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Managing Water in the West

CVPIA Program Evaluation

Stakeholder Working Group

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Agenda

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Purpose

Statement of Assignment

- 1) **Reclamation and USFWS will conduct a PART* review of the CVPIA Program, in partnership with OMB.**
 - Examine the purpose and performance of CVPIA Program at the highest level, focusing on 5 to 7 performance goals and measures -- OMB Guidance
- 2) **Reclamation and USFWS will conduct a “parallel process” to evaluate program progress and completion:**
 - 1) Develop a definition of complete at the programmatic level for CVPIA and for each individual program activity
 - 2) Develop objective criteria to assess the progress and effectiveness of individual programs
 - 3) Work closely with the CVP Water and Power Contractors and the Restoration Roundtable to ensure that their information needs and concerns are recognized through this process
- 3) **To the extent practicable, the two processes will be coordinated.**

* Program Assessment Rating Tool

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Participation

- **Working Group Meetings and Discussions are:**
 - **Open, public, and transparent**
 - **Inclusive, participatory, and representative of all interests**
 - **Agencies**
 - **Water and Power Contractors**
 - **Environmental Interests**
 - **Other Affected Interests**

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Ground Rules

- **Participate Fully**
 - Ask for what you need from the meeting process and participants
 - No cell phones, pagers, voicemail, etc.
- **Honor Time Constraints**
 - Keep comments and discussion concise
 - Stay focused on the topic – Use the parking lot for other issues
- **Respect Each Other**
 - Listen carefully to other team members
 - Respond to ideas and issues, not individuals
- **Support Constructive Discussion**
 - Suggest improvements and solutions
 - Build on others' ideas – Use “and” instead of “but”
- **Support Responsible External Communication**
 - Inform and involve your managers in this process
 - Bring issues and challenges to this group first

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Terminology & Definitions

- **Programs & Activities**

- **Proposed Definitions:**

- **Program**

- The overall effort to implement the provisions of CVPIA

- **Program Activities**

- The individual provisions of CVPIA (>33) that are being implemented by “Program Managers” at Reclamation and USFWS

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Terminology & Definitions

- **Program Completion**

- Language from (CVPIA Section 3407)

“That upon the completion of the fish, wildlife, and habitat mitigation and restoration actions mandated under section 3406 of this title, the Secretary shall reduce the sums described in paragraph (c) (2) of this section to \$35,000,000 per year (October 1992 price levels) and shall reduce the annual mitigation and restoration payment ceiling established under this subsection to \$15,000,000 (October 1992 price levels) on a three-year rolling average basis.”

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Terminology & Definitions

- **Definition of Completion: *Program Activities***
 - Explore and discuss the factors and criteria that determine completion
 - Use program activities as examples for discussion
 - Today, we are not trying to reach agreement on which program activities are complete
 - Desired Outcome: Better alignment and understanding of what factors define complete program activities

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Scope of “Parallel Process” Evaluation

- **Review List of CVPIA Program Activities**
- **Desired Outcome: Initial Agreement on list of program activities to be included in “Parallel Process”**
- **Initial Proposal:**
 - All program activities eligible for funding from the Restoration Fund

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Wrap-up

- **Action Items**
- **Tuesday's Agenda**
 - Preliminary completion determination
 - Work plan tasks and next steps
- **Meeting Review (+Δ)**

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