

I. Project Title: Colorado Program Management

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III. Project Summary:

Purpose: CDOW and CWCB provide program management support through administration of aquatic wildlife and water resource management and technical studies concerning Colorado as identified in the RIPRAP. This and the broader involvement in the implementation of the Recovery Program action plan occurs through participation and preparation of specific task materials for Implementation, Management, Biology, and Water Acquisition Committees. Significant activities include the development of interagency agreements, scopes of work, and reports, as well as integration of program research results and other new information for effective planning, guidance, status reviews, and issue resolution within the Program.

Progress: Program management tasks performed by CDOW and CWCB met all expectations for the most part. Colorado participation in key Recovery Program projects and issues was adequately coordinated with Program participants as necessary.

IV. Study Schedule: Initial Year: 1988; Final Year: 2003

V. Relationship to RIPRAP:

General Recovery Program Support Action Plan

VII. Provide Program planning and support (Program Management)

A. Determine actions required for recovery

3. Update, refine, and prioritize recovery actions (RIPRAP) annually.

5. Monitor and assess Recovery Program accomplishments annually.

6. Develop annual work plan to address priority needs.

B. Actively participate in Recovery Program committees and secure funding for Annual work plan.

C. Manage, direct, and coordinate Recovery Program activities.

1. Review Information and Education program (Management Committee).

VI. Accomplishment of FY 99 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:

- A. Prepare for, and attend all Management, Biology, and Water Acquisition Committee meetings, and conference calls, and Implementation Committee meetings as necessary; (***Participated in all meetings***)
- B. Review and revise the Recovery Action Plan annually; (***Done 4-1-99***)
- C. Review proposed new scopes of work, revised ongoing scopes of work and recommend revisions to the Annual Work Plan. (***Done 5-30-99***)
- D. Review draft final Program technical reports, strategic plans, studies, and incorporate recommendations into Program guidance and implementation. (***Done-see Program final reports list for 1999,Flaming Gorge Flow Recommendations report pending; Recovery Goals pending***)
- E. Coordinate documentation for transfer of funds to CDOW for RIP-sanctioned work (i.e. Section 6, BuRec contract, and state-match) (***Done***)
- F. Coordinate RIP-sanctioned field activities to conform with State scientific collection permit requirements; (***Done***)
- G. Attend annual Colorado River Research Review meeting; (***Not done; shortcoming-time conflict***)
- H. Coordinate among CDOW, CWCB, and Department of Natural Resources staff to identify issues, define positions, solicit input on Recovery Program actions; (***Done-Colorado River PBO, Yampa River PBO***)
- I. Cooperate with and/or develop Memoranda of Understanding or Agreement as appropriate for provision of water for benefit of the endangered fish; (***Done-Steamboat Lake Agreement, Ruedi Reservoir MOA, participation in Colorado River PBO***)
- J. Coordinate as necessary with Attorney General's Office, Colorado DNR Divisions, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, water user groups, environmental groups and other interested parties; (***Done-including Fish Health Board; nonnative fish stocking regulations***)
- K. Prepare scopes of work as required on various subjects, annual reports and all associated revisions; (***Done-4,70,71,71a,87b,CAP-18,CAP-25,98***)
- L. Respond to various requests and correspondence from Recovery Program participants and other private entities regarding the endangered fish and instream flow appropriations in Colorado; (***Ongoing- Follow-up on CWCB's withdrawal of 1995 15 Mile Reach ISF filings through participation on the Colorado River PBO, numerous meetings with State of Colorado and other Recovery Program members, efforts by CDOW to develop new strategies for determination of ISF requirements for endangered fish, participation in annual Coordinated Reservoirs Operations, HUP Managing Entities efforts, as well as participation and administration of the Coordinated Facilities Operations Study.***)

