



**San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program  
Biology Committee Conference Call Minutes  
September 30, 2004**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chuck McAda  
David Propst  
Bill Miller  
Ron Bliesner  
Tom Wesche  
Paul Holden  
Jim Brooks  
Mark McKinstry  
Tom Nesler

**REPRESENTING**

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Region 6  
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Water Development Interests  
Jicarilla Apache Nation  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, NM Fishery Resources  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Colorado Division of Wildlife

**OTHERS ATTENDING**

Brian Hanson  
Joann Perea-Richmann  
Jason Davis  
Sara Gottlieb  
Julie Jackson

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University of New Mexico

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTE**

Committee will review and approve September 9, 2004 Draft minutes at the next meeting.

**UPDATE OF COORDINATOR POSITION FOR SJRIP**

Brian Hanson addressed the committee stating he, Paul Holden and Tom Pitts will be interviewing the qualified candidates starting next week. The whole process should take about 3-4 weeks.

**Fiscal Year 05 (FY) BUDGET REVIEW – Biology Committee (BC)**

Brian addressed the committee saying that about \$70,000 was left over from FY04 budget, which would be able to offset FY05 budget. Ron Bliesner indicated that the Hydrology Committee (HC) agreed to their cut of \$20,000. Bill Miller indicated that his new budget would be about

\$14,680 and would submit a new statement of work for it. Mark McKinstry indicated that he would be submitting a new SOW for his part. Ron Bliesner stated that even with these cuts we are still .5% off. The BC agreed to update the budget spreadsheet forward it to the Coordination Committee for their review and will suggest they conduct a conference call.

**PRIORITIZING FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 05 (FY)**

The following is the list of projects which will be done

- Paul Holden & Bill Miller
- Mark McKinstry -- Kansas State Contract
- Ron Bliesner & Dave Propst (mid July time frame)
- Julie Jackson (Utah)
- Sara Gottlieb (UNM)

**RESPONSE FOR UPPER BASIN LETTER DATED 3/25/04**

The committee discussed the letter from Colorado Water Conservation Board referencing CDOW Riverine Fish Flow Investigations & Instream Flow Recommendations for Colorado and Yampa Rivers. The letter is requesting that the BC consider adopting the Anderson methodology for instream flow recommendations for native fish. The committee discussed this and concluded that they should address technical questions to Rick Anderson, and to request the Upper Basin technical review portion from him as well.

**RFP CONTRACTS**

Mark McKinstry indicated that he would move forward with projects within his office so they won't get dropped or put behind. Also, permits will be needed from anyone who bids on projects.

Conference call adjourned at 11:00 am.

**NEXT MEETING:**

February 15-16, 2004, 8 am – 4 pm  
Best Western Inn & Suites (Meeting Rm. D-2)  
700 Scott Ave  
Farmington, NM