



Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program

Agenda Dated: May 5, 2014

May 5, 2014, Management Committee Webinar Draft Agenda

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Meeting Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME. Angela will start the web portion of the meeting by 12:45 p.m. so that everyone can get connected and work through any technical difficulties before the 1:00 p.m. start time.

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CONVENE: 1:00 p.m.

1. Introductions, review/modify agenda and time allocations, and appoint a timekeeper (5 min).
2. Approve March 20, 2014, revised draft meeting summary (All, 5 min) – *No comments have been received to date on the summary posted to the fws-coloriver listserv by Angela Kantola on March 24, 2014.*
3. Multi-species recovery plan proposal (Chart, all, 45 min) *The Committee will receive an update on the Colorado pikeminnow and humpback chub recovery plans and resume their discussion from March 20 (Committee members are asked to please review item 6 in the March 20 webinar summary, attached to the e-mail with this agenda). No comments on that discussion or the proposal have been submitted/circulated since the March 20 webinar.*

BREAK (10 min)

4. Draft letter inviting the States' oil and gas division chiefs to meet with the Program Director's Office and Service staff to discuss a strategy that would address risks associated with development in or in close proximity to endangered fish critical habitat (included in e-mail with this agenda) (Chart, McAbee, 20 min) – *On April 21, Tom Chart e-mailed the Management Committee a revised draft letter modified to serve as an invitation to the States to discuss the issue. Tom asked Committee members to coordinate with their Implementation Committee representative before May 5. If the Management Committee approves the letter as revised, Tom Chart will seek Implementation Committee e-mail approval and the letter will ultimately be signed by the Implementation Committee chair.*
5. Reports from Washington, D.C. trip (Maddux, Pitts, McCarthy, 15 min) – *The Committee will hear reports*

on the trip and discuss any needed follow-up actions.

6. Review previous meeting assignments (Kantola, all, 5 min) – *See Attachment 1.*
7. Schedule next meeting, webinar, or conference call (All, 10 min) – *Angela Kantola still needs to draft a schedule for consideration and send a Doodle poll to schedule both the next Management Committee webinar and face-to-face meeting; however, the Committee may wish to: 1) schedule a webinar in mid-June to review and comment on a draft sufficient progress memo (to be provided to the Committee in May); and 2) tentatively schedule a face-to-face meeting in the first half of August.*

ADJOURN: by 3:00 p.m.

Attachment 1 Previous Meeting Assignments

1. **Tom Pitts** will work with **Clayton Palmer and Brent Uilenberg** and provide a list of additional Program contributions to be added to the Program's budget pie chart that appears in each year's briefing book. *In process.* For the 2012 & 2013 *Program Highlights*, we used the \$37.4M annualized estimate. **Western** contracted with Argonne to model and report actual Flaming Gorge power replacement costs going back to 2001. Subsequently, **Western** will provide annual power replacement cost for the previous year each January for inclusion in the *Program Highlights* pie charts. Those pie charts will include a footnote explaining the calculation and assumptions. **Program participants** will identify other significant costs that have not previously reported (e.g., the Granby component of 10,825 which is estimated at \$16M, \$1.25M contributed by Colorado for GVWM and \$1.5M for OMID, CRWCD contributed property for OMID, etc.) *(done)*. **Tom Chart** will ask **Dave Campbell** to work with the SJCC to determine their additional costs not currently reported. *A Cost Subcommittee was established and met several times via conference call to review the proposal for and results of the power replacement costs analysis. 1/29/14: Water user and Colorado additional costs added and documented in Kantola's Briefing Book Pie Chart Data spreadsheet. Power revenue replacement costs "placeholder" from previous years retained until Argonne report finalized and approved (currently in revision). 3/20: Tom Pitts said that a few adjustments on water user contributions will need to be made, but seem to have the totals and process for updating pretty much squared away.*
2. **Michelle Garrison** will discuss with Ted Kowalski (and get back to Brent or Bob Norman) on the proposal of having the Programs ask the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to obligate \$200K of Colorado's San Juan NFWF funds by putting an "Upper Basin" label on them and then invoicing against that \$200K for Upper Colorado NFWF capital expenditures (e.g., Tusher \$40K and others) in the future. **Michelle** will discuss with Brent and Ted *(done)*. *3/20 - The New Mexico agreement expired and NM is working on renewing, after which this could move forward.*
3. ***Committee members** will provide comments on the draft energy development letter by February 28. *3/20 – Will discuss on next webinar May 5, 2013. Committee members should submit additional comments two weeks in advance (Leslie James plans to submit comments).*
4. **Patrick McCarthy and Robert Wigington** will provide edits for clarity/brevity on the RIPRAP text (based on Tom Pitts' comments) and get that to **>Angela Kantola** to distribute for a round of Management Committee e-mail discussion and then subsequent approval via e-mail. Angela Kantola will incorporate these and other text changes, make any changes needed to the tables, and send the package back to the Committee in track changes for final round of comment/approval. *Done; RIPRAP approved and pending posting to fws-coloriver listserv.*
5. **Angela Kantola** will send out a revised version of the annual depletion charge budget adjustment update (Attachment 3) in October when Reclamation's FY15 contribution is known. *Pending in October.*
6. **Kevin McAbee and Colorado Parks & Wildlife** will draft an action plan for smallmouth bass control in Ridgway, including all the options and contingencies.
7. **Angela Kantola** will draft a schedule for consideration and send a Doodle poll to schedule both the next Management Committee webinar and face-to-face meeting. Suggestions are welcome from **Management Committee members** as to future venue(s) for an August face-to-face meeting, which was held for many years previous in Cheyenne.