

COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM
FY 2012 ANNUAL PROJECT REPORT

RECOVERY PROGRAM
PROJECT NUMBER: C-27

- I. Project Title: Ruedi Reservoir Water Lease
- II. Bureau of Reclamation Agreement Number(s): Agreement No. 03XX6C0113.
Reclamation absorbs the capital costs (plus interest) of the water provided pursuant to this Agreement. This amount is reported as a Reclamation contribution to the Recovery Program.
- III. Principal Investigator(s):
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- IV. Abstract: The Recovery Program's lease of water from Ruedi Reservoir will help stabilize and maintain late summer flows in the 15-Mile Reach (the Reach) of the Colorado River to provide habitat for Colorado pikeminnow and razorback sucker. The water is leased by the Bureau of Reclamation at the request of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or its designee and is protected to and through the Reach by the Colorado water right system administered by the District 5 State Engineers Office. The goal of the effort is to provide a reliable source of late summer water for the Reach of the Colorado River to maintain the Service's recommended flows and to operate the GVIC fish ladder. The Agreement terminates December 31, 2012.
- V. Study Schedule: 2000 to Final Year – December 31, 2012.
- VI. Relationship to RIPRAP: Colorado River Action Plan I. Provide and protect instream flows.
- VII. Accomplishment of FY 2012 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and

Shortcomings:

Reclamation, CWCB and Service completed the lease of water from Ruedi Reservoir for delivery to the 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, \$734,909.25 which was locked in when the MOA was signed in 2003. The Recovery Program will pay the 2012 operating and maintenance costs associated with providing the water (see report #135) \$26,521.25. 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 2012 to maintain flow targets in the Reach.

- VIII. Recommendations: None. The Colorado Parties will provide 10,825 AF/year to the Recovery Program after December 31, 2012.
- IX. Project Status: Ongoing (until 12/31/12) and on-track.
- X. FY 2012 Budget Status
- A. Funds Provided: \$ 734,909.25
 - B. Funds Expended: \$ 734,909.25.
 - C. Difference: \$0.00.
 - D. Percent of the FY 2012 work completed, and projected costs to complete:100% completed
 - E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: \$0.00
- XI. Status of Data Submission (Where applicable): Colorado Division of Water Resources has provided an accounting sheet that is available on the Recovery Program web page.
- XII. Signed: Bob Rice _____ November 14, 2012
Principal Investigator Date
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