



Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program

Agenda Dated: February 4, 2014

February 11, 2014, Management Committee Meeting/Webinar Draft Agenda Hilton Garden Inn Denver Airport, 16475 E 40th Cir, Aurora, CO 80011

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Meeting Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME. The agenda includes a half hour break for lunch. Angela will start the web portion of the meeting by 8:45 a.m. so that everyone can get connected and work through any technical difficulties before the 9:00 a.m. start time.

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CONVENE Meeting/Webinar: 9:00 a.m.

1. Introductions, review/modify agenda and time allocations, and appoint a timekeeper (5 min)
2. Approve October 29, 2013, revised draft meeting summary (All, 5 min) – *Comments on the summary were received from Brent Uilenberg and Patrick McCarthy. A revised, track-changes draft summary was provided with this meeting agenda.*
3. Approve *Upper Colorado River Basin Nonnative and Invasive Aquatic Species Prevention and Control Strategy* (Chart, 10 min) – *Following approval by the Biology Committee (and no additional comments from the Information and Education Committee), this document now comes to the Management Committee for approval. The final draft (provided January 7 by Tom Chart) and the draft Biology Committee meeting summary were provided with this agenda.)*
4. Sufficient progress and nonnative fish action items status report (Chart, McAbee, 20 min)
5. Update on Green River Colorado pikeminnow population status (Chart, 15 min) – *Tom Chart will describe concerns regarding status of the Green River Colorado pikeminnow population and the lack of pikeminnow recruitment from Green River spawning / rearing areas.*
6. Update on Ridgway Reservoir smallmouth bass escapement prevention planning (McAbee, Pitts, Garrison, 15 min)

7. D.C. Trip planning (Pitts, 30 min) – *The group will discuss logistics, participants, and assignments for the trip planned for the week of April 7.*

BREAK (10 min)

8. Flows update and Flaming Gorge spring flow request (Mohrman, Chart, 30 min)
9. Update on Colorado State Water Plan (standing agenda item) (Garrison, 10 min)
10. Approval of revised Green River water protection timeframe (Mohrman, 10 min) –

The Water Acquisition Committee recently approved the following revised schedule:

		2013 RIPRAP TABLE ACTIVITY	WHO	STATUS	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17
	I.A.4.b.(2)(f)	Analyze model results	UT	<i>In progress</i>	X			
	I.A.4.b.(2)(g)	As necessary, obtain additional authority to protect flows	UT	Pending	X	X	X	
>*	I.A.4.b.(3)	Implement legal streamflow protection.	UT	Pending			X	X

11. Discussion of draft letter on risks associated with energy development in or in close proximity to endangered fish critical habitat (McAbee, 15 min)
12. Recovery planning update (Czapla, 10 min),
13. Capital projects updates (Uilenberg 10 min)
- Tusher Wash
 - OMID
 - Other
14. Implementation Committee webinar (March 6, 1-4pm) agenda items (All, 10 min) – *Agenda items will include: approval of revised September 23, 2013, IC webinar summary; Program Director’s Update (will include recovery plan update); review of D.C. trip planning; approval (or delegation of approval) of RIPRAP revisions and assessment; capital projects update; review of sufficient progress items; Southern Rockies LCC update; and scheduling September 2014 meeting or webinar.*
15. Management Committee chair (All, 10 min) – *The Committee will discuss electing a new chair of the Management Committee in light of John Shields’ retirement.*
16. Review previous meeting assignments (All, 5 min) – *See Attachment 1.*
17. Schedule next meeting, webinar, or conference call (All, 5 min) – *The Committee typically schedules a webinar or conference call to review RIPRAP revisions and assessment around mid-March.*

ADJOURN: by 1:00 p.m.

Following the meeting, those attending in person are planning to take John Shields and Dan Luecke to lunch.

