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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 25, 2008

To: Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Steering Committee

From: W.E. Werner, Spokesperson *W.E. Werner*  
LCR MSCP Implementation, Work Plan, and Budget Technical Work Group

Subject: Recommendation on *Final Implementation Report, Fiscal Year 2008 Work Plan and Budget, Fiscal Year 2007 Accomplishment Report*

**Background:**

At the April 23, 2008 Steering Committee Meeting, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) distributed the *Draft Implementation Report, Fiscal Year 2009 Work Plan and Budget, Fiscal Year 2007 Accomplishment Report* (Draft Implementation Report). Steering Committee members were advised of and invited to participate in an upcoming Implementation, Work Plan, and Budget Technical Work Group (Work Group) meeting to be held on May 14-15, 2008 in Phoenix, Arizona.

During the Work Group meeting, all elements and tasks included in the Draft Implementation Report were reviewed. Participants discussed several new tasks, made suggestions for clarification in other tasks, and provided a number of other general and specific comments to Reclamation. Reclamation incorporated appropriate comments and on June 18, 2008 distributed *Final Implementation Report, Fiscal Year 2009 Work Plan and Budget, Fiscal Year 2007 Accomplishment Report* (Final Implementation Report) to Steering Committee members for consideration at the June 25, 2008 Steering Committee meeting.

With Reclamation's revisions, the Work Group generally believes that the elements of the Final Implementation Report fit within the Conservation Plan described in the LCR MSCP Habitat Conservation Plan, Chapter 5.

Consequently, the Work group recommends that the Steering Committee approve the proposed Final Implementation Report and budget in the amount of \$18,772,780. The report should also be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game for review to confirm consistency with the LCR MSCP.

**Draft Motion:**

Move that the LCR MSCP Steering Committee approve, by consensus, the *Final Implementation Report, Fiscal Year 2009 Work Plan and Budget, Fiscal Year 2007 Accomplishment Report* for \$18,772,780 and encourage the LCR MSCP Program Manager to submit the approved Final Implementation Report to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game for consistency review.