

**Colorado River Recovery Program
FY 2011 Annual Project Report**

**Recovery Program
Project Number: 135/C27**

I. Project Title: Ruedi Reservoir 2012 Water Contract 03XX6C0113

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III. Project Summary: The project provides 10,825 acre feet of water contracted from Ruedi Reservoir for the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program. The Ruedi “2012” agreement between Reclamation and the Colorado Water Conservation Board was signed in 2003, expires in 2012, and allows for water contracted out of Ruedi to be released to the 15 Mile Reach downstream on the Colorado. Funds provided to Reclamation for provision of the water under the 2012 Agreement are applied solely to Ruedi Reservoir Operations and Maintenance costs.

IV. Study Schedule: 2003-2012

V. Relationship to RIPRAP:

VI. Accomplishment of FY 2011 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:

Negotiators from Reclamation, CWCB and Service completed the lease of water from Ruedi Reservoir for delivery to the 15-Mile Reach of the Colorado River. The lease for up to 10,825 acre-feet of water measured at the Ruedi Power Plant was signed on June 24, 2003. The Bureau will pay the capital costs of the water, being \$1,754,191 in 2011. The Recovery Program will pay the annual operating and maintenance costs associated with providing the water- currently \$31,717.25 per year. The Service will include Reclamation capital cost contribution in the Recovery Programs annual budget and included the contribution in the Recovery Program Highlights report. All of the lease water available was used in 2011 to maintain flow targets in the 15-Mile Reach.

VII.

Tasks: Implementation schedule to provide the 10,825 acre feet of water to the Recovery Program.

Items	Who	Date
ESA Compliance		
Determine compliance of alternatives with Programmatic Biological Opinion (PBO)	USFWS	February, 2009
Identify interim arrangements for 10825 Water	Water users	April, 2009
Develop implementation plan and milestones for agreement	Water users/Pitts	April, 2009
Draft template agreement(s)	Pitts and Muth	March, 2009
Negotiate final agreements	Water users/USFWS	September, 2009
Sign final agreements	Water users/USFWS	October, 2009

Ruedi Reservoir reached a physical fill this year and had adequate water to meet all deliverables. The 10,825 acre feet of water provided by the 2012 Agreement was available and used this year.

VII. Recommendations: This 10,825 acre foot pool of water will be available in 2012 for the last time; currently no plans are underway to renew this pool. In past annual reports please note that for the 10825 pool in Ruedi that ends in 2012, the capital cost credit is discussed under #C-27 and the O&M costs are discussed in #135

VIII. Project Status: On track and on-going.

IX. FY 2011 Budget Status

- A. 2011 Actual O&M through 9/30/2011
(2.93 * 10825AF): \$31,717.25
- B. 2011 Advance O&M Payment (3.07 * 10825 AF): (\$33,232.75)
- C. 2012 Advance O&M Payment (3.01 * 10825 AF): \$32,583.25
- D. Amount Due to Reclamation 1/1/2012: \$31,067.75
- E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: 0
- F. Percent of the FY 2011 work completed: 100%

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