Attachment 1 Previous Meeting Assignments

1. **Tom Pitts** will work with **Clayton Palmer and Brent Uilenberg** and provide a list of additional Program contributions to be added to the Program's budget pie chart that appears in each year's briefing book. *In process.* For the 2012 *Program Highlights*, we used the \$37.4M annualized estimate. By July 2012, **WAPA** will complete modeling and report actual power replacement costs going back to 2001. Subsequently, **WAPA** will provide annual power replacement cost for the previous year each January for inclusion in the *Program Highlights* pie charts. Those pie charts will include a footnote explaining the calculation and assumptions. **Program participants** will identify other significant costs that have not previously reported (e.g., the Granby component of 10,825 which is estimated at \$16M, \$1.25M contributed by Colorado for GVWM and \$1.5M for OMID, CRWCD contributed property for OMID, etc.). **Tom Chart** will ask **Dave Campbell** to work with the SJCC to determine their additional costs not currently reported. *1/30/12: Tom Pitts provided additional costs to be included in the briefing book pie chart; need to follow up with documentation for the record. 3/21/12: Clayton will be asking modelers/analysts to look at economic impact of re-operation of Flaming Gorge Dam beginning in FY2001. Tom Pitts said P.L. 106-392 recognizes power replacement costs as non-reimbursable; is that the same thing as economic costs? John Shields asked why not include the ~7 years of "study flows" preceding 2001. Clayton will do both, since Flaming Gorge was originally reoperated in water year 1991 (a separate table for 2001 and forward will be included responding specifically to the P.L. 106-392). Clayton also will include analysis to show the year in which FG was reoperated under the new EIS (2006 to present). John said he and Robert were asked about retail power cost levels yesterday; Leslie doesn't believe that can be reported since each individual utility has a different amount of hydropower in their mix. Tom Pitts suggested setting up a work group of himself, Leslie, Clayton, Robert Wigington, Angela Kantola and/or Tom Chart; Tom Pitts will send out preliminary materials. 6/26/12: Work group held conference call 4/27/12; Argonne working on power replacement costs, water users working on their additional costs, San Juan also working on their additional costs. 6/22/12: Clayton provided the group a description of how they'll conduct the economic analysis of Flaming Gorge dam reoperation. 1/24/13: The Cost Subcommittee held a call on January 9 and identified the need to outline the process for arriving at fully substantiated power replacement costs going forward. If more substantiated power replacement costs are to be included in the 2014 briefing book, the numbers will need to have been fully vetted and agreed upon by the Management Committee sub-group (and perhaps the Management Committee as a whole) and go through the peer review described by Western by mid-December 2013. Les Poch provided new runs of the power model and an assessment of the economic impact of reoperating Flaming Gorge Dam for endangered fish species for the period 2001 – 2011 and those were discussed with Cost Subcommittee members on January 24 and 25. 2/7/13: Clayton Palmer will think we can get to an estimate of power costs in time for Management Committee approval by mid-December 2013 (to meet the deadline for the 2014 briefing book), but it will depend on other priorities (like LTEMP); >Clayton will let the Committee know if they can meet the deadline for next year's briefing book. Other contributions which still need to be documented include those from water users and also some from the Colorado's Species Conservation Trust Fund. These need to be described in a table and provided for Management Committee review/approval before they're included in the pie chart. 4/2/13: Clayton has established a deadline of no later than the end of the FY to reach a conclusion on replacement power costs. He has a conference call with Argonne tomorrow to discuss the capacity issue. Clayton anticipates the document will be ready within about a month or so. Tom Chart asked that Clayton send it to the team before sending it out for peer review; Clayton agreed. John Shields noted they did get questions about the \$44M estimated power replacement costs on the D.C. trip. Tom Pitts is working on the additional water user contributions (should include \$945K CRWCD contribution for OMID reservoir site). Michelle Garrison will provide information on any funds from the Native Species Trust Fund (e.g., OMID grant, the*

*\$250K approved for the White River, CPW expenditures). For NSTF funds, it may be best to report by project once they're all expended. 8/14/13: The **Water Users** will provide 10,825 costs. 1/29/14: Water user and Colorado additional costs added and documented; power revenue replacement costs "placeholder" from previous years retained until Argonne report finalized and approved.*

2. *The **Program Director's office** will finalize the basinwide strategy (the PDO will provide a more specific date - hopefully, in time to affect RIPRAP changes in 2013). *Revised document sent to Management and Biology committees on January 13, 2013; meeting held with States' Fish Chiefs May 21-22; PD's office finalized for Program review; Biology and Information & Education committees comments due October 31, 2013. 1/29/14: Approved by Biology Committee January 16; no additional comments from I&E Committee; scheduled for Management Committee approval February 11, 2014.*
3. **Michelle Garrison** will discuss with Ted Kowalski (and get back to Brent or Bob Norman) on the proposal of having the Programs ask the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to obligate \$200K of Colorado's San Juan NFWF funds by putting an "Upper Basin" label on them and then invoicing against that \$200K for Upper Colorado NFWF capital expenditures (e.g., Tusher \$40K and others) in the future.
4. The **Service** will do a news release on completion of the 10,825 contracts and releases now being made. *Done.*