



PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

Finance Committee Conference Call Minutes

July 15, 2013

Meeting Attendees

Finance Committee (FC)

State of Wyoming

Andrea O'Dell – Alternate

State of Colorado

Suzanne Sellers – Member

State of Nebraska

Jim Schneider – Member

Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)

Gary Campbell – Member

Brock Merrill

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)

Mike George – Member

Environmental Entities

John Heaston - Member

Colorado Water Users

Kevin Urie – Alternate

Downstream Water Users

Don Kraus – Member

Brian Barels

Welcome and Administrative

FC Chair Campbell officially called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. Central time. The group proceeded with introductions.

Urie moved to approve the June 4, 2013 FC minutes; Sellers seconded. Minutes approved.

Kenny said after the two agenda items are complete he will provide the FC an update on the timeline and financial aspects of the J2 project. Campbell also noted Smith sent around an additional item of detail for the Elm Creek FSM action item.

In-Channel Disking

Farnsworth discussed the Request for Quotation (RFQ) for channel disking at Program habitat complexes. Schneider asked about the note regarding passing over dense vegetation twice and whether this is the norm or the exception. Farnsworth said it will be the exception. There will be on-site construction

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oversight off and on during the whole project so walking the site periodically will determine if any areas need double-disked (maybe 15-20% of the total area). Schneider said that makes sense and it would be tough to tell those areas just on maps. Farnsworth said there are 2-3 contractors that can even do this work and they know exactly what the PRRIP wants. Barels asked if we will have the data we need coming out of the flow release versus the impacts of mechanical management. Farnsworth said yes – we will collect all the data we can during this monitoring season before this disking will occur, and also most of the vegetation that needs removed at this point is two-year-old cottonwoods that cannot be removed by flow and would require a channel re-set prior to any additional flow releases anyway. Kraus asked if all post-event monitoring is completed after the SDMF. Farnsworth said yes, once additional Elm Creek monitoring is completed in August (if approved). Systematic geomorphology and vegetation monitoring and imagery will all be collected prior to the disking.

Schneider moved to approve the RFQ; Kraus seconded. RFQ approved.

Elm Creek Complex FSM Proof of Concept

Farnsworth discussed the contract amendment for additional FSM monitoring at the Elm Creek Complex.

Urie moved to approve the contract amendment up to \$60,000; Sellers seconded. Contract amendment approved.

Closing Business

Kenny discussed the status of the J2 project. The agreement has been executed with an effective date of July 9. There are 60 days to issue a notice to proceed and then Central has a reasonable amount of time to provide invoices to the parties. Upon receipt of the invoices, the parties have 60 days to make payment. Kenny will have discussions with each funding party to determine how cash flows match up with this timeline. Kraus said that is the correct timeline. Central will not do anything until the notice to proceed is issued. At that point, the invoices will be issued quickly.

The next FC meeting is from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Central time on August 21, 2013.

FC meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. Central time.

Summary of Action Items/Decisions from July 15, 2013 FC meeting

- 1) Approved the June 3, 2013 FC minutes.
- 2) Approved the in-channel disking RFQ.
- 3) Approved the Elm Creek Complex FSM Proof of Concept contract amendment.