



Bureau of Reclamation

Mission

The mission of the Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) is to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public.

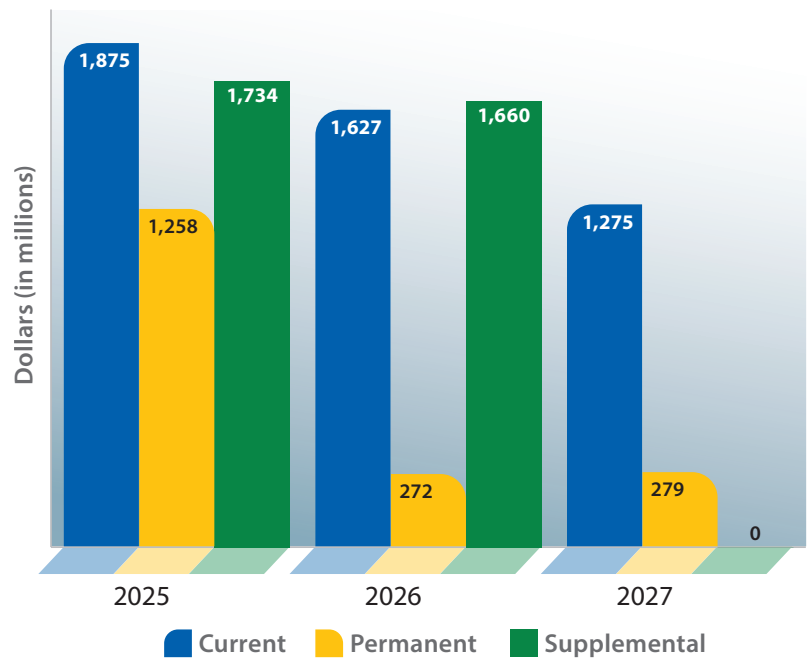
Budget Overview

USBR's 2027 budget request is \$1.3 billion in current appropriations, offset by current receipts of \$67.0 million in the Central Valley Project Restoration Fund (CVPRF). The budget focuses on core mission activities that ensure water availability and conservation, generation and maintenance of hydropower for the western United States, drought planning and response, and application of science to inform resource management decisions. USBR estimates the budget supports an estimated 3,752 full-time equivalents (FTE).

Water and Related Resources

The 2027 budget for Water and Related Resources, USBR's principal operating account, is \$1.1 billion. Of that amount, the budget includes \$505.6 million for Resources Management and Development, which will support the construction, planning, and management of water and energy projects and programs. These activities sustain water supply and reliability projects, drought preparedness and response, land management, and recreation and address the effects of USBR projects on fish and wildlife.

USBR Funding



The budget supports key water and power facility operations, maintenance, and rehabilitation activities in the amount of \$606.4 million. The budget prioritizes the safe, efficient, economical, and reliable operation of its facilities as well as maintaining safety measures that protect the public and USBR's employees and facilities.

USBR's dams, water conveyances, and power-generating facilities are important to the country's water resources infrastructure; they provide water and power services to millions of customers in hundreds of basins throughout the West. USBR evaluates dams and monitors performance to ensure risks do not exceed public protection guidelines.

The budget includes funding for specific projects for Extraordinary Maintenance (XM) activities across USBR. USBR's XM request is part of its overall asset management strategy, which relies on condition/performance metrics,



- The Bureau of Reclamation was established in 1902.
- USBR manages, develops, and protects water resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner.
- The Bureau is the largest wholesale water supplier and manager in the United States, managing 491 dams and 296 reservoirs.
- USBR delivers water to one in five western farmers, delivering 140 million acre-feet of water for more than 10 million acres of irrigated land and provides 10 trillion gallons of water to millions of people for municipal, rural, residential, and industrial uses.
- The Bureau is the country's second largest producer of hydroelectric power, generating an average 40 million megawatt-hours of energy per year through the ownership and operation of 53 hydroelectric power plants.
- USBR partners with State and local entities to address water resource challenges posed by drought, depleted aquifers, environmental needs, energy demands, and population increases in the West.
- The Bureau provides substantial benefits for recreation and for fish and wildlife compliance.

technological research, and deployment. The budget includes \$35.6 million for XM-related activity; additional XM projects are directly funded by revenues, customers, or other Federal agencies (e.g., Bonneville Power Administration).

