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MEMORANDUM

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

From: Phillip Lehr, Spokesperson
LCR MSCP Implementation, Work Plan, and Budget Technical Work Group

Subject: Review and Recommendation on *Final Implementation Report – Fiscal Year 2007 Work Plan, and Budget, Fiscal Year 2005 Accomplishment Report*

Background:

At the April 26, 2006 Steering Committee Meeting, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) distributed two draft reports; *Draft Implementation Report – Fiscal Year 2007 Work Plan ,and Budget* and *Draft Implementation Report – Fiscal Year 2005 Accomplishments*. Participants were advised of an Implementation, Work Plan, and Budget Technical Work Group (Work Group) meeting, which was held on May 22 and 23, 2006 in Phoenix, Arizona. During the Work Group meeting, participants discussed all elements and tasks included in the two reports.

During the review, suggestions for clarification and other comments were provided to Reclamation. Reclamation incorporated comments and on July 26, 2006 sent out a *Draft Final Implementation Report – Fiscal Year 2007 Work Plan, and Budget, Fiscal Year 2005 Accomplishment,* for review. A Work Group conference call was held on August 7, 2006 to obtain any additional comments. Based upon Reclamation's incorporation of comments and additional information for clarification, the Work Group generally believes that the elements of the *Final Implementation Report – Fiscal Year 2007 Work Plan, and Budget, Fiscal Year 2005 Accomplishment* fit within the Conservation Plan described in the LCR MSCP Habitat Conservation Plan, Chapter 5.

The Work Group is recommending to the Steering Committee that the proposed Fiscal Year 2007 Implementation Work Plan, and Budget be approved and in accordance with PDD 05-001(r) "Process for Receiving and Utilizing Financial Credit for LCR MSCP Work Tasks Performed in FY045 and FY05", that financial credits be approved for Fiscal Year 2005

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Accomplishment in the amount of $6,126,449. The report should also be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for their review for consistency with the LCR MSCP.

Draft Motion:

Move that the LCR MSCP Steering Committee approve by consensus the Fiscal Year 2007 Implementation Work Plan and Budget and that Fiscal Year 2005 financial credits be approved for $6,126,449 (BOR - $5,980,712; SDCWA - $145,737). It is recommended that the new format for the report be used in future years.

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