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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 9, 2009

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

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

Subject: Recommendation on *Final Implementation Report, Fiscal Year 2010 Work Plan and Budget, Fiscal Year 2008 Accomplishment Report*

Background:

At the April 22, 2009 meeting of the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program Steering Committee, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) distributed the *Draft Implementation Report, Fiscal Year 2010 Work Plan and Budget, Fiscal Year 2008 Accomplishment Report* (Draft Implementation Report). Steering Committee members were advised of and invited to participate in an upcoming Implementation Report, Work Plan, and Budget Technical Work Group (Work Group) meeting to be held on May 13-14, 2009 in Phoenix, Arizona.

During the Work Group meeting the Draft Implementation Report was 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 anticipates a June 17, 2008 distribution of the *Final Implementation Report, Fiscal Year 2010 Work Plan and Budget, Fiscal Year 2008 Accomplishment Report* (Final Implementation Report) to Steering Committee members for consideration at the June 24, 2009 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.

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Consequently, the Work Group recommends that the Steering Committee approve the proposed Final Implementation Report and budget in the amount of \$20,730,310. 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 2010 Work Plan and Budget, Fiscal Year 2008 Accomplishment Report* for \$20,730,310 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.