Central Valley Project Restoration Fund

The 2027 budget includes \$67.0 million for the CVPRE, which is fully offset by restoration charge collections authorized by the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) (Public Law 102-575).



Shasta Dam in flood operations with 10 river valves open, letting water flow into the Sacramento River.

USBR Photo.



The Columbia–Pacific Northwest Region Ropes team descends the side of Owyhee Dam.

USBR Photo.

The CVPIA established the CVPRF to carry out the provisions of the act.

California Bay-Delta Restoration

California Bay-Delta Restoration activities are funded at \$32.0 million in the 2027 budget to fulfill legislative requirements and improve water supply availability.

Policy and Administration

The 2027 budget includes \$64.0 million for Policy and Administration to support USBR's central and regional management. Policy and Administration funds are used to develop, evaluate, and implement USBR-wide policy, rules, and regulations and perform functions not covered by separate funding authorities.

SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS ^{1/}

(dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2027 Request with 2026 Enacted

	2026 Enacted		2027 Request		Change	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Current						
Water and Related Resources	1,675	2,355,444	1,695	976,054	+20	-1,379,390
Central Valley Project Restoration Fund	15	65,370	15	66,951	0	+1,581
California Bay-Delta Restoration	26	32,000	26	32,000	0	0
Aging Infrastructure Account	0	735,371	0	0	0	-735,371
Policy and Administration	175	64,000	185	64,000	+10	0
San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund	0	3,237	0	0	0	-3,237
Lower Colorado River Basin Development Fund	0	7,679	0	112,611	0	+104,932
Upper Colorado River Basin Fund	0	23,899	0	23,335	0	-564
Subtotal, Current	1,891	3,287,000	1,921	1,274,951	+30	-2,012,049
Less USBR-CVPRF Offsetting Receipts	0	[-65,370]	0	[-66,951]	0	[-1,581]
Permanent						
Water and Related Resources	0	2,311	0	2,332	0	+21
Reclamation Water Settlements Fund	0	148,000	0	148,000	0	0
Aging Infrastructure Account	0	19	0	3,886	0	+3,867
San Joaquin Restoration Fund	18	13,600	18	13,600	0	0
Colorado River Dam Fund, Boulder Canyon Project	181	107,130	181	110,871	0	+3,741
Reclamation Trust Funds	1	1,000	1	1,000	0	0
Bureau of Reclamation Loan Liquidating Account	0	-500	0	-505	0	-5
Bureau of Reclamation Loan Program Account	0	147	0	0	0	-147
Lower Colorado River Basin Development Fund	18	0	18	0	0	0
Upper Colorado River Basin Fund	81	0	81	0	0	0
Subtotal, Permanent	299	271,707	299	279,184	0	+7,477
Reimbursable, Allocation, and Other						
Allocation	6	0	6	0	0	0
Reimbursable	1,506	0	1,526	0	+20	0
Subtotal, Reimbursable, Allocation, and Other	1,512	0	1,532	0	+20	0
TOTAL, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION	3,702	3,558,707	3,752	1,554,135	+50	-2,004,572

^{1/} Funding amounts include supplemental appropriations and transfers. For further details on Current funding, see Highlights of Budget Changes tables for each account.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity
(dollar amounts in thousands)

