I. Project Title: Price-Stubb Fish Passage a.k.a. TFPFH

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III. Project Summary: The Price-Stubb Diversion Dam is located on the Colorado River approximately one mile upstream from Palisade, CO. The diversion dam is an impediment to upstream movement of native and non-native fish. The project consists of constructing a rock channel fish passage, and if the required conditions can be met by the local governmental sponsor (Town of Palisade), integrating a whitewater park in the fish passage project. The plan is to solicit bids for two design alternatives. The first alternative consists of a 500 foot rock channel fish passage over the left abutment of the diversion dam with a rock ramp extending across the remainder of the downstream face of the dam. The purpose of the rock ramp is to stabilize the structure and minimize public safety issues. The second alternative consists of an 800 foot rock channel fish passage over the left abutment with integrated whitewater park features. The second alternative is the preferred alternative with associated conditions as discussed in the final environmental assessment. Bids for both projects are currently being solicited. The Town of Palisade, CO has agreed to fund the incremental cost between the two alternatives if non-Federal funding can be obtained, and assume responsibility for operation and maintenance of the whitewater park features. If non-Federal funding cannot be obtained a construction contract for the fish-passage-only alternative will be awarded. In either case the Mesa County and Palisade Irrigation Districts will assume responsibility for operation and maintenance of the fish passage portion of the project.

IV. Study Schedule: The current schedule is to obtain bids for both alternatives on November 21, 2006 and award a contract in late December 2006 or January 2007. Construction is scheduled to be completed in May 2008.

V. Relationship to RIRAP: Colorado River Action Plan: Mainstem II.B.2. Restore fish passage at Price-Stubb
VI. Accomplishment of FY 2006 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings: Designs and specifications for both alternatives have been completed and a request for proposals has been issued. A number of contentious issues regarding the cost of the whitewater park and construction permits and easements have been encountered and addressed.

VII. Recommendations: Maintain a unified Program position on the final environmental assessment conditions associated with the whitewater park.

VIII. Project Status: The project has experienced numerous delays but is on track with the schedule identified above.

IX. FY 2006 Budget Status

   A. Funds Provided: $337,000
   B. Funds Expended: $280,000
   C. Difference: $57,000
   D. Percent of the FY 2006 work completed, and projected costs to complete: NA
   E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: None

X. Status of Data Submission (Where applicable): NA

XI. Signed: /s/ Brent R. Uilenberg October 31, 2006
      Principal Investigator Date

APPENDIX: None