

Draft Meeting Notes  
LCR MSCP Steering Committee June 24, 2009

Attending Via Conference Call

George Caan	John Swett	Laura Vecerina
Bill Werner	Linda Carbone	Marianne Stemmer
Wade Noble	Maureen George	Joe Vanderhorst
Jerry Zimmerman	Jason Thiriot	Larry Purcell
Doyle Wilson	Holly Cheong	David Elms
Chris Harris	Eileen Wynkoop	Lesley Fitzpatrick
Laura Simonek		

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

Introductions

The meeting convened at 9:05 a.m. by Chairperson George Caan. There were self-introductions of all attending via conference call.

Review of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved with the addition of the status of land acquisition by John Swett.

(Moved as amended by Bill Werner, Chris Harris seconded.)

Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

Approve April 22, 2009 Meeting Notes

Bill Werner suggested adding the word “cotton” before “rats” under number 2. Work Plans and Budget, fourth paragraph, third and fifth sentence. He also requested to state what the ARRA funds would be used for under the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funding paragraph.

(Moved as amended by Bill Werner, Chris Harris seconded.)

## **2. WORK PLANS AND BUDGET**

### Final Implementation Report, FY2010 Work Plan And Budget, FY 2009 Accomplishment Report

John Swett thanked everyone who attended the technical work group meeting in Phoenix. There was good input this year with substantial rewrites on a few of the work plans based on comments received at the work group meeting. John reviewed the major changes. He indicated that Program Accomplishment for FY08 was over the approved amount due to the Hopi water purchase, which was approved by the Steering Committee at its 4-25-07 meeting. The proposed program for FY10 is \$20,729,810, which is a decrease of \$500,000 from the draft. This was due to a decrease in funding required for the Habitat Maintenance Fund based on a revised inflation index. John indicated that E-25 was rewritten to better explain what the MSCP role is. E-28 was rewritten to explain where we are in the process and that no decision has been made on whether to include the project in the LCR MSCP.

George Caan thanked Bill Werner for writing the Recommendation on Final Implementation Report, Fiscal Year 2010 Work Plan and Budget, Fiscal Year 2008 Accomplishment Report memorandum to the Steering Committee. The only change in the Draft Motion is to revise the dollar amount to \$20,729,810.

(Moved by Bill Werner and seconded by Chris Harris) Motion was adopted by consensus.

### Status of Land Acquisition

John Swett discussed the property located north of Farmers Bridge across from CVCA, 25 miles south of Blythe. He noted that Metropolitan had brought the property to our attention a few years ago. A trip report dated 11/27/06 was written, and there are no major issues. The only concern is the amount of habitat that the LCR MSCP already has in that reach. John indicated that at the September work group meeting a draft strategy will be presented which outlines proposed habitat by reach. The feasibility of adding this property can be examined later this year based on that strategy

Chris Harris noted that he will discuss interest in this property with PVID. David Elms stated CDFG's support for the LCR MSCP acquiring this land. He inquired what potential the property has for cottonwood, willow, mesquite, and marsh. The land is currently farmed and has some infrastructure. MWD stated that their interest in the property is the potential for mesquite in California.

## **3. STEERING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE**

Laura Vecerina reviewed the Steering Committee schedule. The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2009, in Laughlin, Nevada, along with the Big Bend dedication ceremony and tour of Planet Ranch. On September 24, 2009, there will be a Work Group meeting tentatively scheduled at McCarran Airport in Las Vegas. A brief discussion took place and it was decided to move the Work Group meeting to Phoenix.

#### **4. SUMMARY AND ACTION ITEMS**

George Caan summarized the meeting.

Bill Werner stated that he and George attended the CLE Law of the River conference and MSCP was mentioned and commended for their work.

#### **5. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.