APPROPRIATION: Water and Related Resources

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Aging Infrastructure Program	100	0	0	0
Ak Chin Indian Water Rights Settlement Act Project.....	0	25,872	27,167	+1,295
Animas-La Plata Project, Colorado River Storage Participating Project.....	0	3,300	3,303	+3
Arbuckle Project.....	313	338	284	-54
Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program	500	500	0	-500
Balmorhea Project	2	1	1	0
Boise Area Projects	5,974	7,002	6,375	-627
Cachuma Project	2,325	2,543	2,161	-382
Canadian River Project.....	232	162	158	-4
Canals Experiencing Failure	13,000	0	0	0
Carlsbad Project.....	7,021	5,300	5,001	-299
Collbran Project.....	2,576	4,016	3,600	-416
Colorado River Activities	26,120	22,717	21,799	-918
Colorado River Basin Project—Central Arizona Project ...	18,993	13,993	9,107	-4,886
Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Project, Title I	19,489	19,489	16,448	-3,041
Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Project, Title II—Basinwide Program	6,000	4,500	4,500	0
Colorado River Front Work and Levee System.....	2,315	2,315	2,084	-231
Colorado River Storage Project, Section 5.....	16,995	21,339	16,575	-4,764
Colorado River Storage Project, Section 8.....	3,536	2,944	3,073	+129
Colorado River Water Quality Improvement Program	746	615	618	+3
Colorado-Big Thompson Project	16,722	20,552	20,486	-66
Columbia and Snake River Salmon Recovery Project—excludes Nez Perce	15,769	13,000	13,000	0
Columbia and Snake River Salmon Recovery Project—Nez Perce	0	6,000	6,000	0
Columbia Basin Project (Ephrata)	11,365	20,020	12,520	-7,500
Columbia Basin Project (Grand Coulee)	7,945	9,227	8,044	-1,183
Congressional Add—Environmental Restoration and Compliance	0	5,000	0	-5,000
Congressional Add—Rural Water.....	0	75,000	0	-75,000
Congressional Add—Water Conservation Projects	0	127,859	0	-127,859
Crooked River Project.....	956	1,355	1,036	-319
CVP, American River Division, Folsom Dam Unit/ Mormon Island	16,318	15,225	16,195	+970
CVP, Auburn-Folsom South Unit	3,005	2,665	1,750	-915
CVP, Delta Division	10,951	13,057	13,382	+325
CVP, East Side Division	5,115	4,941	4,842	-99
CVP, Environmental Compliance and Ecosystem Development	67,689	43,403	38,234	-5,169
CVP, Friant Division	5,227	5,705	6,571	+866
CVP, Friant Division—San Joaquin Restoration Fund.....	20,500	20,500	20,500	0
CVP, Miscellaneous Project Programs.....	14,355	13,377	15,488	+2,111
CVP, Replacements, Additions, and Extraordinary Maintenance Program.....	22,481	3,600	0	-3,600
CVP, Sacramento River Division	2,037	2,322	2,268	-54
CVP, San Felipe Division.....	283	261	201	-60

APPROPRIATION: Water and Related Resources (continued)

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
CVP, Shasta Division.....	16,397	15,584	16,038	+454
CVP, Trinity River Division.....	22,139	20,857	20,687	-170
CVP, Water and Power Operations.....	15,876	16,265	17,543	+1,278
CVP, West San Joaquin Division, San Luis Unit.....	16,968	16,541	15,260	-1,281
Deschutes Project.....	1,397	1,127	920	-207
DS: Department of the Interior Dam Safety Program.....	1,303	1,303	1,303	0
DS: Initiate Safety of Dams Corrective Action.....	182,561	73,187	102,035	+28,848
DS: Safety Evaluation of Existing Dams.....	27,354	30,352	44,000	+13,648
Eastern Oregon Projects.....	1,055	1,681	1,681	0
Emergency Planning and Disaster Response Program.....	1,996	1,996	2,020	+24
Endangered Species (Platte River Recovery Implementation Program)-GP.....	3,451	1,210	300	-910
Endangered Species Conservation/Recovery Project-LC.....	764	611	550	-61
Endangered Species Recovery Implementation Program-UC.....	4,000	3,800	2,520	-1,280
Endangered Species Recovery Implementation-MP.....	1,569	0	0	0
Endangered Species Recovery Implementation-PN.....	300	60	280	+220
Environmental Program Administration.....	1,802	1,657	1,924	+267
Examination of Existing Structures.....	12,238	12,775	11,321	-1,454
Fruitgrowers Dam Project.....	399	440	370	-70
Fryingpan-Arkansas Project.....	8,441	10,766	9,322	-1,444
Fryingpan-Arkansas Project—Arkansas Valley Conduit..	13,059	3,000	1,294	-1,706
General Planning Activities.....	5,575	1,286	1,026	-260
Grand Valley Project.....	565	645	691	+46
Grand Valley Unit, CRBSCP, Title II.....	2,011	1,636	2,700	+1,064
Hungry Horse Project.....	1,222	634	689	+55
Huntley Project.....	100	209	210	+1
Hyrum Project.....	390	481	480	-1
IWRS: Aamodt Indian Water Rights Settlement.....	40,000	0	0	0
IWRS: Navajo Gallup Water Supply.....	25,000	59,000	4,015	-54,985
Kendrick Project.....	5,147	10,262	7,042	-3,220
Klamath.....	35,342	31,524	30,119	-1,405
Lahontan Basin Project (Humbolt, Newlands, and Washoe Projects).....	11,488	13,114	12,442	-672
Lake Mead/Las Vegas Wash Program.....	598	598	605	+7
Lake Tahoe Regional Wetlands Development.....	115	0	0	0
Land Resources Management Program.....	24,696	10,258	16,706	+6,448
Leadville/Arkansas River Recovery Project.....	5,318	3,838	3,463	-375
Lewiston Orchards Project.....	5,419	1,390	232	-1,158
Lower Colorado River Operations Program.....	77,240	43,999	40,461	-3,538
Lower Rio Grande Water Conservation Project.....	1,000	10	5	-5
Lower Yellowstone Project.....	1,060	677	349	-328
Mancos Project.....	481	460	347	-113
McGee Creek Project.....	991	994	722	-272
Mid-Dakota Rural Water Project.....	9	2	0	-2
Middle Rio Grande Project.....	30,985	28,000	27,871	-129
Milk River Project.....	2,649	2,326	1,687	-639
Minidoka Area Projects.....	8,989	8,625	7,615	-1,010
Mirage Flats Project.....	138	107	124	+17
Miscellaneous Flood Control Operations.....	1,045	1,002	1,294	+292

