Draft Meeting Notes

LCR-MSCP Steering Committee
June 22, 2005
Las Vegas, NV

The next meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 24, 2005 at the McCarran Airport, Las Vegas (rooms 4-5)

Attending:

Lorri Gray	Tom Sockwell	Holly Cheong
Laura Vecerina	Ray Hedrick	Eileen Wynkoop
Glen Gould	Conrad Jones	Steve Koon
David Brown	Chris Hayes	Jack Stonehocker
Bill Ceibfried	Canh Nguyen	Gary Hansen
Lesley Fitzpatrick	David Brownlee	Bill Lamb
Jed Blake	Monica Swartz	Mark Biddlecomb
Gail Iglitz	Gerald Zimmerman	Fred Worthley
Brian Young	Michael Remington	Doug St.Pierre
Bill Werner	Vikki Bradshaw	
Michelle Freeark	Robert Micalizio	Jerry Cormick
Charles Paradzick	Jim Taylor	
Tom Hine	Laura Simonek	
Doug Miller	Phillip Lehr	By telephone
William Kent Foree	Anthony Miller	
Doyle Wilson	Sara Price	Sam Spiller
Bill Plummer	Michael Langley	Bill Swan
Wade Noble	Janet Monaco	Clare Douthit

Administrative Matters

Introductions

The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m. with Jerry Zimmerman in the chair. Refreshments were provided by the Colorado River Commission of Nevada.

There were introductions of all attending in person and on the telephone.

Review of Agenda

The Agenda was reviewed and additions were as follows:

1. Add a motion for Colorado River Indian Tribe to be admitted to membership on the Steering Committee.
2. Add a motion for Quad State County Government Coalition to be admitted to membership on the Steering Committee.

Public Comments:

No public comment was offered.

Approve May 13, 2005 Meeting Notes

The May 13, 2005 Meeting Notes were approved by consensus, with minor corrections. (Moved by Bill Werner, seconded by Douglas Miller)

Steering Committee Administration

Motion regarding California Department of Fish and Game Steering Committee Membership
(Motion 05-004)

The Steering Committee approved by consensus the Steering Committee Membership of the California Department of Fish and Game by the following resolution (moved by Laura Simonek, seconded by Douglas Miller):

I move that the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) be admitted to membership on the Steering Committee within the California Participant Group on the conditions that it abide by the terms of the Funding and Management Agreement and the By-laws of the Steering Committee and regularly attend Steering Committee meetings.
(Resolution 005-003)

Motion regarding Colorado River Indian Tribes Steering Committee Membership
(Motion 05-005)

The Steering Committee approved by consensus the Steering Committee Membership of the Colorado River Indian Tribes by the following resolution (moved by Douglas Miller, seconded by Tom Hine):

I move that Colorado River Indian Tribes be admitted to membership on the Steering Committee within the Native American Participant Group on the conditions that it abide by the terms of the Funding and Management Agreement and the By-laws of the Steering Committee and regularly attend Steering Committee meetings.
(Resolution 005-004)

Motion Regarding QuadState County Government Coalition Steering Committee Membership
Motion 05-006

The Steering Committee approved by consensus the Steering Committee Membership of the QuadState County Government Coalition by the following resolution (moved by Douglas Miller, seconded by Bill Werner):

I move that QuadState County Government Coalition be admitted to membership on the Steering Committee within the Other Interested Parties Participant Group on the conditions that it abide by the terms of the Funding and Management Agreement and the By-laws of the Steering Committee and regularly attend Steering Committee meetings.
(Resolution 005-005)

Motion Regarding Ducks Unlimited Desert Wildlife Unlimited and Lower Colorado River RC&D Steering Committee Membership (Motion 05-007)

The Steering Committee approved by consensus the Steering Committee Membership of Ducks Unlimited in the Conservation Participant Group, Desert Wildlife Unlimited in the Other Interested Parties Participant Group and Lower Colorado River RC&D Area in the Conservation Participant Group by the following resolution (moved by Douglas Miller, seconded by Lorri Gray):

I move that Ducks Unlimited (Conservation Participant Group), Desert Wildlife Unlimited (Other Interested Parties Participant Group) and Lower Colorado River RC&D (Conservation Participant Group) be admitted to membership on the Steering Committee within the Participant Groups they have proposed, on the conditions that it abide by the terms of the Funding and Management Agreement and the By-laws of the Steering Committee and regularly attend Steering Committee meetings.
(Resolution 005-006)

Approve By-Laws

1. Motion 05-008

The By-Laws were approved by consensus, as corrected. (Moved by Bill Lamb, seconded by Bill Werner).

