



PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

Finance Committee Conference Call Minutes

October 24, 2013

Meeting Attendees

Finance Committee (FC)

State of Wyoming

Andrea O'Dell – Alternate

State of Colorado

Suzanne Sellers – Member

State of Nebraska

Jesse Bradley – Member

Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)

Gary Campbell – Member

Brock Merrill

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)

Mike George – Member

Environmental Entities

Marian Langan – Alternate

Colorado Water Users

Alan Berryman – Member

Downstream Water Users

Don Kraus – Member

Welcome and Administrative

FC Chair Campbell officially called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Central time. The group proceeded with introductions.

George moved to approve the September 11, 2013 FC minutes; Kraus seconded. Minutes approved.

PRRIP FY2014 Budget and Work Plan

Kenny discussed the latest draft of the FY14 work plan and budget. He asked for insight, direction, and other related input from the FC – no decisions on the work plan and budget today. Campbell said there may be an opportunity for substantial savings in the NCF fees line item for 2014. Merrill said he has been talking with Diane Wilson at the NCF about this. Kenny said Merrill and Wilson will help him develop an update estimate for this line item.

Campbell asked what the target acreage is for the palustrine acres. Kenny said we are using 240 acres because we often have to buy more than what we actually need. Campbell said for the GC meeting in

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November the ED Office needs to come with a table clearly explaining what acres still need to be acquired and how many acres of each type. Kenny agreed.

Campbell asked about the discrepancy between the budget spreadsheet number for PD-18 and what is reflected in the work plan for that line item. Kenny said the work plan table needs to be updated to reflect the estimate of \$80,000 for FY14. Campbell said we have not been spending the full \$10,000 on the gages, so he asked Kenny to re-assess whether we really need to estimate that each gage is \$10,000 or if it is something less. Kenny said it should be roughly \$40,000 each year, but he will double-check. Campbell asked about the extent of peer review and whether the 8 documents listed in the work plan are really the documents that will be reviewed. Smith gave a summary of recent discussions within the Program and with the ISAC regarding peer review and publication. The peer review line item and the PD-21 line item (publication) will be the subject of discussion at a TAC meeting on October 30 and at the GC meeting in November to provide clearer guidance on what documents the Program wants to peer review and/or publish.

Kraus asked about PD-13 and what recommendation might be coming regarding future augmentation. Smith said final reporting from the pilot study is nearly complete, but the basic summation is that for the foreseeable future, the recommendation will be to

Kraus asked about the status of the federal budget and funding. Campbell said his gut feeling is that recent events point toward the latest federal budget piece of the Program's overall budget being on the high side. That is going to make the GC discussion in November very important, and we should be thinking about what is most important to fund in FY14.

Closing Business

The next FC meeting will tentatively be at the conclusion of the November 20 GC meeting in Denver, if necessary.

Kenny asked if there would be any opportunity at the end of the year to "sweep" up unused federal monies. Campbell said it was not likely, but there is always something that might pop up.

FC meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m. Central time.

Summary of Action Items/Decisions from October 24, 2013 FC meeting

- 1) Approved the September 11, 2013 FC minutes.