particularly those in the basin states, participate in other groups and bring added knowledge and experience to the AMWG. When there are vacancies on the committee, the AMWG publishes a call for nominations notice in the Federal Register to alert those who might be interested in serving on the committee.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The AMWG holds two in-person meetings and one virtual meeting during the fiscal year. The meetings are relevant in keeping the Secretary of the Interior and the general public informed on significant areas of concern related to Glen Canyon Dam operations. For example, when the August meetings are held in or near Flagstaff, Arizona, local business owners, river guides, and interested persons, etc., attend and participate as a means of conveying their interest and insight to work being done in the Grand Canyon. Meetings or conference calls are noticed in the Federal Register and are scheduled at venues to ensure maximum member and public participation.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This committee fulfills Sections 1804 and 1805 of the Grand Canyon Protection Act. The Grand Canyon Protection Act requires the Secretary of the Interior to consult with certain stakeholders on the operation of the Glen Canyon Dam; that consultation has occurred through the establishment and continuing advisory role of the AWMG Federal advisory committee. Consultation

through the AMWG began with the 1996 Record of Decision for the Operation of Glen Canyon Dam Final Environmental Impact Statement and continued through the 2016 Record of Decision for the Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement (LTEMP EIS). This committee creates a forum for the open exchange of ideas from a diversity of stakeholders who are committed to improving the Colorado River resources in Glen and Grand Canyons. Each member actively participates and has a vested interest in the operation of Glen Canyon Dam. The committee provides a forum for members to resolve their differences in a cohesive setting. Compromises are often needed in order to benefit the whole program. The AMWG often addresses complex issues through collaboration, which typically improves overall solutions and reduces the potential for future conflict.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All committee meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

One recommendation was made to the Secretary of the Interior in FY2025 to approve the proposed FY2026 - FY2027 budget for the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program.

Designated Federal Officer

Kathleen E Callister Adaptive Management Water Quality Division Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bailey (M), Rodney	02/23/2026	02/23/2029	WAPA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member

Begay (M), Richard	08/14/2020	08/14/2026	Navajo Nation	Representative Member
Brown (M), David	07/14/2016	08/14/2026	Grand Canyon River Guides	Representative Member
Bulletts (M), Daniel	01/25/2022	02/23/2029	Southern Paiute Consortium	Representative Member
Carter (M), Julie	01/25/2022	02/23/2029	Arizona Game and Fish Department	Representative Member
Effati (M), Ali	01/12/2023	01/12/2026	State of New Mexico	Representative Member
Ferrantelli (M), Charlie	01/12/2023	01/12/2026	State of Wyoming	Representative Member
Garrison (M), Michelle	08/14/2023	08/14/2026	State of Colorado	Representative Member
Grantz (M), Katrina	01/06/2025	01/06/2028	Bureau of Reclamation	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Haas (M), Amy	08/15/2023	08/15/2026	State of Utah	Representative Member
Jackson (M), Simone (Ka-Voka)	07/17/2024	07/17/2027	Hualapai Tribe	Representative Member
James (A), Leslie	07/30/1998	02/23/2029	Colorado River Energy Distributors Association	Representative Member
Johnson (M), Kristen	01/25/2022	02/23/2029	State of Arizona	Regular Government Employee Member
Keable (M), Edward	01/25/2022	02/23/2029	National Park Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Maase (M), Jakob	08/14/2020	08/14/2026	Hopi Tribe	Representative Member
Neuwerth (M), Jessica	01/12/2023	01/12/2026	State of California	Representative Member
Price (M), Sara	08/14/2020	08/14/2026	Executive Director, State of Nevada	Representative Member
Rice (M), Matt	08/14/2020	08/14/2026	American Rivers	Regular Government Employee Member
Shirley (M), Deborah	11/04/2024	11/04/2027	Bureau of Indian Affairs	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Squires (M), Michael	02/23/2026	02/23/2029	Utah Municipal Power Agency	Representative Member

Stevens (M), Larry	12/04/2006	08/14/2026	Southwest Wildlands (formerly) Grand Canyon Wildlands Council	Representative Member
Strogen (M), James	01/25/2022	02/23/2029	Trout Unlimited	Representative Member
Travnicek, Andrea	02/23/2026	02/23/2030	Secretary's Designee, ASWS	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Whitlaw (M), Heather	01/12/2023	01/12/2026	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Billerbeck (M), Rob [Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group]	01/06/2026	08/09/2029	National Park Service - Grand	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Dongoske (M), Kurt [Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group]	11/03/2010	09/30/2029	Pueblo of Zuni	Representative Member
Eberle (M), C. Sinjin [Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group]	01/26/2022	01/26/2029	American Rivers	Regular Representative Member
Fazio (M), Buddy [Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group]	10/25/2022	10/25/2029	National Park Service Glen Canyon	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Fegler (M), Mel [Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group]	08/29/2022	08/29/2029	State of Wyoming	Regular Representative Government Member
Hammen (M), Jeremy [Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group]	09/09/2023	09/09/2029	Bureau of Reclamation	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Keedah (M), Rudy [Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group]	04/10/2023	04/10/2029	Bureau of Indian Affairs	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Mann (M), Ryan [Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group]	11/21/2016	11/21/2029	Manager, Aquatic Research Program	Representative Member
McGettigan (A), Scott [Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group]	12/04/2023	12/04/2029	State of Utah	Regular Representative Member

