

UPPER COLORADO RIVER ENDANGERED FISH RECOVERY PROGRAM

FY 2024-25 SCOPE OF WORK

PROJECT: 1

Project Title

Utah Program Management

Bureau of Reclamation Agreement Number:

TBD

Reclamation Agreement Term

TBD

Note: Recovery Program FY22-23 scopes of work are drafted in May 2021. They often are revised before final Program approval and may subsequently be revised again in response to changing Program needs. Program participants also recognize the need and allow for some flexibility in scopes of work to accommodate new information (especially in nonnative fish management projects) and changing hydrological conditions.

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Category:

Ongoing project

Ongoing-revised project

Requested new project

Unsolicited proposal

Expected Funding Source:

Annual funds

Capital funds

Other [UT Contribution]

Relationship to RIPRAP:

General Recovery Program Support Action Plan

VII. Provide Program Planning and Support.

Study Background/Rationale and Hypotheses:

This proposal describes Utah's "cash" contribution to the Recovery Program which is provided through the state's Endangered Species Mitigation Fund (ESMF) and is allocated to the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWiR) to cover annual costs related to "providing Program planning and support" as described in the Recovery Program RIPRAP. The amount of Utah's annual cash contribution to the Program is based on the Colorado Basin Depletion Charges for the State of Utah. The depletion rate is adjusted annually based on the previous year's Consumer Price Index % increase; the average increase for the last 5 years has been 2.1% and that amount has been used to forecast out-year costs. The FY

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2024 contribution was calculated as \$173,482 plus 2.1% or \$177,126 and the FY 2025 contribution is projected to be \$180,845.

Study Goals and Objectives:

N/A

Study Area:

The upper Colorado River Basin within Utah.

Study Methods/Approach:

See the Task Description below

Task Description, Deliverables and Schedule:

Task 1 – Statewide program administration and Biology Committee representation.

DWR, SL Office – Sarah Seegert, Assistant Chief: Prepare for and attend Biology Committee meetings and conference calls. Review, edit, and comment as may be required on proposals, scopes-of-work, annual reports, project reports, planning documents, and administrative records prepared by Recovery Program participants or their contractors. Attend the annual researchers and ad-hoc group meetings and participate in other Program-related activities as needed. Participate in the development, review, and approval of the Program's biennial budget and work plan. Participate in suggesting, developing, and approving appropriate refinements of the elements within the RIPRAP. Provide coordination and technical support for Management Committee members as needed. Coordinate with DOI personnel for contract development, progress reporting, and project funding.

Task 2 – S.E. Region program administration, implementation, and committee technical support.

DWR Moab – K. Creighton, Project Leader: Prepare scopes of work as required, annual reports, and all associated revisions. Coordinate and implement RIPRAP sanctioned field activities. Coordinate with federal agency personnel in transferring funds for Recovery Program work. Attend annual researchers and ad-hoc group meetings and participate in other Program-related activities as needed. Provide biological insight and technical support to all committees and ad-hoc groups.

TASK 3 – N.E. Region program administration, implementation, and committee technical support.

DWR Vernal – M. Partlow, Project Leader: Prepare scopes of work as required, annual reports, and all associated revisions. Coordinate and implement RIPRAP sanctioned field activities. Coordinate with federal agency personnel in transferring funds for Recovery Program work. Attend annual researchers and ad-hoc group meetings and participate in other Program-related activities as needed. Provide biological insight and technical support to all committees and ad-hoc groups.

Budget Summary:

FY Year	UT "Cash" Total	DWR–SLO	DWR–Vernal	DWR–Moab
2024	\$ 177,126	\$ 70,692	\$ 53,217	\$ 53,217
2025	\$ 180,845	\$ 72,177	\$ 54,334	\$ 54,334
2026	\$ 184,642	\$ 73,692	\$ 55,475	\$ 55,475
2027	\$ 188,520	\$ 75,240	\$ 56,640	\$ 56,640
2028	\$ 192,479	\$ 76,820	\$ 57,829	\$ 57,829
Total	\$ 923,612	\$ 368,621	\$ 277,495	\$ 277,495

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Reviewers:

N/A

References:

N/A