I. Project Title: Technical Assistance to the Recovery Program

II. Bureau of Reclamation Agreement Number(s): N/A (funded with NFWF “Section 7” funds)

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IV. Abstract: Provided technical assistance to the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Recovery Program to revise recovery goals for the four endangered fish to incorporate new information and convert to full recovery plan format. In FY12, the Colorado pikeminnow recovery plan was revised for Recovery Team review, a presentation was prepared to accompany draft plan to help speed the review process, and the humpback chub recovery plan was drafted.

V. Study Schedule: 2003-ongoing.

VI. Relationship to RIPRAP:
General Recovery Program Support Action Plan:
VIIA5d(1) Update recovery goals and then revise recovery plans.

VII. Accomplishment of FY 2012 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings: The Colorado pikeminnow recovery plan has been revised in preparation for Recovery Team review. A Powerpoint presentation was prepared to accompany the draft plan and help speed the review process. Humpback chub recovery goals have been converted to a draft humpback chub plan and this plan will be the next one ready for Recovery Team review. Meetings were held in April, May, and November of 2012 to coordinate the recovery planning process and to initiate deliberations of the Recovery Teams appointed by the Region Director.

VIII. Recommendations: None.

IX. Project Status: Ongoing

X. FY 2012 Budget Status

A. Funds Provided: Up to $60,000 of “Section 7 Funds” (held at National Fish & Wildlife Foundation).
B. Funds Expended: $17,870.84 in FY12
C. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: N/A

XI. Status of Data Submission (Where applicable): N/A.

XII. Signed: Angela Kantola for Rich Valdez 11/19/12
Principal Investigator Date