

Coordination Committee Meeting
October 6, 2010

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Meeting Agenda

Meeting Minutes

Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program
Coordination Committee Meeting
October 6, 2010 Meeting – 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Bureau of Reclamation

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Draft Meeting Agenda

- Introductions and Agenda* Approval
- **Decision** - Approval of 09/08/10 CC meeting summary*
- Action Item Review (see below)
- Update on Sept 16 EC closed session meeting
 - LTP updated schedule
 - Recovery activities and responsibilities
- Review the FY11 Criteria #1 and #2 Activity Summaries*
- **Decision** – Review/Approve FY11 Funding Spreadsheet*
- Update on Adaptive Management Plan Development Process
- Workgroup Updates
- Significant Non-Decision Items to Brief EC

Next meeting – October 27, 1:00 – 4:00 pm @ Reclamation

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Upcoming meetings:

Adaptive Management Plan Development – October 13, 2010 (all day); field trip – October 14, 2010 (all day)

Executive Committee Meeting – October 21, 2010

Action Items:

- In October, Yvette McKenna will contact the EC co-chairs to elevate the CC concerns regarding misleading or erroneous statements at EC meetings and the desire to have the written record be as accurate as possible.
- ✓ Yvette McKenna will contact Reese Fullerton, as the EC facilitator, to ask him to remind the EC of the Program's approved Code of Conduct at the start of meetings as necessary.
- ✓ Yvette McKenna will distribute the August 30th EC draft summary to the CC distribution list in order to be able to incorporate comments before the next EC meeting.
- ✓ The CC will have until noon on Friday September 10th to provide comments on the EC 08-30-10 draft summary in order for comments to be included as an EC read ahead.

- ✓ Yvette McKenna will distribute links to the 3 recent newspaper articles of potential interest to CC members.
- ✓ Jim Wilber will incorporate Kathy Dickinson's suggested changes to the Education and Outreach LTP narrative and will then email the narrative to Yvette McKenna for distribution to the CC. .
- Rick Billings will provide Yvette McKenna with the information/data on fish passage work; the information will be provided to the peer reviewers.
- Jim Wilber will follow up with Leann Towne regarding the Water Management LTP narrative.
- Lori Robertson will draft the (1) Competition and Predation (minnow) and (2) Predator/Non-native control (flycatcher) LTP narratives.
- Yvette McKenna will elevate the CC request asking the EC for clarification/direction on reintroduction activities and priorities. There are work plans and future activity summaries regarding reintroduction activities within the historic range and the CC needs clarification for the purposes of the LTP. ✓
- Ann Moore will discuss the Policy and Law LTP narrative with her EC member and provide will any comments or suggested changes.
- Yvette McKenna will confirm the peer review projects status with Jericho Lewis (✓) and incorporate the updated statuses into the Collaborative Program FY10 Peer Review Process Summary document.
- ✓ Yvette McKenna will send the revised version of the Corps's *Oversee Albuquerque Reach Habitat Restoration Analysis & Recommendations Contract* to Kathy Dickinson to send to GenQuest for conversion into an FY10 past activity summary.
- Yvette McKenna and Jericho Lewis will investigate the Bosque School website and recommend whether it should be included in the *MRG Bosque Education and outreach* summary. ✓
- ✓ Yvette McKenna will send the revised version of the Corps's *Monitoring* future activity summary to Kathy Dickinson to send to GenQuest for conversion into an FY10 past activity summary.
- Yvette McKenna will post the revised LTP future activity summaries to the LTP Development module. ✓
- The PMT liaisons will take the Corps's revised future activity summaries back to the appropriate work groups for additional feedback and to ensure the work is complementary and not duplication of effort; the PMT will determine the timeline when this task can realistically be completed.
- The PMT will coordinate the FY11 budget table with the last FY10 version in order to carry over any work group specifics; the PMT will update the FY10 activity summaries as well. ✓ (Criteria #1 and #2)
- Jericho Lewis explained the costs were based on historic spending/cost rates. Jericho Lewis will (1) add PVA modeling under Criteria 2 and (2) add comments to the table justifying the amounts/costs listed.
- Yvette McKenna will seek permission from the EC to report on the closed session decisions/discussion as the CC is requesting direction in order to move forward on the LTP. ✓

August 25th, 2010 Actions

- Grace Haggerty and Anders Lundahl will re-write/rephrase the *Develop and Implement Streamlined Compliance Templates and Processes for HR Projects* summary and send to Kelly Allan (COE), Hector Garcia (BOR), Jim Wilber (BOR), Julie Alcon (COE) and Jen Bachus

(FWS) for additional language, input, and review. The revised summary will be provided as a read ahead for the September 8th CC meeting.

