



PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (PRRIP or Program)
Finance Committee (FC) Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2016

Meeting Attendees

Finance Committee (FC)

State of Wyoming

Harry LaBonde – Member (Chair)

State of Colorado

Suzanne Sellers – Member

State of Nebraska

Jeff Fassett – Member

Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)

Chris Beardsley – Member

Brock Merrill – Alternate

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service)

Tom Econopouly – Alternate

Environmental Entities

None

Colorado Water Users

Alan Berryman – Member

Downstream Water Users

Don Kraus – Member

Welcome and Administrative

FC Chair LaBonde called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM Central Time. Kenny listed everyone on the call.

Fassett moved to approve the August 11, 2016 FC minutes; Berryman seconded. Minutes approved.

PRRIP Contract Amendments

Farnsworth discussed the need for permitting related to broad scale recharge and the related contract amendment with HDR for Section 404 permitting activities at the Cottonwood Ranch Complex. Fassett asked if this amendment is written generically for sites as they may be determined or if this is specific to the Cottonwood Ranch Complex. Farnsworth said the scope is generic and is written to get wetland delineations done before talking with the Corps. The EDO will work with HDR during the winter to get site-specific impacts assessed in order to write the permit application next spring.

Kraus moved to approve the Broad Scale Recharge Permitting contract amendment; Fassett seconded. Contract amendment approved.



Farnsworth discussed the contract modification related to modeling removal of the sand dam at Jeffrey Island. This pertains to sediment augmentation and south channel degradation and investigating the question of how to limit the amount of sediment and effort required to offset the sediment deficit. One option would be to make the sand dam ephemeral so that it washes out during high flow events and would allow sand and water access to the south channel during those events. The EDO is taking this very slowly and modeling would be done to predict what would happen if the sand dam washes out during high flow events and then replace it. The modeling exercise will help us think through the viability of this option. Tetra Tech developed modeling tools for the Program and has been contracted to utilize these tools before like at the North Platte choke point.

*Sellers moved to approve the Sand Dam Removal Modeling contract modification; Beardsley seconded. Kraus abstained. **Contract modification approved.***

Closing Business

The next scheduled FC meeting will be scheduled via Doodle poll following the September 2016 GC meeting in Kearney, NE.

FC meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM Central Time.

Summary of Action Items/Decisions from September 6, 2016 FC meeting

- 1) Approved August 11, 2016 FC minutes.
- 2) Approved the Broad Scale Recharge Permitting contract amendment.
- 3) Approved the Sand Dam Removal Modeling contract modification.