

**CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
Colorado River Management Committee
October 24, 2003**

Participants: See Attachment 1

Assignments are highlighted in the text and listed at the end of the summary.

CONVENE - 1:30 p.m.

The Committee discussed a request from the Grand Valley Water Users Association that the Recovery Program replace power revenues GVWUA will lose while the Program constructs a fish passage and screen on the Grand Valley diversion dam. The environmental assessment contemplated one year of construction (and resulting loss of power generation), but due to irregularities in the screen bids, construction now will take two years (thus doubling the impact to GVWUA's power revenues). The Committee weighed issues of precedent-setting, impacts to the already fully-committed capital construction funds, possible alternatives to reduce the impact on power generation, impacts on future operation of the ladder and screen, and the need to complete the work within the RIPRAP schedule.

The Committee worked out the following motion:

***Motion approved by the Management Committee
Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program
Regarding reimbursement of
Grand Valley Water Users Association and Orchard Mesa Irrigation District
For Power Revenue Losses Associated with Construction of a fish passage and fish screen on
the Grand Valley Project
October 24, 2003***

In consideration of several factors, including that there was a doubling of adverse economic impacts to Grand Valley Water Users Association (GVWUA) and Orchard Mesa Irrigation District (OMID) over that described in the NEPA compliance documents on the fish screen and the fish passage as a result of unanticipated construction delays, the Management Committee approves reimbursement of power revenue losses by the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program to GVWUA and OMID resulting from construction of a fish passage and a fish screen provided that:

1. It is recognized that this decision, and any decisions on similar matters, are at the discretion of the Recovery Program.
2. The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), Western Area Power Administration, GVWUA and OMID mutually agree on a method for calculating lost power revenues associated with screen and passage construction.
3. Reclamation will investigate reducing power revenue losses through construction sequencing and other means, so as to reduce those revenue losses to GVWUA and OMID, and corresponding reimbursement costs by the Recovery Program.

4. GVVUA and OMID agree, by resolutions of their respective Boards, that power revenue loss reimbursement by the Recovery Program will be used for the same purposes as the lost power revenues, and that copies of those resolutions will be provided to Reclamation.
5. Funds for reimbursement in this case will be taken from capital funds available to the Recovery Program.
6. The Management Committee will identify similar situations that may arise in the future, and discuss how those situations might be addressed by the Recovery Program.

The Committee approved this motion, with Dan Luecke qualifying his approval based on seeing the written motion.

>Brent Uilenberg will determine whether any further action is required under NEPA (perhaps just a letter to the files) and will send John Reber a copy of the environmental assessment.

ADJOURN: 2:30 p.m.

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Management Committee Voting Members:

Brent Uilenberg	Bureau of Reclamation
Tom Blickensderfer	State of Colorado
Sherm Hoskins and Robert King	Utah Department Of Natural Resources
Tom Pitts	Upper Basin Water Users
Bob McCue	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Gary Burton	Western Area Power Administration
Dave Mazour	Colorado River Energy Distributors Association
John Reber	National Park Service
Tom Iseman	The Nature Conservancy
(Bob Muth proxy for John Shields)	State of Wyoming

Nonvoting Member:

Bob Muth	Recovery Program Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Recovery Program Staff:

Angela Kantola	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Pat Nelson	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Others

Dan Luecke	Western Resource Advocates
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