

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Conference Call Summary
July 8, 2005

Participants: Mark Hadley, Justyn Hock, Debbie Felker, Barb Perkins, Angela Kantola, Betsy Blakeslee, Peter Roessmann, Randy Hampton, and Kara Lamb

> Action items.

1. Peter Roessmann - Mark Hadley thanked Peter for his contributions to the Committee (Peter is leaving the River District). Jim Pokrandt from the Summit Daily News will be taking Peter's place at the District, and probably eventually on the Committee.
2. Review of Draft FY 06-07 Work Plan -
 - 12 Debbie said public involvement issues expected in FY 06-07 likely will be nonnative fish, the Aspinall EIS process, and the potential opening of a whitewater park in association with the Price-Stubb fish passage (probably in FY 07). The scope of work includes funds for a new brochure, which we've put off for a number of years (but for which we've received numerous requests). Angela noted that we may have ~\$10K FY 05 carry-over from this project, so we may reduce the FY 06 funding request by \$10K (this will be reflected in budget spreadsheet, but the scope of work doesn't need to be revised). Betsy has an aquarium they can't use due to their water quality problems, but Debbie plans to use it in Vernal.
 - 12B Justyn outlined changes, noting that the Redlands and Grand Valley fish screens are to be completed in August, but Price-Stubb fish passage and the Aspinall EIS are anticipated upcoming issues. This scope of work was formerly funded at \$30K, but has been reduced to \$10K.
 - 12C Kara said the scope of work for coordinated reservoir operations has not changed much; once again, it was judged that there wasn't enough water to implement coordinated reservoir operations in 2005 since so many of the reservoirs were low. Hopefully next year will be better. (Funds are only expended when coordinated reservoir operations are conducted.)

- 12H Interpretive exhibits - Debbie outlined activities for 2006, including: interpretive signs at the Audubon site, Taylor Draw Dam, and Unawep Charolais Ranch; and aquariums at Colorado River State Park, Carl Hayden Visitor Center at Glen Canyon Dam in Page, and the new Vernal Field House Museum. Randy noted that CDOW is working on an interpretive exhibit at another location at Taylor Draw, so there may be some opportunities to share funding, etc. Activities for 2007 would include: interpretive signs at confluence park in Delta, boat launch sites in Moab, at the expanded Elkhead Reservoir, and the Jensen, Utah, Visitor Center. The Committee was pleased with these proposals.
- 12I No Program funding is provided; but Reclamation conducts an annual meeting on Ruedi releases and provides e-mail notification on release changes. At this year's annual meeting, Reclamation was able to address topics regular attendees had expressed interest in and seems to have created a precedent for how those meetings will be conducted in the future.
- 12J Peter Roessmann gave an update on the interactive map. The Southwest Data Center approach hasn't worked out, but the River District is contracting with someone from Reclamation in Utah who's been working on a cooperative map with the Colorado River Water User's Association. Peter said we still need some information and photos from Debbie to complete the data layers. We'll probably have remaining funding to expand on the project.
- 12L The nonnative fish scope of work includes funds to announce public meetings, should those be needed. Also included is funding for educational materials such as the bookmark-size laminated information card, and laminated fact sheets and posters. Debbie said she heard anglers catching translocated fish in the Loudy-Simpson ponds are mostly throwing the tags away because there is no place to deposit them. >Betsy will talk to the City of Craig about this and ask Tom Nesler or Bill deVergie (from CDOW's Meeker office) about getting a drop box. The group discussed the possibility of providing information (pictures, etc.) on the nonnative fish which also would encourage folks not to move these fish back to the river or anywhere else, but Randy cautioned that this also could give people ideas *to* move fish. Randy said he would take a look when he visits the translocation pond areas to see what might be most useful.

Adjourn 10:00 a.m.