APPROPRIATION: Water and Related Resources *(continued)*

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Moon Lake Project	219	162	162	0
Mountain Park Project	742	701	666	-35
Native American Affairs Program	29,542	13,000	13,000	0
Negotiation and Administration of Water Marketing	2,360	2,086	2,371	+285
Newton Project	207	290	200	-90
Norman Project	1,028	1,052	1,190	+138
North Platte Project	2,541	17,355	1,884	-15,471
Nueces River Project	1,028	1,116	675	-441
Ogden River Project	512	511	521	+10
Operation and Program Management	4,775	4,324	4,202	-122
Orland Project	891	750	943	+193
Paradox Valley Unit, CRBSCP, Title II	3,129	2,512	4,275	+1,763
Pine River Project	543	625	490	-135
Power Program Services	4,462	4,462	4,462	0
Preston Bench Project	43	68	40	-28
Provo River Project	2,747	2,088	2,088	0
P-SMBP, Ainsworth Unit	173	132	159	+27
P-SMBP, Almena Unit	519	505	413	-92
P-SMBP, Angostura Unit	956	968	878	-90
P-SMBP, Armel Unit	456	89	309	+220
P-SMBP, Belle Fourche Unit	1,748	1,740	1,714	-26
P-SMBP, Bostwick Unit	1,010	1,039	931	-108
P-SMBP, Boysen Unit	2,893	4,037	4,494	+457
P-SMBP, Buffalo Bill Unit	7,192	5,583	4,169	-1,414
P-SMBP, Canyon Ferry Unit	9,538	8,450	9,731	+1,281
P-SMBP, Cedar Bluff Unit	560	514	566	+52
P-SMBP, Dickinson Unit	707	677	556	-121
P-SMBP, East Bench Unit	1,039	903	1,061	+158
P-SMBP, Frenchman-Cambridge Unit	3,763	2,902	2,489	-413
P-SMBP, Garrison Diversion Unit (non-Rural Water)	10,995	8,914	8,930	+16
P-SMBP, Glen Elder Unit	1,641	1,378	1,097	-281
P-SMBP, Heart Butte Unit	1,763	1,664	1,102	-562
P-SMBP, Helena Valley Unit	305	382	439	+57
P-SMBP, Kansas River Area	159	1,484	159	-1,325
P-SMBP, Keyhole Unit	1,078	1,077	889	-188
P-SMBP, Kirwin Unit	517	512	636	+124
P-SMBP, Lower Marias Unit	2,833	2,403	2,336	-67
P-SMBP, Missouri Basin Unit	1,447	1,372	1,774	+402
P-SMBP, Narrows Unit	40	40	6	-34
P-SMBP, North Loup Unit	228	176	176	0
P-SMBP, North Platte Area Unit	9,353	9,791	10,064	+273
P-SMBP, Oahe Unit	84	10	10	0
P-SMBP, Owl Creek Unit	194	24	27	+3
P-SMBP, Rapid Valley Unit	323	362	340	-22
P-SMBP, Riverton Unit	724	754	747	-7
P-SMBP, Shadehill Unit	1,428	897	773	-124
P-SMBP, Webster Unit	566	797	742	-55
P-SMBP, Yellowtail Unit	10,678	8,180	10,906	+2,726
Public Access and Safety Program	2,259	1,937	1,998	+61
Rapid Valley Project	119	158	156	-2

