

**COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM  
FY 2003 ANNUAL REPORT**

**PROJECT NUMBER: PIP 12E (CAP-6)**

**I. Project Title:** Floodplain Habitat Restoration/Land Acquisition

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**III. Project Summary:** The goal of the Floodplain Habitat Restoration Program is to restore or enhance natural floodplain functions that support recovery of endangered fishes in the Upper Colorado River Basin. Land acquisition is one tool that is used to accomplish that goal.

Achieving this goal requires support and/or informed consent for the Habitat Restoration Program from a wide variety of individuals, organizations, and government entities within the project area. The purpose of public involvement is to inform the public about habitat restoration and land acquisition, identify and address related issues, and develop support and informed consent from the public. Emphasis has been placed on landowners with potential riparian habitat.

**IV. Study Schedule:** 1998-2002

**V. Relationship to RIPRAP:**

GENERAL RECOVERY PROGRAM SUPPORT ACTION PLAN

II. Restore habitat

II.A.3. Conduct NEPA for floodplain restoration program.

VI. Increase public awareness and support for the endangered fishes and the Recovery Program

VI.C. Plan and implement information and education and public involvement activities for all significant Recovery Program actions.

**VI. Accomplishment of FY 2002 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:**

Public involvement activities were not conducted during FY 02 partly because the Management Committee put land acquisition on hold in January 2002, partly because the Habitat Restoration Program is undergoing technical review, and partly because all landowners with quality habitat have already been contacted. There are only three remaining properties that the Recovery Program is working on.

**VII. Recommendations:** Continue to conduct public involvement activities, but only on an as-needed basis in support of endangered fish habitat restoration and protection.

**VIII. Project Status:** Ongoing intermittent

**IX. FY 2002 Budget Status**

- A. Funds Provided: 0
- B. Funds Expended: n/a
- C. Difference: n/a
- D. Percent of the FY 2002 work completed, and projected costs to complete: n/a
- E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: 0

**X. Status of Data Submission (Where applicable):** n/a

**XI. Signed**

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