

**Governance Committee Meeting
Minutes
AmeriSuites Inn, DIA
August 8, 2006**

IMRP Peer Review

Governance Committee discussed the need for peer review of the IMRP portion of the Adaptive Management Plan before Program implementation. There was general agreement that this would not be done during the CA period due to time constraints but that it could be done using a variety of means early in the Program (e.g., use of outside experts, use of the ISAC). The Governance Committee agreed to transfer \$15,000 the funds for this review to further assistance in developing the Adaptive Management Plan.

EA Bypass Language

The Governance Committee discussed the revised language in the Program Document and Water Plan (Attachment 5) Section 1 related to the EA Bypass. The Governance Committee agreed with the suggested modification with the provision from Don Kraus on successful resolution of the hydrocycling issue.

Program Printing

There was discussion on how to track the changes to the Program Document and attachments that were analyzed in the FEIS. It was suggested that an errata sheet be used to update the reader to the area of changes. Further discussions are planned.

Wyoming Depletions Plan

Mike Purcell explained that Wyoming will be submitting a second attachment, related to non-hydrologically connected groundwater, to the Wyoming Depletions Plan to the Water Management Committee for review. This will come to the Governance Committee for approval after Water Management Committee review.

Cooperative Agreement Extension

There was discussion regarding when the Program will start and when Program Agreement might be signed. It was noted that the Program Agreement identifies that the Program will start on January 1, 2007. The Governance Committee asked the Executive Director's office to develop a budget for the October-December 2006 extension period as well as a 2007 Program budget. There was discussion regarding Program items identified for Year 1, including studies at the North Platte choke point, delivery of Program water to Overton, monitoring, etc. These items will be included in the draft 2007 budget.