Water Acquisition Committee Conference Call  
March 2, 2006, 1:00 p.m.

Participants: George Smith, Boyd Clayton, Randy Seaholm, Michelle Garrison, Dan Luecke, Ray Tenney, Tom Pitts, Malcolm Wilson, Bob Muth, and Angela Kantola.

Assignments indicated by a “>” and at the end of the document.

Convene: 1:00 p.m.

1. Review of recommended RIPRAP items (posted to list server on 2/22 and 2/23, 2006).
   a. RIPRAP assessment

   27 Utah’s legislature is considering legislation to improve instream flow protection this year, but it will take some time (items IA4b1, IA4b2, IB2b, IB3a&b); note in the assessment that this work will be done in 2006-2007.

   35 Randy Seaholm said CWCB has been revising Colorado River model (by end of March), then they can work on IA3b (anticipating completion by 12/06).

   35, IA5c Tom Pitts said he’s concerned the date may be slipping to 2007.>
   >Malcolm Wilson will check on the time frame and let Tom Pitts know.

   35, IA5e Tom Pitts said a meeting scheduled for tomorrow was canceled, but will be rescheduled in March. He’s working to resolve the west slope 10,825 af and hopefully will know dates by the time the RIPRAP assessment is finalized.

   b. RIPRAP tables

   27 Utah’s legislature is considering legislation to improve instream flow protection this year, but it will take some time, so put X’s for Green River flow protection in FY 07, also (items IA4b1, IA4b2, IB2b, IB3a&b).

   33, ID2a (New item) Add Myton Town diversion rehabilitation.

   c. RIPRAP text - no changes.

2. Prospects for 2006 coordinated reservoirs operations and CFOPS - Management Committee approved on 2/28; WAC caught change under item 4 to be consistent with the date change and finalized. >George will finalize, clean up, and distribute the document. The potential for CROS looks good this year and conference calls are scheduled in March
3. John Pitlick's Report - John is working on responding to peer reviews. George working with him on this and getting flow recommendations into tabular form and hopes to see something back from John this month.

4. Myton Diversion rehabilitation - Bob Muth said the Management Committee discussed this and he and Brent Uilenberg met with the Duchesne Work Group. Utah is pursuing a Water 2025 grant; the Program will pay a portion of the cost (~50%) with Utah NFWF capital funds or Section 7 funds. Ralph Swanson will work with BIA and the Tribe with regard to their involvement. The goal is to secure the funds by August, start construction in October, and complete it before 2007 spring runoff.

Adjourn: 2:00 p.m.

Assignments

1. Malcolm Wilson will check on the time frame on the Ruedi contract and let Tom Pitts know.

   (On March 3, Malcolm provided the following update: Reclamation contracting staff have requested additional information on timing, volume and frequency of use from the River District. When that information is received, Reclamation will generate a scoping letter in early April and send it out for a 30-day review. The proposed lease would be added to the agenda of the Ruedi Annual Operations meeting scheduled for May 11. Reclamation would present the lease to the public at the operation meeting to receive public input. Assuming no major issues arise, Reclamation would then develop a Draft EA in late June and a final EA in late August. Based on this time frame, Malcolm believes a lease could be executed in late September of October 2006, and requested that the date for completion be change to 10/06 in the RIPRAP.)

2. George will finalize, clean up, and distribute the CROS document.

   Update Document finalized and distribute by the list server on March 3 300.