

Attachment 1

From the Notes of the LCR MSCP Steering Committee, Thursday, January 22, 2004:

Lorri Gray moved and Bill Werner seconded the following amended resolution which was approved by consensus:

“WHEREAS, the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program (LCR MSCP) has multiple participants who will be providing financial support for implementation of the LCR MSCP; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the LCR MSCP is expected to begin as early as November 2004; and

WHEREAS, some participants have resources available to begin certain implementation activities early; and

WHEREAS, those participants need credit for early implementation activities; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee of the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program needs a process for the participants to request financial and/or habitat credit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) for conservation actions for the LCR MSCP accomplished, prior to implementation of the LCR MSCP; and

WHEREAS, concurrence of the FWS is required for that credit;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the LCR MSCP participants will submit items to consider for potential financial and/or habitat credit to the Bureau of Reclamation for initial review and recommendation to a Technical Review Committee for further review and recommendation to the Steering Committee at an official meeting. Sufficient documentation will be provided as part of the request. The Steering Committee will provide approval or disapproval of the items submitted for financial and/or habitat credit at the next official meeting. If approved, the notification of a request for financial and/or habitat credit will be forwarded to the FWS.”

The Steering Committee established a “Technical Review Committee” for the purposes outlined in the resolution. It will be made up of representatives from each State and from the Bureau of Reclamation. The USFWS will be available for technical assistance on an “as needed” basis. Project proponent will be invited to attend the meeting at which their request is being considered.