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**IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA**  
September 24, 2009  
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**CONVENE: 10:30 a.m.**

1. Introductions, modify/review agenda (Steve Guertin, 10 min.) (10:30 – 10:40)
2. Approve [February 23, 2009](#) meeting summary (10:40 – 10:50)

*Action Item: The Implementation Committee will make any necessary revisions and approve the summary in final.*

3. Update from the Program Director's office on the Recovery Program, status of the fish and coordination with [San Juan Program](#) (Tom Chart) (10:50 – 11:55) (PowerPoint) – Tom Chart give an overview of Program accomplishments, issues, and future direction by recovery element.
4. FY 2010 – 2011 Work Plan approval – (Angela Kantola) (11:55 – 12:10)

*Action Item: The Management conditionally approved the draft FY 2010 – 2011 Work Plan subject to ratification by the Implementation Committee. Angela Kantola will send out work plan budget summaries revised based on the Management Committee's discussion in advance of the Implementation Committee.*

**LUNCH: 12:15 – 1:15**

5. Update on Green River flow protection (Tom Chart & Jana Mohrman) (1:15 – 1:45)
6. Update on Aspinall EIS/Gunnison River PBO and how they are expected to affect the Recovery Program (Brent Uilenberg & Tom Chart) (1:45 – 2:15)
7. Status report on capital projects for the Upper Colorado and San Juan recovery programs (Brent Uilenberg) (2:15 – 2:30)
  - OMID (Orchard Mesa Irrigation District Water Efficiency Improvement Project)
  - Others
8. Update on status of 2008 – 2009 sufficient progress items (2:30 – 2:45) *Please see the status update on action items, attached.*

9. Update on Management Committee activities (John Shields, Management Committee chair) (2:45 – 3:15)
  - Cooperative agreement extension (Debbie Felker)
  - Legislation (annual funding, Ruedi) (Tom Pitts)
  - Washington, D.C. briefing trip (March 17 – 22, 2010) (John Shields)
10. Wrap-up and schedule next Implementation Committee meeting (All) (3:15 – 3:30)  
*The Committee may wish to meet again in September 2010.*

**ADJOURN: 3:30 p.m.**

ATTACHMENT 3

Action Items from the Draft 2009 Sufficient Progress Memo

September 14, 2009

ACTION ITEM	LEAD	DUE DATE	STATUS
<p>The Service will continue to closely follow the effectiveness of nonnative fish management actions and the responses of the endangered and other native fishes. Data should continue to be reported annually, and necessary changes to nonnative fish management actions should be made in a timely fashion.</p>	<p>FWS, CDOW, UDWR</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>7/13/09: Critical data from 2008 have now been submitted. CDOW has discontinued translocation of smallmouth bass to Craig Justice Center Ponds, which will be returned to a trout fishery. Elkhead Reservoir will remain the primary translocation site for smallmouth bass (subsequent to spills or until the upper reservoir can be accessed). CDOW will continue to translocate northern pike to State Parks Headquarters Pond (Kyle's pond), Loudy Simpson, and Yampa State Wildlife Area ponds (subsequent to connection in the latter two locations). Northern pike CDOW is removing from Catamount Lake are now euthanized. Future actions are contingent on further contaminant results from riverine samples of northern pike and smallmouth bass. Elkhead Reservoir is still under a public fish consumption advisory. 2009 nonnative fish workshop scheduled for December 8-9.</p>
<p>A research framework project was initiated in 2005 to conduct additional data analyses to further understand environmental variables and life-history traits influencing the dynamics of Colorado pikeminnow and humpback chub populations. The draft research framework report is behind schedule (originally due in 2007), but is expected in July 2009. Results will be used to refine hypotheses and direct management actions.</p>	<p>Valdez, Bestgen</p>	<p>7/31/09</p>	<p>8/24/09: Draft sent to PD's office and co-authors for review.</p>
<p>The Flaming Gorge Technical Work Group (Reclamation, the Service, and Western) needs to continue to provide brief updates on current and projected Flaming Gorge operations at Biology Committee meetings.</p>	<p>USBR, FWS, WAPA</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>The Recovery Program and the Utah State Engineer's office have been working on mechanisms to protect year-round flows in the Green River; however, this is behind schedule. A schedule and outline of the steps required for both the year-round protection above the Duchesne (to occur in 2009) as well as flow protection below the Duchesne is needed: a) the public meeting held by August 31, and the protection finalized by December 31, 2009; and b) by September 30, 2009, a schedule outlining steps for year-round protection downstream of the Duchesne to the confluence with the Colorado River.</p>	<p>Utah</p>	<p>Public meeting: 8/31/09 Schedule/outline: 9/30/09</p>	<p>Public meeting held 8/20/09 for above Duchesne; completion anticipated by 12/30/09 (year-round above Duchesne). Outline/schedule for protection below Duchesne anticipated by 9/30/09. Program partners (Service, Reclamation, and Utah) are working to identify specific flow targets that would trigger subordination. The Water Acquisition Committee will discuss this process on September 18 and the State has public meeting scheduled at the end of September.</p>