APPROPRIATION: Water and Related Resources *(continued)*

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
RD: Desalination and Water Purification Program	7,018	6,763	6,763	0
RD: Science and Technology Program	26,547	11,012	11,012	0
Reclamation Law Administration	1,119	1,000	980	-20
Recreation and Fish and Wildlife Program Administration	7,504	6,106	6,188	+82
Rio Grande Project	9,535	10,585	9,922	-663
Rio Grande Pueblos	6,010	1,566	10	-1,556
Rogue River Basin Project, Talent Division	1,925	3,995	2,238	-1,757
RW: Eastern New Mexico Water Supply—Ute Reservoir ..	10,060	10,657	0	-10,657
RW: Jicarilla Apache Rural Water System	10	0	0	0
RW: Lewis and Clark Rural Water System	6,825	0	0	0
RW: Mni Wiconi Project	17,524	17,532	17,316	-216
RW: Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System	147	0	0	0
RW: P-SMBP, Garrison Diversion Unit (Rural Water)	24,948	14,308	14,037	-271
RW: Rocky Boys/North Central MT Rural Water System ...	8,946	0	0	0
Salt River Project	1,023	1,023	1,043	+20
Salton Sea Research Project	2,002	4,002	915	-3,087
San Angelo Project	759	706	646	-60
San Gabriel Restoration Fund	0	3,237	0	-3,237
San Luis Valley Project (Closed Basin Division)	3,568	3,500	3,375	-125
San Luis Valley Project (Conejos Division)	32	18	38	+20
Sanpete Project	92	107	50	-57
Santa Maria Project	10	10	20	+10
Scofield Project	415	479	379	-100
Shoshone Project	1,537	1,365	1,455	+90
Site Security Activities	27,600	27,000	27,000	0
Solano Project	4,513	903	921	+18
Strawberry Valley Project	589	666	738	+72
Sun River Project	698	850	888	+38
Transportation Construction Program	110	1,500	1,500	0
Tualatin Project	753	823	823	0
Tucumcari Project	150	60	75	+15
Umatilla Project	4,708	5,793	4,405	-1,388
Uncompahgre Project	1,146	1,265	1,505	+240
United States/Mexico Border Issues— Technical Support	70	80	80	0
Upper Colorado River Operations Program	8,260	8,260	7,508	-752
Ventura River Project	370	76	72	-4
W.C. Austin Project	793	808	1,362	+554
Washington Area Projects	1,397	1,576	1,694	+118
Washita Basin Project	1,496	1,495	1,275	-220
Water Conservation Field Service Program	2,452	2,452	0	-2,452
Weber Basin Project	4,084	4,238	3,796	-442
Weber River Project	323	413	250	-163
White Mountain Apache-W&RR	181,000	106,346	105,033	-1,313
Wichita Project (Cheney Division)	449	473	381	-92
Wichita Project (Equus Beds Division)	10	5	5	0
Workforce Efficiencies	20,000	0	0	0
WS: Basin Studies	15,017	0	0	0
WS: Cooperative Watershed Management	4,954	6,000	0	-6,000

APPROPRIATION: Water and Related Resources (continued)