- Stacy Kopitsch will follow up with the science work group on the *Develop and Implement Program-wide System Monitoring and Trend Analysis for Adaptive Management* future activity summary (which used to be an HRW summary) and will let the PMT and CC know if science intends to revise the summary; if the summary is to be revised, Stacy will then distribute the revised version when available. ✓
- Anders Lundahl will send Yvette McKenna the “new” HR future summary regarding work group coordination (which used to be a ScW summary).
- Mark Brennan will check if any documentation can be added as references to the 10(j)/reintroduction summaries to technically indicate why this specific approach is being taken; this was specifically requested for the *Identify any data gaps critical to future 10(j) RGSM reintroduction efforts....summary*.

July 28, 2010 Actions

Yvette McKenna will revise the “*Continue to collect and evaluate existing data on water quality and sediment quality and identify future investigations that are needed.*” Future Activity summary so that it is in alignment with the “*Evaluate water quality in the MRG in relation to the RGSM*” Future Activity summary and distribute to the CC for review. – *ongoing*.

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Working Coordination Committee Meeting
October 6th, 2010 Meeting – 1:00pm to 4:00 pm
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Decisions

- The September 8th, 2010 CC meeting summary was approved with no changes.
- With a quorum present and no objections, the CC approved the FY11 Criteria 1 & 2 activities with the exception of the San Acacia Diversion Dam Fish Passage environmental compliance and San Acacia Diversion Dam Fish Passage studies.

Recommendations

- With quorum present, the CC recommended funding the following projects:
 - *Peer Review (Phase 2) – Evaluate Alternatives for Providing Fish Passage at SADD* at \$120,000;
 - *Conduct studies recommended for the Phase 1 external peer review panel* at \$0 and move this project to a Criteria #3 space holder for the ScW FY11 work plan;
 - *Monitor Habitat Restoration Projects* up to \$300,000 with the addition of a clarifying comment “to be determined based on scope of work”;
 - *USGS MRG River gage operations and maintenance* at \$95,000;
 - *FWS Dexter RGSM Rearing/Breeding O&M* at \$300,000 with correction to the spacing in the first paragraph and deletion of the first sentence;
 - *Assessment and monitoring of RGSM genetics* at \$190,000 with a wording change under the ESA Compliance Requirement section to read “*in support of RPA elements Y,AA...*”;
 - *FWS Augmentation and Monitoring* at \$100,000;
 - *COA BioPark O&M* at \$150,000 with a wording change under the ESA Compliance Requirement section to read “*in support of RPA elements Y,AA...*”;
 - *FWS Rearing/Breeding O&M (Minnow Sanctuary)* at \$150,000;
 - *ISC Naturalized Refugium Rearing/Breeding O&M* at \$280,000 with a change in title to: ISC Los Lunas Silvery Minnow Refugium (LLSMR) O&M and deletion of the paragraph under the estimated cost that specifies “modification of a 5-year grant...”;
 - *RGSM Rescue/Salvage* at \$300,000;
 - *RGSM Egg Monitoring in Canals* at \$35,000;
 - *RGSM Spawning monitoring* at \$100,000;
 - *RGSM Population Monitoring* at \$190,000;
 - *RGSM Population Estimation* at \$135,000;
 - *Program Technical and Administrative Support – Contracted* at \$280,000;
 - *CP Public Outreach* at \$15,000;
 - *CP Webpage Hosting and Maintenance* at \$29,000;

- *FWS Program management and ESA support* at \$200,000;
- *Continue Modeling Effort to Support the new Biological Assessments/Biological Opinion (BA/BO) [URGWOM]* at \$100,000;
- *PVA Modeling* at \$42,000; and
- *USGS GW/SW Interaction* at \$200,000.

