

I. Project Title: Colorado Program Management

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III. Project Summary:

CDNR, CDOW and CWCB provide program management support through administration of aquatic wildlife, 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 the 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 CDNR, 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. These programmatic oversight and administrative activities will continue until recovery and delisting of the fish species is achieved and the federal recovery program and process are disbanded in favor of coordinated conservation programs administered by the affected state wildlife agencies.

IV. Study Schedule:

Initial Year: 1988;
Final Year: 2013
Relationship to RIPRAP:

V. General Recovery Program Support Action Plan

- A. Provide Program planning and support (Program Management).
- B. Determine actions required for recovery.
 1. Update, refine, and prioritize recovery actions (RIPRAP) annually.
 2. Monitor and assess Recovery Program accomplishments annually.

3. Develop biennial work plan to address priority needs.
- C. Actively participate in Recovery Program committees and secure funding for annual work plan and larger projects.
- D. Manage, direct, and coordinate Recovery Program activities.

| VI. Accomplishment of FY 2008 ~~Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:~~

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1. Prepare for and attend all Management, Biology, and Water Acquisition Committee meetings and conference calls, and Implementation Committee meetings as necessary; ***Participated in all Biology, Water Acquisition, Management and Implementation Committee meetings and conference calls as possible.***
2. Participate in the review and revision of the Recovery Action Plan annually; ***(Done)***
3. Review proposed new scopes of work, revise ongoing scopes of work and recommend revisions to the Annual Work Plan; ***(Done)***
4. Review draft final Program technical reports, strategic plans, and studies, and incorporate recommendations into Program guidance and implementation; ***(Done- see Program final reports list for reports reviewed and acted upon in 2008)***
5. Coordinate documentation for transfer of funds to CDOW for RIP-sanctioned work (i.e. BuRec contract, and state-match); ***(Done)***
6. Coordinate RIP-sanctioned field activities to conform with State scientific collection permit requirements; ***(Done)***
7. Attend annual Colorado River Research Review meeting; ***(Not Done)***
8. Coordinate among CDOW, CWCB and Department of Natural Resources staff to identify issues, define positions, and solicit input on Recovery Program actions; ***(Done)***
9. Cooperate with and/or develop Memoranda of Understanding or Agreement as appropriate for provision of water for benefit of the endangered fish; ***(Done. Implemented Elkhead Reservoir Agreements during 2008)***
10. 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)***
11. Prepare scopes of work as required on various subjects, annual reports and all associated revisions; ***(Done -70, 71, C-18/19, C-20, 98a, 126b, 29d, and 4)***

12. 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*)
13. Prepare and present endangered fish issues at Wildlife Commission and Water Conservation Board meetings and meetings of other groups as necessary; (*Done*)
14. 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. Elkhead Reservoir water right administration*)
15. Assist as appropriate in the development and implementation of Programmatic Biological Opinions.
(*Done. Gunnison PBO was worked on during 2008 in association with the reoperations EIS for the Aspinall Unit*)
16. Perform water accounting as required by RIPRAP and PBOs.
(*Done. The 15-Mile Reach PBO, 5-year depletion accounting was completed in 2008.*)
17. 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 2008 Budget Status

A.	Funds Provided:	CDOW: \$75,000	CWCB: \$35,000
B.	Funds Expended:	CDOW: \$75,000	CWCB: \$35,000
C.	Difference:	CDOW: \$0	CWCB: \$0
D.	Percent of the FY 2008 work completed:	100%	
E.	Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges:	\$0	

X. Status of Data Submission (Where applicable): *Not applicable*

XI. Signed: Thomas P. Nesler 02/12/2009
Principal Investigator Date

APPENDIX: *[More comprehensive/final project reports (NOT to be used in place of a complete annual report.). If distributed previously, simply reference the document or report.]*