

**Colorado River Recovery Program
FY 2009 Annual Project Report**

**Recovery Program
Project Number: 135**

I. Project Title: Ruedi Reservoir 2012 Water Contract

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III. Project Summary: The project provides 10,825 acre feet of water contracted from Ruedi Reservoir for the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program. The Ruedi “2012” agreement between Reclamation and the Colorado Water Conservation Board was signed in 2003, expires in 2012, and allows for water contracted out of Ruedi to be released to the 15 Mile Reach downstream on the Colorado. Funds provided to Reclamation for provision of the water under the 2012 Agreement are applied solely to Ruedi Reservoir Operations and Maintenance costs.

IV. Study Schedule: 2003-2012

V. Relationship to RIPRAP:

VI. Accomplishment of FY 2009 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:

Tasks: Implementation schedule to provide the 10,825 acre feet of water to the Recovery Program.

Items	Who	Date
ESA Compliance		
Determine compliance of alternatives with Programmatic Biological Opinion (PBO)	USFWS	February, 2009
Identify interim arrangements for 10825 Water	Water users	April, 2009
Develop implementation plan and milestones for agreement	Water users/Pitts	April, 2009
Draft template agreement(s)	Pitts and Muth	March, 2009
Negotiate final agreements	Water users/USFWS	September, 2009
Sign final agreements	Water users/USFWS	October, 2009

Ruedi Reservoir reached a physical fill this year and had plenty of water to meet all deliverables. The 10,825 acre feet of water provided by the 2012 Agreement was available and used this year.

VII. Recommendations: Negotiate final agreement for the new source of 10,825 by Fall of 2010

VIII. Project Status: On track and on-going.

IX. FY 2009 Budget Status

- A. **2009 Actual O&M through 9/30/2009:** \$29,335.75
- B. **2009 Advance O&M Payment (4.00 * 10825 AF):** (43,300.00)
- C. **2010 Advance O&M Payment (2.75 * 10825 AF):** 29,768.75
- D. **Amount Due to Reclamation 1/1/2010:** \$ 15,804.50
- E. **Percent of the FY 2009 work completed, and projected costs to complete:** 100%
- F. **Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges:** 0

X. Status of Data Submission (Where applicable): N/A

XI. Signed:

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