Action Items:

- The PMT will review both the flycatcher and minnow Recovery Plans for the legal and policy actions to determine which sections are relevant to the LTP and will report the findings back to the CC.
- In October, Yvette McKenna will contact the EC co-chairs to elevate the CC concerns regarding misleading or erroneous statements at EC meetings and the desire to have the written record be as accurate as possible. (*continued from September 9*)
- Lori Robertson will draft the (1) Competition and Predation (minnow) and (2) Predator/Non-native control (flycatcher) LTP narratives. (*continued from September 9*)
- Jim Wilber will work with Leann Towne to draft the Water Management LTP narrative.
- Grace Haggerty will check on the status of the “new” HR future summary regarding work group coordination (which used to be a ScW summary) that Anders Lundahl was to distribute to the Program Manager.
- Yvette McKenna will revise the “*Continue to collect and evaluate existing data on water quality and sediment quality and identify future investigations that are needed.*” Future Activity summary so that it is in alignment with the “*Evaluate water quality in the MRG in relation to the RGSM*” Future Activity summary and distribute to the CC for review. (*continued from July 28*)
- Yvette McKenna will incorporate the recommended changes to the Monitoring Effort Recognition letter including deleting the specifics on the low and high intensity monitoring; condensing the document into a single page; moving the contributors to the top of the document; naming the co-chairs; and deleting the “draft” references from the document.
- Yvette McKenna will find out if the new DOI report on adopting principles of scientific integrity is releasable and if so will distribute to the CC.
- Kathy Dickinson and Jim Wilber will talk to Lisa Croft to confirm that the separation of internal Reclamation costs and expected contracted costs for environmental compliance on the San Acacia Diversion Dam is feasible.
- Yvette McKenna will make sure the ESA Compliance Requirement section language in all augmentation related activities is changed to read “*in support of RPA elements Y-AA...*”
- Yvette McKenna will make sure the Funding Source section language in all FY11 Criteria 1 and 2 activities is changed from “unknown” to “MRGESCP.”;
- Yvette McKenna will make sure the *PVA Modeling* activity summary is in the correct format for the next CC meeting.
- The PMT liaisons will let their respective work groups know that the CC has requested a list of future activities so that the CC can provide approval on which scopes should be written for FY11.

Next meeting – October 27th, 2010 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm @ Reclamation

MEETING SUMMARY

- **Introductions and Agenda Approval:** Susan Bittick opened the meeting and introductions were made. The agenda was approved with the addition of the Monitoring Plan Team (MPT) Acknowledgment Letter to EC to directly follow the Action Item review. Several new or updated read aheads were provided in hard copy to meeting attendees. These documents were not provided in electronic copy earlier.
- **Approval of 09/08/10 CC meeting summary:** The September 8th, 2010 meeting notes were approved with no changes.
- **Action Item Review:**
 - In October, Yvette McKenna will contact the EC co-chairs to elevate the CC concerns regarding misleading or erroneous statements at EC meetings and the desire to have the written record be as accurate as possible. – *on going*;
 - This action is expected to occur next week.
 - ✓ Yvette McKenna will contact Reese Fullerton, as the EC facilitator, to ask him to remind the EC of the Program's approved Code of Conduct at the start of meetings as necessary. – *complete*;
 - ✓ Yvette McKenna will distribute the August 30th EC draft summary to the CC distribution list in order to be able to incorporate comments before the next EC meeting. – *complete*;
 - ✓ The CC will have until noon on Friday September 10th to provide comments on the EC 08-30-10 draft summary in order for comments to be included as an EC read ahead. – *complete*;
 - ✓ Yvette McKenna will distribute links to the 3 recent newspaper articles of potential interest to CC members. – *complete*;
 - ✓ Jim Wilber will incorporate Kathy Dickinson's suggested changes to the Education and Outreach LTP narrative and will then email the narrative to Yvette McKenna for distribution to the CC. – *complete*;
 - ✓ Rick Billings will provide Yvette McKenna with the information/data on fish passage work; the information will be provided to the peer reviewers. – *complete*;
 - Kathy Dickinson has been provided with the information requested.
 - ✓ Jim Wilber will follow up with Leann Towne regarding the Water Management LTP narrative. – *complete*;
 - Leann Towne has been made aware of the official request. Jim Wilber will assist Leann Towne in drafting the Water Management LTP narrative.
 - Lori Robertson will draft the (1) Competition and Predation (minnow) and (2) Predator/Non-native control (flycatcher) LTP narratives. – *on going*;
 - ✓ Yvette McKenna will elevate the CC request asking the EC for clarification/direction on reintroduction activities and priorities. There are work plans and future activity summaries regarding reintroduction activities within the historic range and the CC needs clarification for the purposes of the LTP. – *complete*;
 - ✓ Ann Moore will discuss the Policy and Law LTP narrative with her EC member and provide will any comments or suggested changes. – *complete*;