Revised Voting List/E-mail

Corrections to the list of Voting Members and to the E-mail list should be e-mailed to Laura Vecerina (lvecerina@usbr.gov).

Long Term Lunch Arrangements

There was a discussion regarding lunch arrangements during the meetings. It was noted that a trade-off for the convenience of meeting at the airport was the difficulty of providing lunch or access to food facilities. It was agreed that Steering Committee meetings would be scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to avoid the need for a lunch break. It was also suggested that participants bring their own mid-morning refreshments.

Workplans

FY04 Workplan - FY05 Workplan

The Program Decision Document "Process for Receiving and Utilizing Financial Credit for LCR MSCP Work Tasks Performed in FY 2004 and FY 2005" (Program Decision Document 05-001) was discussed. There was agreement that the document would be more universal if the specific dollar amount cited was deleted.

Following discussion of the Report of the Technical Review Committee for FY04 Credit, the Program Decision Document was further amended to provide for further action as appropriate by the Steering Committee should there be any modifications to the Decision Document. (Motions 05-009 and 05-009(r))

Program Decision Document 05-001, "Process for Receiving and Utilizing Financial Credit for LCR MSCP Work Tasks Performed in FY 2004 and FY 2005" was amended to remove reference to the specific dollar amount and approved, as corrected, by consensus.

Motion 05-009 was moved by Douglas Miller, seconded by Fred Worthley. Motion 05-009® was moved by Tom Hine and Seconded by Michael Remington.

The motions were approved by consensus.

Report from FY04 Technical Group

The Memorandum to the LCR MSCP Steering Committee from the Technical Review Committee, "Review and Recommendation on Reclamation FY04 Credit Request", (Program Decision Document 05-002) was discussed and provision was made for modifications or future action, as appropriate, by the Steering Committee. The need for such action could be the result of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service review or other changed factors. A motion to approve the recommendations of the Technical Review Committee, as amended, was approved by consensus (moved by Douglas Miller, seconded by Phil Lehr). (Motion 05-010)

FY06 Workplan

Lorri Gray reported that the non-federal share 0f FY06 program dollars is projected to be $6,072,381. She will send a letter to Jerry Zimmerman, George Caan and Douglas Miller, on behalf of their respective states, formally stating the dollar requirements. It is understood that CRC of Nevada will follow-up with letters specifying the funding share of each state.

The schedule is for the FY06 Workplan to be presented to the Steering Committee for discussion at its July meeting and for approval at the August meeting. Implementation of the Workplan begins October 1, 2005.

Technical Review Committee for FY05 Credit

A Technical Review Committee was established to review the Bureau of Reclamation Request for FY06 credit. Please contact Laura Vecerina (LVecerina@lc.usbr.gov) if you are interested in being on the Committee.

Motion for SunSparc Disposal
Motion 05-011

The Steering Committee approved by consensus the following resolution regarding disposal of the SunSparc Computer Work Station (moved by Tom Hine, seconded by Fred Worthley):

It is the motion of the LCR MSCP Steering Committee, that the authorized representative of SAIC deliver the SunSparc computer workstation, associated hardware peripherals, and software and packing boxes to the LCR MSCP Point-of Contact at the offices of the Colorado River Board of California.

Further, that upon delivery of the equipment and inventory, the Point-of-Contact and Mr. Phillip Lehr will evaluate the present value of the SunSparc workstation and related peripherals, and develop recommendations for the Steering Committee's consideration regarding the ultimate disposition of this equipment.
(Resolution 05-007)

Establish Group to Look At Grant Funding Sources

A Competitive Grants Working Group was established to identify and evaluate grant and funding opportunities that may be available for and applicable to implementation of elements in the Conservation Plan. Those interested in participating should contact Phil Lehr (plehr@crc.nv.gov). Sam Spiller, Chris Hayes, Leslie Fitzpatrick, Phil Lehr, Chuck Paraedzick and Michelle Freeark indicated their interest in serving on the Group.