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
WS: Drought Response and Comprehensive Drought Plans	30,009	5,000	0	-5,000
WS: Title XVI Program	4,006	12,500	0	-12,500
WS: WaterSMART Grants	33,690	15,000	0	-15,000
Yakima Project	14,681	15,799	14,163	-1,636
Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project	36,480	29,233	19,500	-9,733
Yuma Area Projects	23,788	23,788	21,659	-2,129
WIIN Sec. 4007—Water Storage	50,000	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL APPROPRIATION	1,710,806	1,465,630	1,112,000	-353,630
American Relief Act (P.L. 118–158)	74,464	0	0	0
Transfer to Aging Infrastructure Account (P.L. 118–158)	-46,534	0	0	0
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117–58)	1,660,000	1,660,000	0	-1,660,000
Transfer to Aging Infrastructure Account (P.L. 117–58)	-704,370	-735,371	0	+735,371
Transfer to Aging Infrastructure Account	-100	0	0	0
Transfer to Upper Colorado River Basin	-51,120	-23,899	-23,335	+564
Transfer to Lower Colorado River Basin Development Fund	-7,584	-7,679	-112,611	-104,932
Transfer to San Gabriel Restoration Fund	0	-3,237	0	+3,237
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	2,635,562	2,355,444	976,054	-1,379,390

Program Highlights

The 2027 budget includes funds for the following projects and programs.

Central Arizona Project

The FY 2027 budget continues to support activities in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to meet legal requirements under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), Section 7 biological opinion (BiOp) for the Gila River, including construction design, cost estimates, and construction of recharge and recovery facilities and Tribal water-firming activities. FY 2027 funds will also support recreation, land management, and oversight of the operation, maintenance, and replacement (OM&R) payments for delivery of Central Arizona Project water held under contracts for use by Arizona Tribes.

Central Valley Project (CVP)

The CVP delivers more than 7 million acre-feet of water for farms, homes, factories, and the environment; produces electric power; and provides flood protection, navigation, recreation, and water-quality benefits. The FY 2027 budget continues to fund facility operations, maintenance, and rehabilitation; numerous management and development efforts; and water conservation. Funding also provides for the Trinity River Restoration program and related activities. In addition, the budget includes funds to implement Executive Order 14181, *Emergency Measures to Provide Water Resources in California*, to improve water supply reliability in California.

Colorado-Big Thompson Project

The Colorado-Big Thompson project diverts approximately 260,000 acre-feet of water annually from the Colorado River headwaters on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains for distribution to eastern-slope project lands and associated communities. Funding is provided for project operations and continued coordination of activities associated with conservation, enhancement, development, and restoration of fish and wildlife populations and their habitats. Funds will also support maintenance of public use facilities, implementation of extraordinary maintenance activities, and improvements to water forecasting and planning to optimize the reliability and resilience of the available water supply.

Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program

Funds are provided for the operations, maintenance, and rehabilitation of completed projects in the Upper Colorado River Basin and a basinwide program to identify and implement cost-effective salinity control options on the basis of proposals from non-Federal interests. The FY 2027 budget will support salinity control projects in the Upper and Lower Colorado River Basins.

APPROPRIATION: Water and Related Resources *(continued)*

Colorado River Storage Project

The FY 2027 budget includes funds for the Federal share of costs for facility operations, maintenance, and rehabilitation, including the rehabilitation of recreation facilities at USBR-constructed reservoirs, and the implementation of drought-mitigation measures. The FY 2027 budget also includes funding for project administration, water reallocations and transfers, and National Environmental Policy Act compliance.

Columbia Basin Project

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)—through a memorandum of agreement—directly funds power operations and maintenance costs of the Grand Coulee project. In addition, BPA directly funds—through subagreements—major power replacements, additions, and improvements. Funds are provided for the day-to-day operation of two storage dams and reservoirs, three Grand Coulee power plants, one pump and generating plant, associated switchyards and transmission lines, the feeder canal at Grand Coulee, and the distribution canal systems for the irrigation-reserved works.

Columbia/Snake River Salmon Recovery Program

This program implements the actions required by the ESA 2020 Columbia River System Operations BiOp. This BiOp includes a multiagency suite of actions to protect listed species and requires extensive collaboration with States and Tribes in the Columbia River Basin. In addition to activities related to BiOps and other ESA compliance, the FY 2027 budget supports water conservation projects and maintenance of USBR recreation sites, facilities, and equipment.

