

**Final Summary for the Coordination Committee**  
**San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program**  
**Conference Call on**  
**June 30, 2000-10:00 A.M.**

**Conference Call Participants:**

Jim Brooks, Biology Committee Chairman, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 2

Brent Uilenberg, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Bob Norman, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Bob Krakow, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs

Carol Taylor & Patty Worthing, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 6

Jessica Aberly, Jicarilla Apache Tribe

John Whipple, State of New Mexico

Randy Seaholm, State of Colorado

Stanley Pollack, Navajo Nation

Tom Pitts, Water Development

Not present for call:

Dan Israel, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

Scott McElroy, Southern Ute Indian Tribe

**Proposal: Reach consensus on reimbursement to the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for expenditures at**

**Cudei and Hogback Diversion Dams.** The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has approximately \$1 million available this fiscal year that could be used to reimburse BIA for funds expended.

**Discussion:**

**Brent Uilenberg/Bob Norman:** The conference call was scheduled based on discussions at the last Coordination Committee meeting. Previously, funds of \$1 million were targeted for expenditures at the PNM Weir. Due to unforeseen delays, the contract cannot be awarded this fiscal year. Since the money would be reprogrammed if it is not obligated, it should be used to reimburse BIA for expenditures at Cudei and Hogback Diversion Dams.

Since BIA has not furnished a breakdown of expenditures yet for the Cudei and Hogback sites, Bob Norman, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, put together cost estimates that are based on work done for the Upper Colorado River Program. His estimates were based on what would provide the best fish passage and included work on a fish way, spillway, and channel headworks. For both structures, he projected a total cost of \$2,013,000.

\*Hogback: \$1.2 million for actual work and \$130,000 for design work. Costs for rip rap will be higher due to the distance material will have to be hauled.

\*Cudei (low head facility): \$550,000 for actual work and \$130,000 for design work. This is for a 4-foot high structure. A siphon will be put in.

**PNM Weir:** Members were concerned that previously these funds were committed to the PNM Weir project. Approximately, \$350,000 was approved by the State of New Mexico for work at the PNM Weir. These funds were contingent on matching Federal funds being available. The fiscal year for the State of New Mexico runs July 1, 2000, to June 30, 2001. The new fiscal year for the Federal Government begins October 1, 2000, so State funds could still be utilized for the weir. To reduce overhead costs, a cooperative agreement could be set up between the Bureau of Reclamation and PNM for reimbursement of work done at the weir.

**Bob Krakow:** The BIA is estimating approximately \$5 million for expenditures at Hogback and Cudei Diversion Dams. The BIA does not need to be reimbursed for expenditures all at one time. A payment structure could be worked out for as long as 8 years. (Currently, he has a bid of \$1,236,013 for rip rap and \$221,000 for steel pilings at Hogback.)

**Brent Uilenberg:** With the Program receiving \$18 million, a reimbursement to BIA of \$5 million takes a large

portion of total Program funding and leaves less for completion of other projects.

**Approved Unanimously (2 members absent):**

**BIA will be reimbursed up to \$2 million (or whatever is available) this fiscal year for construction activities at Hogback and Cudei Diversion Dams.** (Better cost estimates for work at Hogback and Cudei should be available in the future.)

**The PNM weir will be the top priority for Program funding in Fiscal Year 2001.** (Committee members will look at the project again once design work is finalized. The project is projected to cost between \$1.2-\$1.3 million.)

**Additional Comments-250 cfs:** Jim Brooks will meet with Biology Committee members to provide the Coordination Committee with a better interpretation/definition of what “target base flow” means as described in the Flow Recommendation Report—including when Navajo Dam releases might go to 250 cfs. This information will be sent out in August.