

I. Project Title: Colorado Program Management

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III. Project Summary:

CDOW and CWCB provide program management support through administration of aquatic wildlife and water resource management and technical studies concerning Colorado as identified in the RIPRAP. This and the broader involvement in the implementation of the Recovery Program action plan occurs through participation and preparation of specific task materials for Implementation, Management, Biology, and Water Acquisition Committees. Significant activities include the development of interagency agreements, scopes of work, and reports, as well as integration of program research results and other new information for effective planning, guidance, status reviews, and issue resolution within the Program.

Program management tasks performed by CDOW and CWCB met all expectations for the most part. Colorado participation in key Recovery Program projects and issues was adequately coordinated with Program participants as necessary.

IV. Study Schedule:

Initial Year: 1988; Final Year: 2003

V. Relationship to RIPRAP:

General Recovery Program Support Action Plan

VII. Provide Program planning and support (Program Management).

A. Determine actions required for recovery.

3. Update, refine, and prioritize recovery actions (RIPRAP) annually.

5. Monitor and assess Recovery Program accomplishments annually.

6. Develop annual work plan to address priority needs.

B. Actively participate in Recovery Program committees and secure funding for annual work plan and larger projects.

C. Manage, direct, and coordinate Recovery Program activities.

1. Review Information and Education Program (Management Committee).

- VI. Accomplishment of FY 2000 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:
- A. Prepare for and attend all Management, Biology, and Water Acquisition Committee meetings and conference calls, and Implementation Committee meetings as necessary; (***Participated in all 8 Biology , 6 Management, and 2 Implementation Committee meetings***)
  - B. Review and revise the Recovery Action Plan annually; (***Done, 3-8-00***)
  - C. Review proposed new scopes of work, revise ongoing scopes of work and recommend revisions to the Annual Work Plan; (***Done***)
  - D. Review draft final Program technical reports, strategic plans, and studies, and incorporate recommendations into Program guidance and implementation; (***Done – approx. 15 reports, see Program final reports list for 2000***)
  - E. Coordinate documentation for transfer of funds to CDOW for RIP-sanctioned work (i.e. Section 6, BuRec contract, and state-matching); (***Done***)
  - F. Coordinate RIP-sanctioned field activities to conform with State scientific collection permit requirements; (***Done***)
  - G. Attend annual Colorado River Research Review meeting; (***Done, Moab UT***)
  - H. Coordinate among CDOW, CWCB and Department of Natural Resources staff to identify issues, define positions, and solicit input on Recovery Program actions; (***Done – Recovery Goals, Yampa River PBO, Gunnison River flow recommendations, etc.***)
  - I. Cooperate with and/or develop Memoranda of Understanding or Agreement as appropriate for provision of water for benefit of the endangered fish; (***Done – short-term Green Mountain contract USBR, CWCB, and Grand Junction***)
  - J. Coordinate as necessary with Attorney General’s Office, Colorado DNR Divisions, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, water user groups, environmental groups and other interested parties; (***Done – including Yampa River Basin Partnership, CRWCD, State Parks, Colorado Fish Health Board, Colorado Dept. of Transportation***)
  - K. Prepare scopes of work as required on various subjects, annual reports and all associated revisions; (***Done – 4, 22I, 70, 71, 71a, 87b, 98, CAP-14, CAP 18/19, PIP-10, CAP-20, CAP-25***).

- L. Respond to various requests and correspondence from Recovery Program participants and other private entities regarding the endangered fish and instream flow appropriations in Colorado; (*Ongoing – Follow-up on CWCB’s withdrawal of 1995 15-Mile Reach ISF filings through participation on the Colorado River PBO, the Yampa River PBO, numerous meetings with State of Colorado and other Recovery Program members, efforts by CDOW to develop new strategies for determination of ISF requirements for endangered fish, participation in annual Coordinated Reservoir Operations, HUP Managing Entities efforts, as well as participation and administration of the Coordinated Facilities Operations Study*).
- M. Prepare and present endangered fish issues at Wildlife Commission and Water Conservation Board meetings and meetings of other groups as necessary; (*Done – Nonnative Fish Stocking regulation evaluation at Fish Health Board; Elkhead enlargement, pike removal at Yampa River Basin Partnership; removal of bag and possession limits from warmwater gamefish in Yampa River at Wildlife Commission*)
- N. Coordinate with other Recovery Program participants regarding various water issues, and review potential water rights for sale or lease; pursue acquisition of water and water rights where beneficial; (*Done – participation in annual Coordinated Reservoir Operations, HUP Managing Entities efforts, and participation and administration of the Coordinated Facilities Operations Study*) and
- O. Clerical work associated with all of the above. (*Done*)

VII. Recommendations: *No recommendations for change at this time.*

VIII. Project Status: *Ongoing and on track.*

IX. FY 2000 Budget Status

A.	Funds Provided:	CDOW: \$80,200	CWCB: \$29,800
B.	Funds Expended:	CDOW: \$80,200	CWCB: \$29,800
C.	Difference:	CDOW: \$0	CWCB: \$0
D.	Percent of the FY 2000 work completed:	100%	
E.	Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges:	\$0	

IX. Status of Data Submission: *Not applicable*

XI. Signed: Thomas P. Nesler 01/04/2001  
Principal Investigator Date