Distribution of Final Program Documents

There was a discussion of how best to assemble and distribute the final program documents in order that all Steering Committee members could have a complete set. The Bureau of Reclamation agreed to create a set of CDs containing the final program documents and distribute them to the members. The CDs would include, but not be limited to:

- FMA
- Implementation Agreement
- By-Laws
- Record of Decision
- Section 10 Permit
- Biological Opinion
- HCP
- EIS
- EIR

Adjourn

The business portion of the Steering Committee meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m. and the agenda moved to reports and informational items.

Reports and Informational Items

Gail Iglitz, Bureau of Reclamation, presented a power point presentation on a mass tree planting research project that was undertaken in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge this year. The plantings were on land that had been in agricultural use. They experimented with different planting techniques and strategies and the results were positive in terms of the projected success of future habitat restoration efforts

Doug St.Pierre, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, provided background on the process for obtaining congressional authorization to establish an approved acquisition boundary for expanding the Bill Williams National Wildlife Refuge. The Service is currently preparing its NEPA compliance documents. Public scoping meetings are projected for fall 2005. Foci will include biological, ecological and socio-economic factors. He noted that the Service does not have funding for such an acquisition but that this process would facilitate future expansion should the adjacent properties be acquired under the LCRMSCP or by other entities.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS AND ASSIGNMENTS
June 22, 2005

Action Items

1. Motion 05-004 CDFG SC Membership

The Steering Committee approved by consensus the Steering Committee Membership of the California Department of Fish and Game by the following resolution (moved by Laura Simonek, seconded by Douglas Miller):

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(Resolution 05-003)

2. Motion 05-005 CRIT SC Membership

The Steering Committee approved by consensus the Steering Committee Membership of the Colorado River Indian Tribes by the following resolution (moved by Douglas Miller, seconded by Tom Hine):

I move that Colorado River Indian Tribes be admitted to membership on the Steering Committee within the Native American Participant Group on the conditions that it abide by the terms of the Funding and Management Agreement and the By-laws of the Steering Committee and regularly attend Steering Committee meetings.
(Resolution 05-004)

3. Motion 05-006 QuadState SC Membership

The Steering Committee approved by consensus the Steering Committee Membership of the QuadState County Government Coalition by the following resolution (moved by Douglas Miller, seconded by Bill Werner):

I move that QuadState County Government Coalition be admitted to membership on the Steering Committee within the Other Interested Parties Participant Group on the conditions that it abide by the terms of the Funding and Management Agreement and the By-laws of the Steering Committee and regularly attend Steering Committee meetings.
(Resolution 05-005)

4. Motion 05-007 Ducks Unlimited, Desert Wildlife Unlimited, Lower Colorado RC&D SC Membership

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(Resolution 05-006)

5. Motion 05-008 Approval of By-Laws

The By-Laws were approved, as corrected by consensus (Moved by Bill Lamb, seconded by Bill Werner).

6. Motion 05-009 and 05-009(r) Receiving and Utilizing Financial Credit

Program Decision Document 05-001, "Process for Receiving and Utilizing Financial Credit for LCR MSCP Work Tasks Performed in FY 2004 and FY 2005" was amended to remove reference to the specific dollar amount and approved, as corrected, by consensus (moved by Douglas Miller, seconded by Fred Worthley).

Following discussion of the Report of the Technical Review Committee for FY04 Credit, the Program Decision Document was further amended to provide for further action as appropriate by the Steering Committee should there be any modifications to the Decision Document. These changes were approved by consensus. (See Program Decision Document 05-002, attached)

7. Motion 05-010 Approve Report from FY04 Technical Group

Program Decision Document 05-002, "Review and Recommendation on Reclamation FY04 Credit Request" was approved, as amended, by consensus (moved by Douglas Miller, seconded by Phil Lehr). See attached Program Decision Document 05-001.

8. Motion 05-011

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(Resolution 05-007)

Assignments

9. A Technical Review Committee was established to review the Bureau of Reclamation Request for FY06 credit. Please contact Laura Vecerina (LVecerina@lc.usbr.gov) if you are interested in being on the Committee.

10. A Competitive Grants Working Group was established to identify and evaluate grant and funding opportunities that may be available for and applicable to implementation of elements in the Conservation Plan. Those interested in participating should contact Phil Lehr (plehr@crc.nv.gov)

11. The Bureau of Reclamation will create a set of CDs containing the final program documents. These would include, but not be limited to:
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