

Water Acquisition Committee
DRAFT Meeting Summary
July 12, 2001

The Water Acquisition Committee met via conference call on July 12 to review and comment on 2001 Proposed Scopes of Work. Present on the call were George Smith, Chairman; Bob Norman, Vice Chairman; Tom Pitts; Angela Kantola; Gerry Roehm; Ray Tenney; Michelle Garrison; Brent Uilenberg and a new member Ron Steinbach representing Western.

1. The Committee (WAC) discussed the merits of getting actively involved in Gunnison River issues relating to the FWS flow filings and the National Park Service water right filings. The consensus was that most of the WAC members are actively involved at some level in these issues and involvement at the WAC committee level would be mostly redundant. Tom Pitts requested that the WAC be updated periodically on the issues and Michelle Garrison added that at some point the WAC's input may be needed to define model runs relating to CRDSS water availability for the Gunnison River. When the CWCB completes additional CRDSS runs relating water availability to meet Service flow recommendations, the runs will be forwarded to the WAC for review.

2. Review of Scopes of Work

#8 Gage O&M: Add due dates to the tasks and products and how data is reported and funding sources. Identify when and where data is published and available.

#4C Redlands Gage: Reclamation needs to update this SOW. Much of the work has been completed but, some replaced with new work. . The title on 4C should be changed to "Redlands Gage and Fish Ladder Maintenance."

#19H WAC Hydrology Support: George Smith will check travel budget in this SOW and 19B. (Done: Travel also included all of Jim Renne's travel associated with 5-7 trips/year to service thermographs.) Clarify Task B.1.c to include working with the HUP Group in flow coordination.

#67 Steamboat Lake water Lease: A current one-year lease needs to be completed for this summer and negotiations on the long term lease needs to be added to the RIPRAP, >Angela will make the change for MC consideration. Add complete long-term leases by June 2002.

#70 Colorado Instream Flow Protection and #71 CRDSS Support: No recommended changes.

#CAP-11 Grand Valley Water Management: SOW needs to be updated to reflect project features which have been completed and current status of the project .

#CAP-14/PIP-12 Coordinated Reservoirs (funding shown under PIP-12C): Separate

public involvement budget from hydrology work budget and put hydrology budgets under CAP-14. Reclamation needs to clearly identify what work is over and above work they already do on CBT and Program should only be responsible for that amount. Also, funding the source are not capital funds, but O&M funds and other in-kind funds.

#85b Green/Yampa Sediment monitoring: Placeholder until USGS report completed by the end of September 2001. Proposed to be wrapped into habitat monitoring programs. BC: VII. D. is redundant. Update report due date in deliverables.

#85c Upper Colorado Channel Monitoring: Proposed to be wrapped into habitat monitoring program. BC: Revise SOW to add a Task 3 in 2006 (final report on first 5 years of data) and a Task 4 (final report on all years of data, if work continued) in 2009. Delete references to Green River.

#85d Green and Colorado Sediment Monitoring: Proposed to be wrapped into habitat monitoring program. SOW will need to be revised if FY 01 work is deferred until FY 02-03 because of the late start and contracting problems.

#86 Geomorphology Peer Review: No changes to the SOW. (FYI, two reports are expected for review in FY 2002, 85a Pitlick work on the Colorado River and 85b the USGS Green/Yampa sediment monitoring. See note below.)

NEW Start: White River Water Demand Study. No SOW was submitted per the program guidance request. As work is slowing on the Gunnison River PBO, work may be accelerated on a tributary PBO to cover the White, Price and Dolores Rivers. Tom Pitts recommended that the SOW be expanded to the tributaries in Colorado. The WAC recommend beginning work on tributary water projections in FY 02. Annual, not capital funds. Gerry will re-scope before Management Committee meeting (for Colorado tributaries) to provide something for MC discussion. Rename "Tributary Water Projections."

3. Ruedi Long Term Lease update. Malcolm was not able to be on the call, but Doug Epperly of Reclamation provided the following update for the meeting summary: Reclamation anticipates completing the Draft EA for the Ruedi Long-Term/2012 Agreement for 10,825 af from Ruedi during the Summer of 2001. The Basis of Negotiation for the Long-Term/2012 Agreement is anticipated to be approved by the Commissioner by the beginning of Fiscal Year 2002. Upon approval, negotiations with the Service and the Board will be arranged and would tentatively occur during the Fall/Winter of 2001/2002.
4. Coordinated Facilities Study. The chairman reported that the consultant has recently released *DRAFT* Technical Memorandums on Expanded Coordinated Reservoirs for Ruedi Reservoir and Webster Hill Reservoir. A meeting will be scheduled in August to review the DRAFTS.
5. Next meeting late fall 2001

Meeting Assignments:

1. Follow up on the long term lease for water from Steamboat Lake.
2. Follow up on the Pitlick Channel Monitoring Report and send draft to Geomorphology Peer Review Panel.
3. Follow up on the USGS Sediment Report and send draft to Geomorphology Peer Review Panel.
4. Revise Scopes of Work By mid-September

NOTE: Following the meeting, calls were made to John Pitlick and John Nelson re: meeting assignments.

John Pitlick reported that his report may be delayed up to six months because of he has not been able to secure the services of a graduate student to analyze the changes between the 1999 and photos of the 15-mile reach and the photos taken last September.

I met with John Nelson USGS in my office and we reviewed a preliminary draft of this report. John plans to have a review draft of his report by mid September. The review draft will be submitted to the Geomorphology Peer Review Panel and internal USGS review by mid-September.