



MEMORANDUM

March 27, 2014

TO: TFW Policy

FROM: Jim Hotvedt, Adaptive Management Program Administrator

SUBJECT: Non-consensus CMER budget and CMER master project schedule

As part of the April 3, 2014 TFW Policy mail out, you will receive a non-consensus CMER FY15 budget and a proposed CMER master project schedule.

Non-Consensus CMER Budget

Chris Mendoza did not approve the CMER FY15 budget because of his objection to one project – the “Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness – Dry Intermittent Stream” project. TFW Policy approved a recommendation proposed by the project TWIG at your November 7, 2013 monthly meeting. TFW Policy agreed to separating the Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Project into two components: (1) perennial stream and (2) dry intermittent stream. The TWIG explained to TFW Policy that the dry intermittent stream component would require collecting temporal data on the Eastside Forest Hydrology study sites from May to October 2014 before they could develop a study design. TFW Policy approved this approach. In addition, the TWIG was instructed to continue with development of a study design for the perennial stream component. As a result of this direction, members of the TWIG chose to divide up duties so that development of a study design and implementation in the field for the perennial component would not be delayed.

Greg Stewart, CMER science staff who has been working on the westside type N buffer effectiveness - soft rock project, a similar study design on the west side, would be the lead writer and draft the perennial stream study design. Rick Woodsmith agreed to increase his time on the TWIG and supported the TWIG’s request to work with the Program Manager in collecting the additional data this summer and be the lead study design writer for the dry intermittent stream component. To pay for Rick Woodsmith’s time, the Adaptive Management Project Manager made use of a portion of the dedicated FY14 budget assigned to the TWIG, and has completed a contract with him following general state and DNR contracting rules and requirements. A budget request for an additional \$80,000 has been requested for FY15.

Chris Mendoza objected to paying for Rick Woodsmith’s time. You might receive a memorandum from him further clarifying why he voted “no” on the dry intermittent stream component of the Eastside Type N Riparian Effectiveness Study.

CMER Master Project Schedule

A proposed CMER Master Project Schedule is attached (titled “Draft CMER Master Schedule March 27, 2014”). This is the first CMER master project schedule that the Forest Practices Board will have reviewed and approved. The schedule approved by TFW Policy in December 2012 was used as the foundation for the attached schedule. The following revisions have been made:

1. The first date starts at FY15, rather than FY2013. Both TFW Policy and the Board of Natural Resources approved projects and associated budgets and timelines in FY13 and FY14 that are different than those displayed on the 2012 master schedule.
2. All project schedules and associated dollars are the same as those in the 2012 schedule, WITH THE EXECEPTION of project schedules and/or budgets approved by TFW Policy at its April 4, 2013 monthly meeting, at which the committee approved the FY14 budget (later approved by the Board). Revisions to timelines and associated budgets were also made to sync with the proposed FY15 CMER budget. In other words, some project schedules (timelines) and dollar budgets in the 2012 master project schedule have been synced to agree with past TFW Policy and Forest Practices Board decisions and with the proposed non-consensus FY15 budget forwarded to you by CMER.
3. The 2012 CMER master schedule approved by TFW Policy in December 2012 had a list of CMER work plan projects highlighted in yellow (down and to the left of the scheduled projects) that had not been on the original Settlement Agreement. I inserted those projects into the list of other “unscheduled” projects on the 2012 schedule that had been included in the agreement.
4. I have included Project Priority for only priority 1 and 2 projects. Priority 1 projects were current, on-going projects and Priority 2 projects were CWA projects not included in Priority 1. Priorities 3 through 6 projects in the 2012 master schedule were different combinations of project priorities by only three TFW Policy caucuses.
5. Two projects were added to the proposed CMER master project schedule: the Van Dyke’s Salamander Project and the RMZ Birds Project.