

Minority Report - Attachment H

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From: Mortimer, Che **On Behalf Of** Dukes, Joan
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 3:36 PM
To: Council Members
Subject: Oregon Recommendations for Council Draft FY 07-09

Fellow Council Members:

Enclosed please find Oregon's recommendations for revision to the Council's draft FY 07-09 Project Recommendations for the Basinwide and Mainstem On-The-Ground set of projects. We offer these revisions for your consideration.

We have reviewed the draft Council Recommendations and the philosophy underlying the development of those recommendations. We understand the Council's desire to create a reserve to accommodate potential demands arising from the discussions surrounding the development of a new FCRPS Biological Opinion. We share that concern about potential future Bi-op demands.

We believe that we have the ability to have an ESA reserve between \$10 million and \$13 million if the FY 03-06 underspending carryover (for lack of a better term) and the Council's already built-in \$2 million unspecified reserve are taken into account. Thus, we believe that work proposed for the FY 07-09 project solicitation, much of it designed to implement ESA considerations and requirements, should receive the funding that will allow sponsors to accomplish the scope of the work they have proposed. We feel we have no compelling need to create an additional reserve within the FY 07-09 budget.

As a starting point, we support the vast majority of the Council draft recommendations. The discussions and effort put into developing these recommendations were impressive and compelling. We find, however, that the work and reasoning of the Mainstem Systemwide Review Team are compelling in some instances. In those instances, based upon project workload, we believe that the MSRT recommendation serves the project and - in some of those instances - the possible Biological Opinion needs better than the Council draft recommendation.

We believe these changes to the Council draft will improve our product and minimize conflict with sponsors and BPA over implementation of the Council's recommendations.

The tables should be formatted in a fashion that would allow you to print them on legal-sized paper. We have also sent them to the Central Office for inclusion in the Council briefing materials. Projects for which recommend budget changes different from the Council draft are highlighted in yellow. Budgets that we would increase from the Council draft have **green** text, with the budget for each year included in the Oregon Recommendations column. Projects for which we recommend budget reductions have **red** text. Our comments and explanations for our recommendations are in **bold** in the Comments column.

We have also summed up at the bottom of the Basinwide Recommendations sheet the potential budget reserve that we foresee from the various sources.

We will contact you in the coming days to discuss these recommendations and to answer any questions you might have about them.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this proposal.

Joan Dukes
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