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MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee members

FROM: Council staff

SUBJECT: Update on O&M regional process letter

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Mark Fritsch, project implementation manager

Summary: Continued discussion regarding one of the highest priorities the region defined as part of the 2014 F&W Program (Program). This is a follow-up to the presentation at the December Fish and Wildlife Committee. Staff will discuss the links to ongoing efforts and the IEAB task and the anticipated framework letter.

Relevance As part of the Program implementation, an investment strategy is outlined (Part Six; Section II, and Appendix P). Within this strategy long-term maintenance of past investments was prioritized as one of the highest Program priorities.

Workplan: A long-term maintenance framework of the assets created by prior Program investments is one of the top priorities of the draft 2015 Fish and Wildlife work plan.

Background: As you will recall, as discussed at the December 2014 Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting, a letter to the principals in the region was discussed to assist the Council in defining the scope, magnitude and priority needs of this framework. To prepare this letter, it is important to gather information

and assess the level of existing information and activities so a strategy to move forward can be effectively implemented.

In an effort to understand the complexities and magnitude of this O&M issue the Council staff is assessing ongoing efforts to get a better understanding of how an O&M long-term funding strategy framework could be designed to assist the region, and how it may fit into future processes. The following ongoing efforts may provide useful information and assist in moving forward with this strategy.

- Fish Screening Oversight Committee is developing a comprehensive inventory of the BPA funded screens and criteria to allow for the prioritization of the structures needing repairs/maintenance.
- Independent Economic Analysis Board¹ task intended on providing insight into this issue
- Gathering information on Bonneville's Asset Management Planning process.
- The importance of how this O&M framework could play a role in the next project review cycle.

More Info: [2014 F&W Program](#) (Part Six, Section II, page 114; and Appendix P, Maintenance of Fish and Wildlife Program Investments, page 199).

¹ Draft Task for 2014, *Approaches to Improve Planning for Long-Term Costs of Fish and Wildlife Projects*