- Steve Harris is out of town but Ann reviewed the recovery plans and LTP. There is no recovery plan Section 8. The policy or legal activities in the recovery plans are mostly found distributed in other sections. The concern expressed was why there needs to be policy section LTP when the legal issues are addressed in other places in the recovery plans. It was shared that while there are no sections specifically on policy and laws in the recovery plans, the original intent was to have an LTP section to organize policy or legal activities in which the Program could influence change.
- ✓ Yvette McKenna will confirm the peer review projects status with Jericho Lewis and will incorporate the updated statuses into the Collaborative Program FY10 Peer Review Process Summary document. – *complete*;
 - The current numbers on spending are not in today's read ahead documents but will be included and reposted for subsequent meetings.
- ✓ Yvette McKenna will send the revised version of the Corps's *Oversee Albuquerque Reach Habitat Restoration Analysis & Recommendations Contract* to Kathy Dickinson to send to GenQuest for conversion into an FY10 past activity summary. – *complete*;
- ✓ Yvette McKenna and Jericho Lewis will investigate the Bosque School website and recommend whether it should be included in the *MRG Bosque Education and outreach* summary. – *complete*;
 - It was decided that only the Corps' website will be included; there will be no reference to the Bosque School's website.
- ✓ Yvette McKenna will send the revised version of the Corps' *Monitoring* future activity summary to Kathy Dickinson to send to GenQuest for conversion into an FY10 past activity summary. – *complete*;
- ✓ Yvette McKenna will post the revised LTP future activity summaries to the LTP Development module. – *complete*;
- ✓ The PMT liaisons will take the Corps' revised future activity summaries back to the appropriate work groups for additional feedback and to ensure the work is complementary and not duplication of effort; the PMT will determine the timeline when this task can realistically be completed. – *complete*;
 - The results of this work will be seen in the activity summaries and spreadsheets.
- ✓ The PMT will coordinate the FY11 budget table with the last FY10 version in order to carry over any work group specifics; the PMT will update the FY10 activity summaries as well. – *complete for Criteria #1 and #2*;
- ✓ Jericho Lewis explained the costs were based on historic spending/cost rates. Jericho Lewis will (1) add PVA modeling under Criteria 2 and (2) add comments to the table justifying the amounts/costs listed. – *first portion complete*;
 - The PVA modeling has been included but the second portion of this action was not due yet (note: today's CC meeting date was moved up).
- ✓ Yvette McKenna will seek permission from the EC to report on the closed session decisions/discussion as the CC is requesting direction in order to move forward on the LTP. – *complete*;
 - Yvette will report out on the EC closed session meeting later in this meeting.
- Grace Haggerty and Anders Lundahl will re-write/rephrase the *Develop and Implement Streamlined Compliance Templates and Processes for HR Projects* summary and send to Kelly

Allan (COE), Hector Garcia (BOR), Jim Wilber (BOR), Julie Alcon (COE) and Jen Bachus (FWS) for additional language, input, and review. The revised summary will be provided as a read ahead for the September 8th CC meeting. – *ongoing*;

