

Work Task A1: Program Administration

FY06 Estimates	FY06 Actual	Cumulative Accomplishment Through FY06	FY07 Approved Estimate	FY08 Proposed Estimate	FY09 Proposed Estimate	FY10 Proposed Estimate
\$1,000,000	\$1,120,653	\$1,567,243	\$1,142,196	\$1,187,000	\$1,187,000	\$1,187,000

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Start Date: FY05

Expected Duration: FY55

Long-term Goal: Program Administration

Conservation Measures: N/A

Location: N/A

Purpose: Program Administration

Connections with Other Work Tasks (past and future): N/A

Project Description: Provides senior staff and administration support to manage implementation of the LCR MSCP. The Program Manager will direct functions and activities associated with implementation of the HCP to ensure the completion of activities in accordance with the program documents.

Previous Activities: Established a new stand-alone LCR MSCP Office in the Lower Colorado Region of the Bureau of Reclamation. Established a new Steering Committee and recognized all participating entities in accordance with the Funding and Management Agreement (FMA). Finalized and received approval of the By-Laws for the Steering Committee. Developed a report format for the LCR MSCP Annual Work Plan. Developed a financial tracking system that allows users to track costs and audit expenditures.

FY06 Accomplishments: The focus for program administration in FY06 was on the development of processes for the program. A draft site selection guidelines process, draft science strategy process, and draft database management options for managing data, were developed and presented for comment to Steering Committee work groups. In addition, a program decision document describing how in-kind credit for land and water will be determined was approved by the Steering Committee at its April 2006 meeting. The Fiscal Year 2007 Implementation, Work Plan and Budget Report and Fiscal Year 2005 Accomplishment Report were presented to the Steering Committee and a work group meeting was held in May to receive comments. Other activities focused on educating Steering Committee members on the program. A river tour of the program area was conducted over a 3-day period in December 2005, with more than 50 Steering

Committee members participating. In FY06, Reclamation also developed a process to improve the issuing of grants and cooperative agreements. A Steering Committee work group meeting was held in April 2006 to determine additional funding options available to the LCR MSCP program through the use of grants.

FY07 Activities: Work in FY07 continues the development of processes for program implementation. One of the recommendations in the draft science strategy was for the development of 5-year science goals. These will be drafted and presented to the Steering Committee for review in 2007. Reclamation will be developing land use agreements and other mechanisms to secure resources. In addition, a program decision document for in-kind credit for services is being developed. In FY07, short field trips for the Steering Committee are being scheduled to highlight program components. A field trip for the Lake Mohave Fish Rearing Program was held in February 2007. An internal review of FY06 financial records was done to fine tune financial tracking, along with the establishment of a financial work group to review information once a year.

In an effort to expedite compliance activities for Reclamation-covered actions and LCR MSCP implementation, Reclamation is working on a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Corps of Engineers that will lay out a process to develop a strategy for 404 compliance. Reclamation is also meeting with state resource agencies to examine compliance options under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

Proposed FY08 Activities: Program Administration for FY08 will continue the management of the LCR MSCP Program. This will include pursuing land and water resources opportunities and developing criteria for use of the Habitat Maintenance Fund. In conjunction with the USFWS, crediting methodology for habitat mosaics will be developed. In addition, the Implementation Report Fiscal Year 2009 Work Plan, and Budget and Fiscal Year 2007 Accomplishment report will be prepared. Financial tracking for the program will continue and an annual Financial Work Group Meeting will be held. The LCR MSCP Web site will also be maintained.

Pertinent Reports: *Implementation Report Fiscal Year 2007 Work Plan, and Budget, Fiscal Year 2005 Accomplishments, April 2006* are posted on the LCR MSCP Web site. *Draft and Final Implementation Report, Fiscal Year Work Plan and Budget, Fiscal Year 2006 Accomplishments* will be posted when available.