

**CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY**  
**Colorado River Management Committee, Denver, Colorado**  
**February 19, 2002**

Participants: See Attachment 1

Assignments are highlighted in the text and listed at the end of the summary.

CONVENE - 10:00 a.m.

1. Review/modify agenda and time allocations and appoint a time-keeper - The agenda was modified as it appears below.
2. Approve January 23, 2002 meeting summary - Minor modifications were made to the summary, but not all members received the draft, so it will be approved at the next meeting.
3. Recovery Program updates
  - a. Development of responses to review comments and final drafting of the Recovery Goals - No change in status, draft response to comments to Regional Director in mid to late March. Bob said at this time he doesn't anticipate any major revisions to the recovery goals.
  - b. Report on the Nonnative Fish Control Workshop (2/13-14 in Grand Junction) - Bob Muth reported the workshop went very well. Data from ongoing and past studies were reviewed and the group reached conclusions on how to modify current nonnative fish control efforts. >Bob Muth will send recommendations to the Biology and Management committees by Thursday, Feb. 21. The Program's cyprinid removal efforts have not been effective, so we will likely drop this mechanical removal work. Pond reclamation has also been largely unsuccessful (ponds are reinvaded through drainage canals almost immediately). Instead of reclaiming these ponds, we will recommend focusing on a few key pond complexes and screening pond or drainage canal outlets. Changes will need to be made to the Nonnative Fish Stocking Procedures.
  - c. Population Estimates - Bob Muth said they've developed a list of recommendations for modifying population estimate work and those will be sent out Thursday, as well.
  - d. Alternate location for Program listserv - The Service is in a re-certification process and so their connection to the Internet continues to be delayed. WAPA doesn't have listserver software capability, so it would take awhile before they could host an alternate listserver. John Reber said that NPS is still checking to see if they could be of assistance and Skip said that John Wulschlager said they may be able to host the listserver. >Angela Kantola will provide a list of subscribers (including BOR and FWS personnel with home e-mail addresses they want to subscribe) to John Shields and Ellen Szczesny (Angela will be out of the

office from Feb. 22 through March 15. Ellen can be contacted regarding the the listserver and it's subscribers during that time.)

- e. Bluestone Ditch - Brent said the ditch owners are interested in a carriage contract, and he has prepared a draft that's being reviewed by Solicitor's office. Brent discussed potential costs of installing a pump station versus using a carriage contract. Committee members discussed the costs and possible alternatives and authorized Brent to negotiate a contract and come back to the Committee for final approval.
4. Status of FY 2002 Annual Funds - Brent Uilenberg proposed using capital funds in FY 2002 to cover the FY2002 power revenues budget shortfall (~\$600,000). This would slightly imbalance the 2-year budget equalization required in the legislation, but it could be put back in balance in 2003. The Program Director's office has \$300,000 of carry-over funds which will reduce the shortfall to \$300,000. Of this amount, \$235,000 needs to be resolved by the San Juan River program, so we only have a \$65,000 shortfall to address, >Brent Uilenberg will contact Shirley Mondy about this. >Tom Chart will modify Reclamation's new interagency agreement with the Program Director's office, reducing the FY 2002 amount by \$300,000. This will free up funds to honor most of the other FY 2002 contracts. >The Program Director's office and Reclamation will develop a proposal for resolving the remaining \$65,000 shortfall in the Upper Basin Program. >Angela Kantola will send Tony Morton a revised FY 2003 work plan budget and draft FY 2004 budget break out that maximizes the power revenues as identified in the long-term funding legislation. The Management Committee will be updated on this at their next meeting.
  5. Arrangements for March meeting of the Implementation Committee and agenda - The meeting is canceled for lack of need. >Management Committee members will inform their Implementation Committee members. The Management Committee will consider scheduling an Implementation Committee conference call after the Washington, D.C. briefing trip. Previously scheduled agenda items and how they will now be addressed are shown below:
    - a. Approval of October 17, 2001 meeting summary - *At September 2002 meeting.*
    - b. Potential FY 02 budget shortfall - *Being addressed by Management Committee.*
    - c. Floodplain restoration program - *Being addressed by Management Committee.*
    - d. Recovery Program and fish status update - *Will be sent to the Implementation Committee on schedule.*
    - e. Recovery goals update - *Underway, but nothing significant to report to the I.C.*
    - f. DELETE: Review/approval of recommended RIPRAP revisions - *Do by Management Committee proxy or conference call. Program Director's recommendations will be sent to the Management Committee by the end of February.*
    - g. DELETE: Review/approval of recommended of FY 2003 Program Guidance - *Do by Management Committee proxy or conference call. Recommended changes to the FY 2003 work plan (modifications to existing work, recommended new starts) will be forthcoming from the Program Director's office as a result of the*

*recent workshops on population monitoring and nonnative fish control and as a result of the evaluation of the floodplain restoration program.*

- h. Update on Congressional briefing trip - *A summary will be provided after the trip.*
  - i. Scheduling the September 2002 Implementation Committee meeting - *Dates will be recommended in the mailing to the I.C.*
6. DCBriefing Trip - The Committee briefly discussed status of letters of support from non-Federal participants (to be done before leaving on the trip) and the status of scheduling briefing meetings and remaining work to be done. Management Committee members endorsed John Shields' idea of the Congressional luncheon briefing.
  7. Follow-up Discussion on Floodplain Habitat Restoration Program Umbrella Work Plan (continue discussion from 1/23 meeting) - *Deferred.*
  8. Schedule next meeting - >John Shields will fax/e-mail Committee members and propose meeting on April 26 in Salt Lake City. The Committee also may need another conference call before the D.C. briefing trip.

ADJOURN: 12:00 p.m.

## ASSIGNMENTS

Bob Muth will send recommendations from the nonnative fish control and population estimate workshops to the Biology and Management committees by Thursday, Feb. 21.

Angela Kantola will provide a list of fws-coloriver listserver subscribers (including BOR and FWS personnel with home e-mail addresses they want to subscribe) to John Shields and Ellen Szczesny.

Brent Uilenberg will contact Shirley Mondy about the San Juan Program's FY 2002 budget shortfall.

Tom Chart will modify Reclamation's new interagency agreement with the Program Director's office, reducing the FY 2002 amount by \$300,000. This will free up funds to honor most of the other FY 2002 contracts.

The Program Director's office and Reclamation will develop a proposal for resolving the remaining \$65,000 shortfall in the Upper Basin Program.

Angela Kantola will send Tony Morton a revised FY 2003 work plan budget and draft FY 2004 budget break out that maximizes the power revenues as identified in the long-term funding legislation.

Management Committee members will inform their Implementation Committee members that the March 5 meeting is canceled.

John Shields will fax/e-mail Management Committee members and propose meeting on April 26 in Salt Lake City.

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Management Committee Voting Members:

Brent Uilenberg & Tony Morton	Bureau of Reclamation
Tom Blickensderfer	State of Colorado
Sherman Hoskins & Robert King	Utah Department Of Natural Resources
Tom Pitts	Upper Basin Water Users
John Shields	State of Wyoming
Shane Collins	Western Area Power Administration
Bob McCue	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Leslie James for Dave Mazour	Colorado River Energy Distributors Association
John Reber and Skip Ladd	National Park Service
Tom Iseman	The Nature Conservancy

Nonvoting Member:

Bob Muth	Recovery Program Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Recovery Program Staff:

Angela Kantola	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Others:

Bob Norman	Bureau of Reclamation
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