

## **Minor Modification BLRA1**

### **Motion 11-004**

The Steering Committee approves Reclamation's recommended changes to conservation measure BLRA1 to:

*BLRA1 – Create 130 acres of California black rail habitat. Of the 512 acres of LCR MSCP-created marsh, 130 acres will be created and managed to provide California black rail habitat near occupied habitat in Reaches 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. This habitat will be provided by designing and managing at least 130 acres of the 512 acres of created Yuma clapper rail habitat to provide habitat for both species. Habitat will be created in patches as large as possible but will not be created in patches smaller than 5 acres. Additional California black rail habitat may be provided by marsh vegetation that becomes established along margins of the 360 acres that will be created in Reaches 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. These small patches of habitat provide cover for dispersing rails, thereby facilitating linkages between existing breeding populations and the colonization of created habitats.*

See PDD 11-004. (Moved by Chuck Paradzick, seconded by Perri Benemelis)