

MEMORANDUM

TO: Management Committee & interested Parties

FROM: George Smith Chairman: Water Acquisition Committee

SUBJECT: WAC Comments on the 2002 Program Guidance and Proposed RIPRAP Changes.

The Water Acquisition Committee met Via conference call on February 15 and reviewed the draft RIPRAP revisions and FY 2002 Program Guidance. WAC comments and proposed changes are summarized below.

Comments on Proposed RIPRAP Revisions

Page, Item Comment

20, ID1	Defer tributary workshop until 2002.
24, IA3e	Add item to reevaluate Flaming Gorge operations pending settlement of Federal reserved water right for Dinosaur National Monument and Canyonlands National Park. BR/Utah/NPS. 2005.
24, ID	>PD's office will consider adding details on the uncertainties which need to be resolved.
31, IA3a...d	I.A.3. Provide depletion accounting report as outlined in the 15-Mile Reach PBO.
	I.A.3.a. Collect data (FY 02 through FY 06 and out year)
	I.A.3.b. Develop consumptive use and losses report with CRDSS model to verify level of depletions (CWCB) (12/31/05)
	I.A.3.c. Calculate new depletions every five years (2011, 2016,etc.) (out years).
36, IA1c-e	Move Aspinall draft biological opinion, draft NEPA, and final opinion and NEPA out one year to 2003
39, IA	"Who" should be "PD" for now.

Comments on Draft RIPRAP Assessment

>*, IA5b Add language “Water currently being delivered on a year-by-year basis.” (Long-term lease of 10,825 from Ruedi Reservoir.)

Comments on Draft FY 2002 Program Guidance

>Bob Norman will talk with Colorado and >Tom Pitts will talk to the River District about transferring power revenues to Colorado so we can continue to cost-share gage operations and maintenance (Project #8) with USGS.

Other Items Identified and Discussed

CWCB staff suggested including a contingency category in the annual recovery work plan to address physical monitoring needs which are unforeseen. For example, if flows are high and flooding is causing problem it might be advantageous to have funding to facilitate collecting data and aerial photos. The Program Director's staff responded that there sufficient flexibility in the annual budget to address these situation on a ad hoc basis and not tie up Program funding each year.

The WAC identified the need to address the extension of the Program's Cooperative Agreement. John Shields will take the lead in getting the issue out for discussion by posting the draft summary from the Recovery Implementation Committee' August 30, 1999, meeting and the draft agreement.

The CWCB raised the issue of which Service flow recommendations have priority when the recommendations are in conflict. The Program Director's staff noted the issue and plans to address it at the upcoming Biology Committee meeting.