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Memorandum

To: Implementation Committee
Management Committee, Consultants, and Interested Parties
Meeting Attendees

From: Director, Upper Colorado River Recovery Implementation Program

Subject: Draft February 4, 2004, Recovery Implementation Committee Conference Call
Summary

Attached are the draft action and assignment summary and the general meeting summary from the recent Implementation Committee conference call. Please review these documents and contact Angela Kantola (303/969-7322, ext. 221) if you think any changes are necessary.

Attachment

- Summary -

Actions and Assignments
Recovery Implementation Committee Conference Call
February 4, 2004

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Cay Ogden will call Ralph Morgenweck and let Ralph know if the Park Service approves the nonnative fish management policy. (*Done.*)

CONVENE: 11:300 a.m.

1. Introductions, modify/review agenda (5 min.)
2. Ralph Morgenweck said Denver Post reporter Theo Stein is writing a story on the impacts of the cuts to the Fish and Wildlife Service in the President's FY 2005 Budget, which zeroes out the \$691K that the Service provides for support of the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program (these funds support the Program Director's office, etc.). Ralph said he believes the Ouray NFH funding is still in the President's budget. Brent said the Bureau's budget for the Upper Colorado River Recovery Program was cut by ~\$200,000.
3. Discuss/Approve nonnative fish management policy - Ralph Morgenweck noted that Utah had requested addition of one sentence to the draft policy approved by the Management Committee: "*This consideration will include consultation and approval from the State wildlife agencies prior to implementation of nonnative fish management actions.*" to the end of item #5. Tom Pitts noted that the State wildlife agencies have to issue permits for these actions, so indeed, their approval is required. John Shields said Pat Tyrell noted the policy might more strongly state that nonnative fish efforts are aimed only at targeted locations. The Committee decided the policy states this clearly enough (and noted that specific sites are enumerated in the annual work plan). Dan Luecke asked if "*approval*" really needs to be included in the added sentence, but the Committee agreed that since the States issue permits, they do approve the actions. The Committee gave provisional approval to the policy, pending hearing from the National Park Service (who didn't have anyone on the call who could approve the policy). >Cay Ogden will ask John Reber to call Ralph Morgenweck and let Ralph know if the Park Service approves the policy. (*Cay e-mailed Ralph Morgenweck shortly after the call to say she'd spoken to John Reber who confirmed that the Park Service is in favor of the policy. Angela Kantola spoke with Gary Burton shortly after the call and Gary said that Western Area Power Administration also supports the policy. Therefore, the policy stands approved by the Implementation Committee.*)

4. Next Implementation Committee meeting - March 8, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. near DIA (location to be announced).

ADJOURN: 12:00 p.m.

Attachment 1 - Participants
Colorado River Recovery Implementation Committee Conference Call
February 4, 2004

IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ralph Morgenweck, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Chairman)
Carol DeAngelis, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Russell George, Colorado Department of Natural Resources
Tom Pitts, Upper Basin Water Users
John Shields for Pat Tyrrell, Wyoming State Engineer's Office
Bob Morgan, Utah Department of Natural Resources
Cay Ogden for Ron Everhart, National Park Service
Leslie James, Colorado River Energy Distributors Association
Dan Luecke, Environmental groups
Program Director Bob Muth, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (nonvoting)

OTHERS:

Tom Blickensderfer, Colorado Department of Natural Resources
Brent Uilenberg, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Dave Mazour, Colorado River Energy Distributors Association
Sherm Hoskins, Utah Department of Natural Resources
Angela Kantola, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Recovery Program staff)