

COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM
FY 2008 ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT

RECOVERY PROGRAM
PROJECT NUMBER: C-21

- I. Project Title: Capital Projects Coordination
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- III. Project Summary: Manage and implement capital projects associated with the Upper Colorado River Recovery Program. Work includes preparation of preliminary cost estimates; developing and revising schedules and budgets; developing budget requests for appropriated funds; responding to agency, departmental, OMB and Congressional requests for supporting budget information; allocating costs between appropriated, power revenue and state funds; coordinating with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in the collection and expenditure of state funds; developing and managing contracts and agreements; and resolving issues and disputes associated with implementation of capital projects.
- IV. Study Schedule: Ongoing throughout authorized period of performance for capital projects.
- V. Relationship to RIPRAP: General Recovery Program Support Action Plan: VII. Provide Program Planning and Support (Program Management)
- VI. Accomplishment of FY 2008 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings: Major FY 2008 accomplishments included: 1) Initiated negotiation of amendment to the Elkhead Reservoir Enlargement Agreement. Draft contract has been prepared and is under review in the Department of Interior Solicitors Office. 2) Modified cooperative agreement with the Colorado River Water Conservation District providing for payment of the Elkhead Reservoir Enlargement, fish screen and annual O&M payments. The District has been reimbursed for the reservoir enlargement and fish screen. 3) Participated in the Town of Palisade White Water Park proposal 404 Application process. Status ongoing. 4) Facilitated review of the Secretarial Report to Congress required by P.L. 106-392. Report is undergoing review in OMB. 5) Provided information in response to GAO audit and facility site review. Draft audit report due spring 2009. 6) Prepared FY 2011 budget request and prepared responses to FY 2009 and FY 2010 Congressional budget inquiries. 7) Executed Grand Valley Project Fish Screen and Fish Passage O&M contract. Fish Screen operation was initiated in September 2008. 8) Participated in 10825 process. As part of this effort a canal automation project was developed for the Orchard Mesa Irrigation District to provide a portion of the 10,825

acre-feet of water required by the 15-Mile Reach PBO. 9) Participated in the Tusher Wash Division Dam rehabilitation evaluation being conducted by the Green River Canal Company and State of Utah. 11) Installation of miscellaneous equipment and trouble shooting technical problems associated with the Grand Valley Project Fish Screen, Grand Valley Irrigation Company Fish Screen, Redlands Water and Power Company Fish Screen and Grand Valley Water Management facilities. A SCADA contractor has been retained by the Grand Valley Water Users to assume this role in future years. Anticipate declining Reclamation role. 12) Transferred title for the Redlands Water and Power Company Fish Screen and Fish Passage to the Company. 13) Coordinated efforts with Reclamation's Water 2025 Program, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Uinta Ute Tribe and Fish and Wildlife Service to continue implementation of the Myton Diversion Dam. 14) Consulted with Department of Interior Solicitors Office on cost ceiling indexing issues. Resolution expected in early FY 2009. 15) Continued participation in Green Mountain Reservoir Historic User Pool weekly meetings and Coordinated Reservoir Operation process to manage Colorado River flow regimes to benefit fish habitat. 16) Participated in discussions/resolution of Gunnison basin selenium issues. 17) Assisted in the Price-Stubb/Grand Valley Capital Projects dedication ceremony. 18) Conducted Congressional staff tour of Grand Valley Capital Projects.

VII. Recommendations: Elkhead Reservoir Enlargement Agreement needs to be executed in FY 2009. Grand Valley Water Management facilities and Grand Valley Project Fish Screen and Fish Passage need to be transferred to the Grand Valley Water Users Association. The Tusher Wash Diversion Dam Fish Screen design, NEPA compliance, 404 Permit, Cultural Resource compliance and O&M contract process need to proceed in preparation for construction contract award. Specific award date dependent on progress on extension of authorizing legislation.

VIII. Project Status: On tack and ongoing.

IX. FY 2008 Budget Status

- A. Funds Provided: \$400,000
- B. Funds Expended: \$137,814
- C. Difference: \$262,186
- D. Percent of the FY 2008 work completed, and projected costs to complete: NA Ongoing
- E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: NA

X. Status of Data Submission (Where applicable): NA

XI. Signed: Brent R. Uilenberg November 19, 2008
Principal Investigator Date
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APPENDIX: [More comprehensive/final project reports (NOT to be used in place of a complete

annual report. If distributed previously, simply reference the document or report.]