- ✓ Stacy Kopitsch will follow up with the science work group on the *Develop and Implement Program-wide System Monitoring and Trend Analysis for Adaptive Management* future activity summary (which used to be an HRW summary) and will let the PMT and CC know if science intends to revise the summary; if the summary is to be revised, Stacy will then distribute the revised version when available. – *complete*;
 - ScW members feel this project is bigger than what Science alone should make recommendations for and are thus hesitant to make any recommendations without input from the other key work groups (ex. SWM, HR). This topic was suggested as a discussion for the Adaptive Management meeting next week.
 - It was also suggested that the CC be listed at the lead group on the *Develop and Implement Program-wide System Monitoring and Trend Analysis for Adaptive Management* future activity summary but the key work groups (ScW, HRW, SWM, etc.) will review and provide technical input.
- Anders Lundahl will send Yvette McKenna the “new” HR future summary regarding work group coordination (which used to be a ScW summary). – *ongoing*;
 - This action has not been completed to date but Grace Haggerty will follow up with Anders Lundahl.
- ✓ Mark Brennan will check if any documentation can be added as references to the 10(j)/reintroduction summaries to technically indicate why this specific approach is being taken; this was specifically requested for the *Identify any data gaps critical to future 10(j) RGSM reintroduction efforts...summary*. – *complete*;
 - Additional documents were investigated but it was determined then none needed to be added as references.
- Yvette McKenna will revise the “*Continue to collect and evaluate existing data on water quality and sediment quality and identify future investigations that are needed.*” Future Activity summary so that it is in alignment with the “*Evaluate water quality in the MRG in relation to the RGSM*” Future Activity summary and distribute to the CC for review. – *ongoing*.
- **Monitoring Plan Team “Monitoring Effort Recognition” Letter:** The co-chairs of the Monitoring Plan Team (MPT) work group drafted a letter acknowledging the joint monitoring efforts of members and agencies this past season. The purpose of the letter is informational – to have recognition at the EC level how many people and how much time had been invested in monitoring efforts. The letter provides a good opportunity to share updates on the work the MPT has been doing and their plans for this fall. The PMT made a few clarifications to the memorandum letter. Some members suggested (1) the document be condensed to a single page; (2) the list of contributors be moved to the beginning of the document; (3) the co-chairs be named; and (4) the specifics on the low and high intensity monitoring be omitted.
- **Update on 9/16 Closed Session Meeting:**
 - *LTP:* The EC provided a new target date of March 2011 for the Program review of the complete draft LTP. They recognized that certain LTP sections remain empty. In the case of the Water Management future activities, it was explained that none of the work groups felt it was their charge to issue recommendations to the action agencies; the EC recognized these types of

activities would have to be filled in at the executive level. Those portions will be left blank for now. The future activity summaries are almost ready for editorial review by GenQuest.