Dam Safety Program

This program provides funding for the Safety Evaluation of Existing Dams (SEED) program, the Initiate Safety [of Dams] Corrective Actions (ISCA) program, and the Dam Safety program. The SEED program provides funding for routine and recurring risk management activities, including performance monitoring, examinations, field data investigations, and technical studies for dams in USBR's Dam Safety program. The ISCA program provides funding for the safety of dam modifications and includes project formulation, approval, preconstruction, and construction activities for USBR's dams that have identified safety issues. The FY 2027 budget will continue to focus on major rehabilitation efforts at B.F. Sisk (CA), Conconully (WA), and Fresno (MT) dams. The Dam Safety program provides funding for USBR to oversee and coordinate dam safety-related activities. The FY 2027 funding will continue dam safety risk management and risk reduction activities throughout USBR's inventory of high- and significant-hazard dams.

Endangered Species Act Recovery Implementation Program

This program provides for the development and implementation of measures for the preservation, conservation, and recovery of native and endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species residing in, or migratory to, habitats affected by the operation of USBR projects to increase water supply reliability. Ongoing efforts funded by this program involve the Colorado, San Juan, and Platte River Basins and watersheds in the Pacific Northwest. The FY 2027 budget supports the following activities: land protections, habitat restoration, surveys of winter flights and reproductive assessments, and field data collection on various endangered species.

Klamath Project

The Klamath Project consists of authorized projects and initiatives to improve water supplies to address the competing demands of agricultural, Tribal, wildlife refuge, and environmental needs in the Klamath River Basin, along with facilities operations and maintenance. Key areas of focus will increase surface water and groundwater supplies and continue improvements in fish passage and habitat, actions to improve water quality, and development of a basinwide species recovery plan. The FY 2027 budget continues to support operations management, flood control operations, water conservation, and water quality monitoring.

Leadville/Arkansas River Recovery Project

USBR's current activities focus on eliminating the presence of hazardous materials from existing abandoned mining infrastructure that cause environmental damage, harm the community, and risk public and worker safety. The FY 2027 budget includes funds for operation of the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Water Treatment Plant and hazardous waste compliance activities related to those operations.

Lower Colorado River Operations Program

This program funds the work needed to carry out the Secretary's responsibilities as Water Master of the Lower Colorado River, including administration of the Colorado River interim guidelines and reservoir management strategies during low-reservoir conditions. It also funds activities that examine water imbalance challenges and potential solutions to address those challenges. Funding supports efforts to conserve water in Lake Mead and address declining water elevations through implementing the provisions of the Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan. The program funds activities under the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program (MSCP) to provide long-term ESA compliance for Lower Colorado River operations for Federal and non-Federal purposes. The MSCP provides a cost-share benefit in which non-Federal partners match Federal funding on a 50:50 basis. The FY 2027 budget will focus on drought response actions, water contract administration, water accounting, fish augmentation and monitoring, and overall program management and administration.

APPROPRIATION: Water and Related Resources *(continued)*

Middle Rio Grande Project

The Middle Rio Grande Project consists of the operations, maintenance, and rehabilitation of project facilities; river maintenance; and efforts focused on the protection and recovery of the Rio Grande silvery minnow and southwestern willow flycatcher. Project partnerships, through the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program, provide an alternative to litigation and preserve, protect, and improve the status of endangered species. River maintenance directly benefits water salvage and effective water delivery to Elephant Butte Reservoir, nine Tribes and Pueblos along the river, and a national wildlife refuge. It also reduces flood risks and protects life, critical riverside facilities, and property. The FY 2027 budget supports fish and wildlife management, oversight and coordination of water operations and delivery, water rights monitoring, water management optimization and modeling, and protection of irrigation infrastructure.

Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program

The FY 2027 budget provides funds for the Federal share of the cost of operations, maintenance, and rehabilitation of facilities on 32 units of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program. Funds support operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of USBR facilities associated with the program; water supplies and irrigation; hydropower generation and flood control; and other authorized project purposes across the Missouri River Basin.

