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County of San Diego

Date: June 27, 2007

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

From: Larry Purcell, Spokesperson
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 2006 Accomplishment Report*

Background:

At the April 25, 2007 Steering Committee Meeting, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) distributed the *Draft Implementation Report, Fiscal Year 2008 Work Plan and Budget, Fiscal Year 2006 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 16, 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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 20, 2007 distributed a proposed *Final Implementation Report, Fiscal year 2008 Work Plan and Budget, Fiscal Year 2006 Accomplishment Report* (Final Implementation Report) to Steering Committee members for consideration at the June 27, 2007 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 $14,947,500. The report should also be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 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 2008 Work Plan and Budget, Fiscal Year 2006 Accomplishment Report* for $14,947,500 and encourage the LCR MSCP Program Manager to submit the approved Final Implementation Report to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for consistency review.