

Work Task A1: Program Administration

FY07 Estimates	FY07 Actual	Cumulative Accomplishment Through FY07	FY08 Approved Estimate	FY09 Proposed Estimate	FY10 Proposed Estimate	FY11 Proposed Estimate
\$1,142,196	\$1,052,868	\$2,620,111	\$1,187,000	\$1,231,780	\$1,231,780	\$1,231,780

Contact: LCR MSCP Program Manager, (702) 293-8577

Start Date: FY05

Expected Duration: FY55

Long-term Goal: Program administration.

Conservation Measures: N/A.

Location: N/A.

Purpose: Program Administration.

Connections with Other Work Tasks (past and future): N/A.

Project Description: Provides senior staff and administration support to manage implementation of the LCR MSCP. The Program Manager will direct functions and activities associated with implementation of the HCP to ensure the completion of activities in accordance with the program documents.

Previous Activities: Established a new stand-alone LCR MSCP Office in the Lower Colorado Region of the Bureau of Reclamation. Established a new Steering Committee and recognized all participating entities in accordance with the Funding and Management Agreement (FMA). Finalized and received approval of the By-Laws for the Steering Committee. Developed a report format for the LCR MSCP Annual Work Plan. Developed a financial tracking system that allows users to track costs and audit expenditures. Developed draft final guidelines for the screening and evaluation of potential conservation areas, a draft science strategy, and a database management system requirements analysis. A stand-alone Web site was established for the LCR MSCP program. A program decision document for in-kind credit for land and water was also developed and approved by the Steering Committee.

FY07 Accomplishments: Work in FY07 continued the development of processes for program implementation. One of the recommendations in the draft science strategy was for the development of 5-year science goals. These were drafted and presented to a Steering Committee work group for review. In addition, a program decision document for in-kind credit for goods and services was developed and approved by the Steering Committee. Reclamation continued to develop land use agreements to secure land and water resources for the program. Completed

agreements include Cibola NWR Unit #1 and the Imperial Ponds Conservation Area. In addition, 1,300 acres of land and 1,381 acre feet of water were acquired for the Cibola Valley Conservation Area (CVCA). An internal review of FY06 financial records was done to fine tune financial tracking, along with the establishment of a financial work group to review information once a year.

FY08 Activities: Program Administration for FY08 will continue the management of the LCR MSCP Program. This will include pursuing land and water resources opportunities including the acquisition of 1,500 acre feet of additional Hopi Reclamation water for the CVCA. A Request For Projects is being issued to identify potential restoration sites for honey mesquite in California and protection for existing flat-tailed horned lizard and desert tortoise habitat. In addition, the Implementation Report Fiscal Year 2009 Work Plan, and Budget, and Fiscal Year 2007 Accomplishment report will be prepared. Financial tracking for the program will continue and an annual financial work group meeting will be held.

In an effort to expedite compliance activities for Reclamation-covered actions and LCR MSCP implementation, Reclamation is working on a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Corps of Engineers that will lay out a process to develop a strategy for 404 compliance.

Proposed FY09 Activities: Program Administration for FY09 will continue the management of the LCR MSCP. Processes for the program will continue to be developed including criteria for use of the Habitat Maintenance Fund and procedures for endowments for long-term maintenance. In conjunction with the USFWS, crediting methodology for habitat mosaics will be developed. A Request For Projects to identify potential restoration sites for all habitat types will be issued.

Pertinent Reports: *Implementation Report Fiscal Year 2007 Work Plan, and Budget, Fiscal Year 2005 Accomplishments, and Implementation Report Fiscal Year 2008 Work Plan, and Budget, Fiscal Year 2006 Accomplishments,* are posted on the LCR MSCP Web site.