

- I. Project Title: Capital Projects Coordination
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- III. Project Summary: Manage and implement capital projects associated with the Colorado River Recovery Program. Work includes preparation of preliminary cost estimates; developing and revising schedules and budgets; allocating costs between appropriated, power revenue and state funds; coordinating with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in the collection and expenditure of deposited State Funds; developing contracts and agreements for the purpose of transferring funds to accomplish program objectives; tracking expenditures and obligations; and resolving issues and disputes associated with implementation and management of capital projects.
- IV. Study Schedule: Ongoing throughout authorized period of performance for capital projects.
- V. Relationship to RIPRAP: General Recovery Program Support Action Plan: VII. Provide Program Planning and Support (Program Management)
- VI. Accomplishment of FY 2005 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings: Major FY 2005 accomplishments include substantial completion of the Grand Valley Project Fish Screen and Passage, Redlands Fish Screen and Passage and Redlands Water and Power Company Fish Screen; resolution of Mesa County and Palisade Irrigation District issues associated with Price-Stubb Fish Passage; provided support to efforts of the recreation community to raise cost share funds for recreation components of the proposed Price-Subb Fish Passage/White Water Park; continued work to identify and implement remedial improvements to the Grand Valley Irrigation Company Fish Screen and Fish Passage; executed cooperative agreement with the Colorado River Water Conservation District providing for construction of the Elkhead Reservoir Enlargement; participated in the resolution of issues associated with non-native fish escapement from Elkhead Reservoir Enlargement; participated in the restoration of flood control levees at Thunder Ranch and attempted resolution of damage claims; initiated discussions and preconstruction activities associated with the Tusher Wash Fish Screen; reinitiated discussions with the Grand Valley Water Users Association to develop an O&M contract for the Grand Valley Project Fish Screen and Fish Passage; and supported efforts of non-Federal program participants to secure additional cost ceiling authorization.

VII. Recommendations: None

VIII. Project Status: Full operation of the Grand Valley Water Management Project has been delayed due to problems encountered with the Highline Lake Pumping Plant and SCADA system. Redlands Water and Power Company Fish Screen was placed into service in manual operation mode in late September, full automated operation was not achieved due to problems associated with the SCADA system. Grand Valley Project Fish Screen test operations in manual mode were conducted intermittently in October. Full automated operation of these facilities is now scheduled for March 2006. Levee repairs at Thunder Ranch will be initiated in November 2005 and be ready for spring runoff in April 2006. The Grand Valley Irrigation Company Fish Screen compressed air trolley system will be replaced during the winter of 2005-2006 but is dependent upon the willingness of the Company to serve as the general contractor for this work. Discussions continue with the Company regarding installation of an automated Obermyer gate in the fish passage exit. Completion of this facility is not anticipated in FY 2006. Any further major construction contracts, most notably the Tusher Wash Fish Screen and Price-Stubb Fish Passage will require additional construction cost ceiling authority.

IX. FY 2005 Budget Status

- A. Funds Provided: \$400,000
- B. Funds Expended: \$400,000
- C. Difference: \$0
- D. Percent of the FY 2005 work completed, and projected costs to complete: Ongoing
- E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: None

X. Status of Data Submission (Where applicable): Not Applicable

XI. Signed: /s/ Brent R. Uilenberg November 8, 2005
Principal Investigator Date

APPENDIX: None