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Memorandum

- To: Program Manager, Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, Bureau of Reclamation, Boulder City, Nevada (LC-8000)
From: Field Supervisor
Subject: Request for Approval of Minor Modifications to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program (LCR MSCP) Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

This responds to your memorandum of December 7, 2010, requesting review by the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) of five Program Decision Documents (PDD) from the LCR MSCP Steering Committee containing minor modifications to the conservation actions for razorback sucker (RASU3) in PDD 11-002, bonytail (BONY3) in PDD 11-003, BLRA1 in PDD 11-004, sticky buckwheat (STBU1) in PDD 11-005, and threecorner milkvetch (THMI1) in PDD 11-006.

I have reviewed the proposed modifications and believe these minor changes do not alter the amount or intent of the subject conservation measures, and will assist in providing for the delivery of appropriate conservation for these five species. These changes are consistent with the adaptive-management principles upon which the LCR MSCP is founded. I approve these modifications.

Thank you for your continued efforts to ensure that the LCR MSCP functions as a stellar example of a successful HCP; providing benefits to the covered species, increasing the knowledge base for riparian restoration efforts applicable to other programs, and meeting the water and power needs of the partners. We appreciate the close working relationship between you and Ms. Lesley Fitzpatrick of my staff that contributes to the success of the program. If you have any questions concerning this approval, please contact Ms. Fitzpatrick at (602) 242-0210 x 236 or me at x244.

Handwritten signature of Steven L. Spangle
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cc: Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Albuquerque, NM (ARD-ES: Marty Tuegel)
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