Research and Development: Desalination and Water Purification; Science and Technology Programs

Funds will continue to support the development of new solutions and technologies to meet USBR's mission-related needs, providing for innovative management, development, and protection of water and related resources. Funds will also support desalination research. The program supports competitive, merit-based research, development, and demonstration efforts on a cost-share basis. Funding will also focus on the continued operation of the Brackish Groundwater National Desalination Research Facility.

Rural Water Program

The FY 2027 budget includes funding for the ongoing operations and maintenance of the Garrison Diversion Unit and the Mni Wiconi Project, authorized rural water projects that deliver potable water supplies to these rural communities.

Site Security

Funds are provided to continue USBR's ongoing site security efforts, including physical security upgrades at high-risk critical assets, law enforcement, risk and threat analysis, personnel security, information security, security risk assessments, security-related studies, guards, and patrol of facilities. Funding will support information sharing and law enforcement liaison programs as well as security upgrades recommended by the security risk assessment.

Yakima Project/Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project

Funds support the operations and maintenance of existing facilities to increase the reliability of the irrigation water supply. Funds also support activities enhancing streamflows and fish passage for anadromous fish in the Yakima River Basin, including investigating water supply alternatives at existing reservoirs and constructing the Cle Elum Dam Fish Passage. Funds will also support water and land acquisition, restoration and enhancement efforts, and irrigation grants.

Yuma Area Projects

Funding supports infrastructure maintenance along the Lower Colorado River to ensure reliable water delivery to urban and agricultural users in Arizona, California, Nevada, and Mexico. Funding also supports river management, well inventory and drainage control, environmental compliance actions, and land-use management activities. Funding also supports facility operations, including compliance with Federal and State regulations, sediment control along the river to ensure efficient water delivery, and maintenance of heavy equipment used at project facilities.

Other Projects and Programs

The budget includes funds to carry out the mission of USBR throughout the 17 Western States through numerous smaller projects and programs. Although each of those projects may constitute a relatively small portion of USBR's budget, each provides critical services to thousands of individuals, farmers, municipalities, and industries throughout the arid West.

APPROPRIATION: Central Valley Project Restoration Fund

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Miscellaneous Project Programs—Habitat	22,941	24,291	22,779	-1,512
Miscellaneous Project Programs—Management	37,579	37,579	40,672	+3,093
San Joaquin River Restoration Program	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Trinity River Division	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	64,020	65,370	66,951	+1,581

APPROPRIATION: California Bay-Delta Ecosystem Restoration

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project	1,500	1,500	1,455	-45
Bay Delta Conservation Plan	250	250	242	-8
CALFED Science Activities (Pelagic Organism Decline)	8,150	6,250	7,030	+780
Water Conservation Projects	2,250	2,250	2,182	-68
Federal Science Task Force Studies	4,000	4,000	3,879	-121
Interagency Ecological Program	6,000	6,000	5,818	-182
Program Management, Oversight, and Coordination	1,700	2,600	2,521	-79
Program to Meet Standards	750	750	727	-23
San Joaquin River Salinity Management	1,000	1,000	970	-30
Yolo Bypass Improvements	7,400	7,400	7,176	-224
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	33,000	32,000	32,000	0

APPROPRIATION: Aging Infrastructure Account

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Transfer from Water and Related Resources (P.L. 118–158)	46,534	0	0	0
Transfer from Water and Related Resources (P.L. 117–58)	704,370	735,371	0	-735,371
Transfer from Water and Related Resources	100	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	751,004	735,371	0	-735,371

APPROPRIATION: Policy and Administration

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	66,794	64,000	64,000	0

APPROPRIATION: San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Transfer from Water and Related Resources	0	3,237	0	-3,237
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	0	3,237	0	-3,237

APPROPRIATION: Lower Colorado River Basin Development Fund

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Transfer from Water and Related Resources	7,584	7,679	112,611	+104,932
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	7,584	7,679	112,611	+104,932

APPROPRIATION: Upper Colorado River Basin Fund

	2025 Actual	2026 Enacted	2027 Request	Change
Transfer from Water and Related Resources	51,120	23,899	23,335	-564
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	51,120	23,899	23,335	-564