Noftsker (M), Christina [Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group]	06/08/2022	06/08/2029	State of New Mexico	Representative Member
Persons (M), Bill [Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group]	01/26/2022	01/26/2029	Trout Unlimited, Biologist	Representative Member
Rampton (M), Edward (Ted) [Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group]	05/21/2024	05/21/2029	Utah Municipal Power Agency	Representative Member
Reeder (M), Ben [Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group]	02/16/2016	02/16/2029	Grand Canyon River Guides	Representative Member
Shanahan (M), Seth [Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group]	10/01/2016	10/01/2029	Natural Resource Analyst, State of Nevada	Representative Member
Ward (M), David [Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group]	12/04/2023	12/04/2029	Fish and Wildlife Service	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Wicke (M), Marc [Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group]	05/21/2024	05/21/2029	Salt Water Project/CREDA	Representative Member
Young (M), Emily [Glen Canyon Dam Technical Work Group]	08/08/2024	08/08/2029	State of Arizona	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 41

Narrative Description

The Bureau of Reclamation administers the AMWG. Reclamation, along with four other Department of the Interior agencies (Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, and National Park Service) works collectively under the Department of the Interior's mission to protect and manage the Nation's natural resources and cultural heritage; provides scientific and other information about those resources; and honors its special responsibilities to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and affiliated Island Communities. The AMWG is dedicated to resolving complex issues related to the operation of Glen Canyon Dam, mitigating for damage caused by the dam, and improving conditions for endangered species with the overall goal of doing what is best for all resources in the Grand Canyon. The AMWG is an important means by which Reclamation meets its mission to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of

the American public.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The AMWG utilizes the best available science and legal authorities in making critical recommendations for protecting and improving the resources in the Grand Canyon. Efforts are made to keep the public informed of decisions being made by the Department of the Interior that may affect them. Local anglers and supporting businesses in the Page, Arizona, area have expressed concern when high-flow experiments are conducted as they can have economic impacts on local fishing activities. Other groups, including recreational rafters and supporting businesses, have expressed support for the high-flow experiments as they rebuild beaches in the Grand Canyon. The Secretary's Designee engages in Government-to-Government consultation to discuss concerns raised by Native American Tribes on program activities.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

Because the AMWG is comprised of stakeholders from several western states, environmental and recreational groups, purchasers of Federal power, and representatives from five Federal agencies, there is an intended cost savings in resolving issues in regular meetings versus individual meetings as well as reducing the potential for litigation with the Department of the Interior.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

63

Number of Recommendations Comments

In FY2025, one recommendation was forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior: The Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) recommends to the Secretary of the Interior the budget priorities, with no change, as described in the FY26 Budget and Workplan adopted in the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program (GCDAMP) Triennial Budget and Work Plan (TWP) – Fiscal Years 2025-2027. The AMWG endorses the budget analysis completed by the Technical Work Group and concludes that reductions to recommended funding levels contained in the FY25-27 TWP would be injurious to the program's effectiveness and three decades of prior investment to comply with the Grand Canyon Protection Act, Tribal trust responsibilities and obligations to Indian Tribes, and other legal obligations. For the past 30 years GCDAMP has and continues to work collaboratively among federal agencies, Tribes, and other stakeholders to address the myriad challenges facing management of the Colorado River within Glen and Grand Canyons. The current GCDAMP budget is the result of rigorous, multi-stakeholder scrutiny. The program's continued success requires adequate funding.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

95%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The budget recommendation was presented at the August meeting and past acceptance of this and other AMWG recommendations by the Secretary indicates this recommendation will likely be supported going forward into FY2026. Because AMWG recommendations are usually based on the consensus of a very diverse group of

stakeholders, the recommendations of the committee are generally very sound and align with Department of the Interior policies and priorities.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

5%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

It is anticipated the Secretary will concur with the majority of recommendations forwarded from the AMWG. However, a 5% ratio is factored in for those which may not be acted upon by the Secretary.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback from the Secretary is provided through the Secretary's Designee at regularly scheduled AMWG meetings, conference calls, and e-mail messages.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Depending on any environmental changes (weather, ecological, etc.) which occur in the Grand Canyon, some research projects may be re-prioritized to address critical program concerns in a short period of time. Discussions are fully vetted through the Technical Work Group subcommittee with input from the science advisors before any recommendation(s) are forwarded to the AMWG for further deliberation and possible action.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

Members of the public may contact the AMWG's Designated Federal Officer for information regarding this committee, or visit the AMWG website listed in GENERAL INFORMATION.