

**COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM
FY 2012 PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK for
Ruedi Reservoir O&M Water Contract**

Project Number: 135

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Relationship to RIPRAP:

Category:

Source:

- Ongoing project
 Ongoing-revised project
 Requested new project
 Unsolicited proposal

Expected Funding

- Annual funds
 Capital funds
 Other (explain)
(See under budget)

I. Title of Proposal: Provide 10,825 acre feet of water from Ruedi Reservoir to the Recovery Program

II. 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.

III. Study Schedule: 2003-2012

IV. Accomplishment of FY 2008 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:

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
Develop implementation plan and milestones for agreement	Water users/Pitts	April, 2009
Sign interim arrangements for 10825 Water	Water users	July , 2010
Draft template agreement(s)	Pitts and Chart	March, 2010
Negotiate final agreements, EA and FONSI	Water users/USFWS	September, 2011
Sign final agreements	Water users/USFWS	December, 2011

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

1V Recommendations: Negotiate final agreement for the new source of 10,825 by fall of 2011

Project Status: During 2003 to 2012 the water contracted out of Ruedi to be released to the 15 Mile Reach downstream on the Colorado the Operation and maintenance costs are paid for by the program.

V. Budget (FY 2012): Budget Summary Recovery Program \$

FY 2012 3.22 * 10825 \$ 34,856

This pool of water is discontinued from Ruedi after FY2012