- *Reintroduction and responsibilities:* The EC also discussed some of the 10(j) elements and where to “draw the line” on the reintroduction efforts. The Service’s described action to “implement habitat restoration projects throughout the middle Rio Grande and the historic range where appropriate” [see 2.1.1 of the recovery plan] lists the Service as the lead agency for reintroduction areas with the Program for the middle Rio Grande (MRG). Using this as guidance, the EC directed that anything outside the Program area is not for the Program to be lead on. Other activities, such as stocking, releasing, etc. will continue to be supported by the Program even if outside the Program boundaries.
- The direction for the 10(j)/Reintroduction biologist position was to work on a sustainable population within the MRG first.
- The Program goals have not changed and establishing self-sustaining populations is still a goal. The Program also remains interested in down- and de-listing of the species but the current focus is on the MRG and what can be done to make the MRG minnow population self sustaining.
- The Code of Conduct was not discussed during the closed session as it was deemed more appropriate to first raise the topic with the EC co-chairs in October.
- The EC also reviewed the 2009 retreat decisions and recognized that there was more discussion on adaptive management than was reflected in the notes. The 2009 retreat decisions were fine but wanted to capture their ad man discussions – a bullet will be added to the notes to capture the adaptive management direction. *The added bullet will read: “Follow adaptive management approach throughout the recovery process to ensure research and management actions are implemented in a timely manner and adjusted as necessary.”*
- **Reviewing FY11 Criteria #1 and #2 Activity Summaries:** In order streamline the review process, the CC first discussed the new activities that hadn’t been previously seen before (3 fish passage activities) and then quickly reviewed the remainder with the Program Manager pointing out the updates and changes made to the others.
- *Peer Review (Phase 2) – Evaluate Alternatives for Providing Fish Passage at San Acacia Diversion Dam (SADD)*
 - Concerns were expressed with the cost associated with this project and clarification was sought regarding what specifically has to get done in FY11 versus what could potential wait. The EC had decided that the original peer review scope was too broad when it included both science and specific designs that had been prepared for the SADD. Phase I is ongoing now with the final report expected in February; theoretically Phase II could begin in March. The estimated cost was based on the cost of the Phase I review (\$110,000 approximately) with some buffer for inflation.
 - Phase II will only occur if the Phase I review results indicate the fish passage is warranted. There may also have to be a Phase III at some point in time to address monitoring or O&M or cost benefits.
 - Fish passage at SADD is a 2003 BO requirement and Reclamation will continue moving forward on the environmental compliance and data collection.
 - Some members requested that the language “if the first peer review supports the requirement for fish passage specifically at SADD” be added to the comments column of the spreadsheet.

- The CC recommended funding the *Peer Review (Phase 2) – Evaluate Alternatives for Providing Fish Passage at SADD* at \$120,000 with the addition of a comment in the spreadsheet clarifying “if Phase I warrants...”
- *Continued Environment Compliance and Design data Collection for Fish Passage at SADD*
 - Reclamation will continue making progress toward meeting the fish passage requirements. The results of the Phase I and Phase II peer review will inform the new ESA consultation. RFP(s) would then be issued to hire contractors for the completion of the environmental compliance (NEPA, ESA, 401 and other compliance pieces). The subsurface geologic explorations also need to be completed (the delay has been due to lack of funding). Reclamation requires formal project managers, project sponsors, subteam leads (designs, engineering, O&M teams, etc.) for all projects with estimated cost over \$10 million. Once the membership of the teams has been formalized then the detailed management plans (assigning resources, update on cost estimates for all tasks, resource needs, etc.) will be developed.
 - The results of Phase I and Phase II will hopefully be timely to order to inform the continuing work; however Reclamation has to have a plan to act regardless.
 - Several members suggested separating the internal Reclamation tasks/costs that must be continued this year from the contracted pieces. The internal Reclamation costs (estimated at \$176,000) could be recommended for funding in FY11 while the remaining contracted costs (estimated at \$150,000) could be budgeted for FY12.
 - The \$150,000 contracted compliance piece could be placed in FY11 Criteria 3 in case the funding becomes available to implement this portion in 2011.
- *Conduct studies recommended by the Phase 1 external peer review panel*
 - The review panel may recommend studies or identify areas where more data is needed to make informed determinations. This activity is a place holder in the FY11 funding spreadsheet to address any potential studies or research that the panel may request.
 - Concerns were expressed regarding the number of “ifs” surrounding this project when there is a very tight budget expected. Another concern was allowing the Program sufficient time to “digest” the results of the Phase I and Phase II review.
 - The CC briefly discussed diversion at the Isleta Dam. All efforts are being focused on SADD right now but there is no official decision to wait until SADD has been completed to start on Isleta. The concern is that it would be very difficult to address both at the same time, especially considering the expected limited budget. One of the first things to be done to begin Isleta Diversion Dam fish passage work is government to government consultation and conversations with the District – in order to make sure everyone is on board. Based on the current BO priorities, San Acacia is listed first.
 - The Service abstained from supporting any recommendations to decrease funding but cautioned that any delays in alleviating fragmented habitat needed to be seriously considered since fragmentation is one of the major threats faced by the minnow.
 - The CC recommended funding the *Conduct studies recommended for the Phase 1 external peer review panel* at \$0 and move this project to a Criteria #3 space holder for the ScW FY11 work plan
- *Monitor Habitat Restoration Projects (old title: Implement the 2 yr monitoring plan)*

