

- I. Project Title: Reclamation Program Management
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- III. Project Summary: The purpose of this project is to provide Reclamation participation in Recovery Program management.
- IV. Study Schedule: Ongoing
- V. Relationship to RIPRAP: General Recovery Program Support Action Plan, Provide Program Planning and Support (Program Management), Task No. VII
- VI. Accomplishment of FY 2008: Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings: Program management funds are used to provide Reclamation participation in general Recovery Program activities not covered by specific scopes of work. Examples of these types of activities include administration of project funding agreements, work planning, monitoring project progress and performance, and other general program management and administration.

Task 1: Work with Recovery Program participants to coordinate work plans.

Task 1 Accomplishments, Discussion, and Shortcomings: Reclamation was able to participate in Biology Committee-related functions related to review and approval of work plans (FY 08 and 09), RIPRAP, final reports, nonnative fish synthesis reports, and issue papers pursuant to Task 1. We provided assistance on the Non-native Fish Subcommittee, Green River flow recommendations, and the Yampa River Nonnative Fish Management Plan. We coordinated with Recovery Program biologists to collect, organize and interpret temperature data from the 2006 base-flow period in the Green

and Yampa rivers. We participated in the Flaming Gorge Technical working group and functioned as a liaison between the Recovery Program and Reclamation managers in implementing the 2006 ROD. We worked with Recovery Program personnel to develop an RFP for evaluation of nonnative fish removal efforts which will be released in early calendar year 2009. We provided technical reviews of many Recovery Program technical documents and projects (pursuant to federal requirements for cooperative agreement monitoring) and assisted in development of an agenda for the Colorado River Symposium (11/17 – 11/20 in Scottsdale, AZ).

Task 2: Administer funding for Recovery Program projects.

Task 2 Accomplishments, Discussion, and Shortcomings: Recovery Program projects in FY08 required us to create or modify approximately 60 funding agreements between cooperators and Reclamation pursuant to Task 2. Working with Recovery Program personnel, we were able to submit most agreement modification requests by May 2006 and funding was in place before the close of the fiscal year. Additionally, about 30 expiring agreements required initiation of close-out procedures and establishment of new agreements to take their place, a process which will continue through FY 2009. Approximately \$109,000 in unliquidated obligations was deobligated from FWS agreements for Recovery Program use in 2008.

Each agreement required multi-faceted administrative maintenance, including requests for Federal assistance for Recovery Program-approved projects, communication with Recovery Program Director's office on funding issues, review and approval of project budgets, requests for obligations to cover funding agreements, agreement or contract awards, maintenance of agreement and contract filing systems (including agreement instruments, invoices, and accruals), tracking of budgets, review and approval of invoices, performance of periodic site visits to monitor project performance, filing of advanced procurement reports, tracking project performance and status of deliverables, filing recipient performance reports, answering agreement inquiries from auditors, and other related tasks.

FY 2008 was the first year where full-time Acquisitions Management Division assistance was in place to cover task 2. So far this assistance has facilitated more timely awards and more complete project financial tracking, accrual reporting, and invoice payment. There was a cost overrun realized this year, and requests have been made for additional support to prevent such overruns in FY09 and out-years. We will continue to reassess budget requests and program management expenditures, especially near the close of each fiscal year.

- VII. Recommendations: Continue this project at FY 2008 staffing levels; revise budget accordingly.
- VIII. Project Status: Ongoing
- IX. FY 2008 Budget Status

- A. Funds Provided: \$150,000
- B. Funds Expended as of September 30, 2007: \$174,062.
- C. Difference: - \$24,062 (covered by remaining UCRIP basin funds)
- D. Percent of the FY 2008 work completed, and projected costs to complete: 100%
- E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: \$0

X. Status of Data Submission (Where applicable): Not Applicable

Signed:

Date

/s/ Dave Speas
Principal Investigator

December 22, 2008
Date