

FY-2012- 2013 PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK for:
Water Rights Acquisition Consultant

Project #: 9

Lead Agency: Water Acquisition Committee

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Category:

- Ongoing project
- Ongoing-revised project
- Requested new start

Expected Funding Source:

- Annual funds
- Capital funds
- Other (Section 7 funds)

I. Title of Proposal:

Water Rights Acquisition Consultant Umbrella (Section 7 Funds)

II. Relation to RIPRAP:

General Recovery Program Support Action Plan
I. Provide and protect instream flows

III. Study Background/Rationale and Hypotheses:

Through this Scope of Work the services of a consultant are made available to the Water Acquisition Committee on an "as-needed" basis to perform work on individual water rights as they are offered to the Program. Cost and performance deadlines will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Work orders will be negotiated between the Water Acquisition Committee, the consultant, and the Fish and Wildlife Foundation when proposals for water right acquisitions are approved by the Water Acquisition Committee. This proposal will provide funding for a water rights consultant.

IV. Study Goals, Objectives, End Products:

The goal of this proposal is to retain services of a consultant who would provide water rights engineer and/or water rights appraiser services to the Program through the Water Acquisition Committee. The consultant should have expert knowledge of water law, as well as extensive experience in water rights appraisal and water rights yield analysis.

V. Study Area:

The study area will include the entire Upper Colorado River Basin, with concentration on high priority areas such as the 15-Mile Reach, the Yampa River below Craig, lower reaches of the Little Snake River, and in the White River below Kenney Reservoir.

VI. Study Method/Approach:

This Scope of work provides funds for the Water Acquisition Committee to retain services of a consultant who would provide water rights engineer and/or water rights appraiser services. The consultant should have expert knowledge of water law, as well as extensive experience in water rights appraisal and water rights yield analysis. On some occasions funds provided for this scope of work may be made available to support the efforts of the Geomorphology Peer Review Panel.

VII. Task Description:

- 1) Project by project scopes of work will be prepared for the analysis of water rights or related work.
- 2) A letter agreement will be developed between the Recovery Program, the consultant and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation describing the work and funding arrangements.
- 3) Work accomplished by the Consultant will be reviewed and approved by the Water Acquisition Committee.

VIII. FY 2012 & 2013 Work:

Deliverables: Reports will be prepared on water rights and return flows, which have been evaluated by the consultant from Section 7 funds.

IX. Budget FY 2012:

General Consultant Services	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total FY 2012	Up To \$10,000

Budget FY 2013:

General Consultant Services	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total FY 2013	Up To \$10,000

X. Budget Summary:

FY 2012	Up To \$10,000
FY 2013	Up To <u>\$10,000</u>
Total	\$20,000