- The CC briefly discussed the estimated \$300,000 to be used for FY11 monitoring in addition to the funds that the Corps supplied for the high intensity monitoring. Some members expressed the opinion that if the scope was to be written for just the low intensity portion, then \$300,000 is too high.
- It was shared that there has been some discussion about doing the same type of “internal” monitoring effort in FY11 that was done in FY10. While this “internal” monitoring effort is needed for this fall since there is no contract in place yet, it is not a long term solution.
 - Dr. Hook has submitted his report but MPT members and the Program haven’t had time to “digest” the information yet. An RFP will be issued after the MPT has revised the statement of work (expected December deadline).
 - The MPT will present to the CC on the findings of their initial monitoring and provide a recommended path forward after look at Dr. Hook’s recommendations.
- CC recommended funding the *Monitor Habitat Restoration Projects* up to \$300,000 with the addition of a clarifying comment “to be determined based on scope of work.”
- *USGS MRG River gage operations and maintenance*
 - This project supports RPA elements A-O, and Q; it is an annual need. The estimated cost is based on the historic need and usually only varies by about \$1,000 for any given year.
 - The funding source was changed from “unknown” to MRGESCP.
 - The CC recommended this project for funding with the above changes to the activity summary.
- *FWS Dexter RGSM Rearing/Breeding O&M*
 - The estimated annual fees are actually \$299,000 but the requirement stipulates \$300,000 for propagation and augmentation (although Dexter is not named specifically). The costs used to be higher until the Program stopped funding A-Mountain, which reduced the cost.
 - It was suggested that the first sentence be deleted (“*the primary purpose of this activity is to continue development and refinement of methods for captive propagation, rearing and marking of RGSM for augmentation efforts*”) and have the description begin with “*Dexter Fish hatchery produces 250,000-300,000 fish annually for augmentation...*”. It was also suggested that the spacing in the first paragraph be corrected.
 - With the above changes, the CC recommended funding this project at \$300,000.
- *Assessment and monitoring of RGSM genetics*
 - The CC briefly discussed which year this project was in; it is assumed to be the last year of the 5 year grant.
 - It was suggested that the ESA Compliance section language be changed to: “*in support of RPA elements Y,AA...*”
 - The CC recommended funding this project at \$190,000 with the wording change under the ESA compliance section.
- *FWS Augmentation and Monitoring*

- Attendees briefly discussed what was meant by the first two words: “if warranted...” It was explained that augmentation is not needed in all years so it is determined by the Service annually.
- The CC recommended this project for funding with no activity summary changes.
- *COA BioPark O&M*
 - The estimated \$150,000 is less than what was requested 2 years ago but slightly more than requested last year. The reason for the difference is that the city straightened out some funding issues between state funds and Program funds – to avoid any “double dipping” issues.
 - It was suggested that the ESA Compliance section be changed to “in support of RPA elements Y,AA...”
 - The CC recommended funding the *COA BioPark O&M* at \$150,000 with the RPA element correction.
- *FWS Rearing/Breeding O&M (Minnow Sanctuary)*
 - The CC recommended funding the *FWS Rearing/Breeding O&M* project with no activity summary changes.
- *ISC Naturalized Refugium Rearing/Breeding O&M*
 - It was requested the title of this activity be changed to: ISC Los Lunas Silvery Minnow Refugium (LLSMR) O&M and that the paragraph under the estimated cost that specifies “modification of a 5-year grant...” be deleted.
 - The CC recommended funding the *ISC LLMR* project at \$280,000 with the title change and deletion of the cost estimate explanation.
- *RGSM Rescue/Salvage*
 - The estimated cost has been based on the actual cost over the last few years; although money isn’t added in years when salvage is not done.
 - The CC recommended funding the *RGSM Rescue/Salvage* project with no changes to the activity summary.
- *RGSM Egg Monitoring in Canals*
 - There has been a lot of ScW discussion regarding this work, but the RPM language cannot be modified without reconsulting. The monitoring is for presence/absence.
 - The CC recommended funding the *RGSM Egg Monitoring in Canals* project with no changes to the activity summary.
- *RGSM Spawning monitoring*
 - This is a continuing project so it is ongoing with the same annual amount for the project’s duration.
 - After some members questioned why the population monitoring and population estimation projects were listed in Criteria 2 when the spawning monitoring is in Criteria 1, the CC moved both projects to Criteria 1.
 - The CC recommended funding the *RGSM Spawning Monitoring* project with no changes to the activity summary.

