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MEMORANDUM

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From: Lorri Gray /s/
Regional Director

Subject: Bureau of Reclamation Mussel Task Force

Reclamation has formed a Mussel Task Force to develop strategies to address the infestation of mussels in the Western river basins. The Task Force will provide a forum for Reclamation to corporately communicate, discuss, and collaborate on mussel related activities, issues, and priorities. The new representative for the Lower Colorado Region is Mr. Leonard Willett, Water Treatment Group Manager of the Lower Colorado Dams Office.

Implementing control and mitigation strategies is important to manage both the long- and short-term economic and environmental consequences from the infestation of the zebra and quagga mussels. The Task Force recommends that we work closely with our partners, customers, contractors, and state and local governments to implement a four-part strategy of:

- Outreach and education
- Research
- Monitoring and prevention of infestation
- Control and mitigation.

Each region has developed a Regional Mussel Task Force that will work with and report its activities to the corporate team. The Lower Colorado Regional Task Force members are:

Regional Office

Mr. Robert Walsh
 Mr. Bill Martin
 Mr. Marc Maynard
 Mr. Jerry Hickman
 Mr. Tim Dewey
 Mr. Tom Burke

Lower Colorado Dams Office

Mr. Bill Bruninga
 Mr. Leonard Willett
 Mr. Terry Warner
 Mr. David Arend
 Mr. John Steffen

Mr. Greg Finnegan, **Boulder Canyon Operations Office**
 Mr. David Johnson, **Phoenix Area Office**
 Mr. Leonard Martin, **Yuma Area Office**

To ensure the Lower Colorado Region's success in supporting Reclamation's Mussel Task Force, each of you and your staff will play a key role by providing status and input on mussel related activities in which you are involved. To foster communication among the Lower Colorado Region offices, Mr. Willett will hold regular conference calls with Regional Task Force members. These calls will be held prior to and after monthly Reclamation Task Force team meetings. The Reclamation Task Force meets monthly; therefore, Lower Colorado Regional Task Force calls will occur with approximately the same frequency.

Your input and communication is important to maximize our influence and participation in mussel related activities that provide direction for operation and maintenance decisions Reclamation-wide.

Please direct questions concerning the Regional or Reclamation Mussel Task Force teams to Mr. Willett at 702-494-2216 or lwillett@lc.usbr.gov.

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