The Colorado Division of Wildlife will complete the Yampa River Aquatic Management Plan (with an Upper Yampa River northern pike strategy) by early July 2009. The Program will use this strategy and available information to evaluate the need to expand northern pike control upstream of Hayden to Steamboat Springs, possibly including removal efforts.	CDOW		8/10: Draft is in internal CDOW review. CDOW will send the draft to the States and Service for a courtesy review prior to final approval.
Now that the Myton Diversion rehabilitation has been completed, the Program, Service, and Duchesne Work Group will work together to determine if any changes are needed in ongoing monitoring efforts necessary to evaluate the flow recommendations.	PD, FWS, DWG	Ongoing	8/10: Diversion operational and SCADA now online. Hydrological monitoring: after a full year's operation, the data will be examined to assure that the water is reaching the Randlette gage. Biological monitoring: Ute Tribe is conducting fish community surveys in the Duchesne; PD/FWS to define monitoring needed to evaluate flow recommendations.
Implementation of Coordinated Reservoir Operations (CROS) provided some peak flow augmentation in 2008; however, constraints on operations due to flooding concerns need further investigation to determine the feasibility of further enhancing CROS benefits.	NWS, Mohrman, CWCB, WAC	March 1, 2010	7/22/09: National Weather Service began a flood stage investigation last season which should provide some answers before the 2010 peak flow.
Work on Coordinated Facilities Operations Project (CFOPS) will resume and is expected to be completed in 2010, but a specific schedule needs to be developed by October 1, 2009.	Upper Basin water users	October 1, 2010.	Implementation schedule to be provided by Oct. 1, 2009.
Close coordination will be maintained by meeting twice a year with Grand Valley water users and conducting conference calls as needed to discuss river conditions prior to the weekly Historic User Pool calls. The focus should be on taking full advantage of water savings brought about by operation of the Grand Valley Water Management project for late summer flow augmentation.	USB, PD's office	Meetings and conference calls ongoing. Hydrologic model completion date?	7/31/09: Declaration of Green Mtn. surplus happens after other fish pools are applied, but should be fairly straightforward this year. CWCB is working on a hydrologic model to better predict base flows at Cameo based on snowpack, etc. (Dan McAuliffe checking with Michelle Garrison re: completion date).
The goal of the 10,825 Project is to have agreements signed with the Service prior to Dec. 2009 committing east & west slope water users to permanent sources of Ruedi replacement water (as required by the Colorado River PBO).	Upper Basin water users, FWS	Agreements to be signed by December 2009	8/3/09 Tom Pitts will work with water user attorneys to draft commitments by the water users to implement the two-component 10,825 solution and provide drafts for Service review (meetings to begin in September).