- The CC also recommended funding both the *RGSM Population Monitoring and Population Estimation* with no changes to the activity summaries.
- *Program Technical and Administrative Support – Contracted*
 - The estimated cost is the same amount as last year.
 - The CC recommended funding the *Contracted Program Technical and Administrative Support* with no changes to the activity summary.
- *CP Public Outreach*
 - The CC briefly discussed whether or not PIO used their \$15,000 budget from last year. The PIO coordinated and mass mailed the Program video and it is expected that an open house will occur this fiscal year.
 - The CC recommended funding the *CP Public Outreach* at \$15,000 with no changes to the activity summary.
- *CP Webpage Hosting and Maintenance*
 - Some members raised concern regarding the “gaps” and missing products on the Program website. The “gaps” are corrected as soon as they are identified. There is also a 4 page “working” index of what reports are posted on the website. Members were reminded that the same information is also being collected and incorporated into the database as well.
 - The CC recommended funding the *CP Webpage Hosting and Maintenance* with no changes to the activity summary.
- *FWS Program management and ESA support*
 - This project primarily supports Jen Bachus and Stacey Kopitsch’s positions; other positions are not due for funding this year.
 - The CC recommended funding the *FWS Program management and ESA support* project with no changes to the activity summary.
- *Continue URGWOM*
 - The CC recommended funding the *Continue URGWOM* project at \$100,000 with no changes to the activity summary.
- *PVA Modeling*
 - This was a new summary that was provided as a handout only and was not formatted the same as the other activity summaries. This project will be included in Criteria 2 with a proposed budget of \$42,000 as a place holder for Phil Miller to continue the RAMAS PVA development. Both modelers are working independently to get the model parameterization finished for presentation by December. This amount is what it will cost to get that work done and will fund Miller through July 2011.
 - The CC recommended funding the *PVA Modeling* project at \$42,000 with no changes to the activity summary at this time.
- *USGS Groundwater/Surface water Interaction*
 - Two minor changes were made to this activity summary: (1) the funding source was changed from “unknown” to “MRGESCP” and (2) the Implementing Party was changed to “USGS.”

- The estimated cost is based on the federal rates and benefits.
- The Estimated Cost was reduced from \$220,000 to \$200,000.
- With the minor changes to the activity summary, the CC recommended funding the *USGS GW/SW Interaction* at \$200,000.
- With a quorum present and no objections, the CC approved the FY11 Criteria 1 & 2 activities with the exception of the San Acacia Diversion Dam Fish Passage environmental compliance and San Acacia Diversion Dam Fish Passage studies.
- The PMT liaisons will let their respective work groups know that the CC has requested a list of future activities so that the CC can provide approval on which scopes should be written for FY11.
- **Adaptive Management Update:** Site visits have been scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, October 12th and all day Thursday, October 14th. Site locations are still being coordinated and details will be distributed once completed.
- **Work Group Updates:** The work group updates were tabled; work group updates will be provided in the Program Manager's report to the EC.
- **EC Agenda Items:** Nothing was added.
- **Upcoming meetings**
 - October 27th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Reclamation
 - tentative agenda items include: (1) website gaps/strategy for addressing; (2) review and approval of the modified fish passage summaries; and (3) review and approval of Criteria 3 activity summaries
 - November CC Working meeting to be scheduled
 - Tentative agenda items: (1) prioritizing the LTP activities utilizing the 2003 BiOp requirements as guidance; (2) ensuring climate issues and new climate concerns are addressed in the LTP; and (3) discuss how to "marry" activity requirements to the reality of the timing.

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6 October 2010 Meeting Attendees**

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