

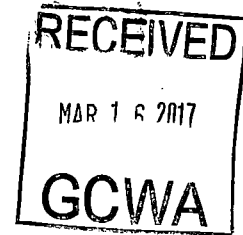


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Subject: Review Comments for the Detailed Work Plan Submittal – Gulf Coast Water Authority Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) Update (Financial Assistance Agreement No. R16AC00114)

Dear Mr. Langford,

The Bureau of Reclamation received a copy of the Gulf Coast Water Authority's subject Detailed Work Plan (DWP) on February 28, 2017, along with a request that Reclamation perform a review under its Drought Response Program pursuant to Reclamation's Drought Response Program Framework (Framework). Reclamation performed the review and found that the following comments need to be addressed before we can make a finding that the DWP is complete:

1. Please revise the milestone dates included in Figure 3 and Table 2 to reflect those in section 5.2.6 of our Grant Agreement No. R16AC0014 (Agreement). The Agreement expires on September 30, 2018.
2. Section 5.1.2.D. of the Agreement requires that a Communication and Outreach Plan be submitted as part of the DWP. In your particular case, it is our understanding that the Communication and Outreach Plan will be developed *after* approval of the DWP. Therefore, we request that the Communication and Outreach Plan be submitted to Reclamation for review upon completion.
3. Section 5.2.2 of the Agreement requires a DCP's vulnerability assessment to include effects of climate change on a range of future conditions. Reclamation does not prescribe a specific method or level of detail to do this. Rather, guidance is provided in Appendix B of Reclamation's Drought Response Program Framework. Please revise the DWP and include tasks that describe how climate change impacts will be incorporated into the DCP.
4. In Subtask 4.4, Response Actions, please describe how data obtained from Subtask 4.1, Drought Monitoring, would potentially be used to trigger the response actions identified in Subtask 4.4.

5. In Subtask 4.5, Operational and Administrative Framework, please include a list of entities that you anticipate collaborating with in defining of roles, responsibilities, and procedures implementing the DCP, including (but not limited to) the Gulf Coast Water Authority, Drought Task Force, the Brazos Watermaster, water supply customers, etc.

Please submit an electronic copy of the revised DWP to Mr. Trent Parish of our office. Reclamation will perform another review and will notify you as to whether we have determined whether the DWP is complete and meets the requirements of Reclamation's Drought Response Program. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact Mr. Parish at (512) 899-4157. We thank you again for your submittal and look forward to assisting the Gulf Coast Water Authority in meeting its future water needs.

Sincerely,



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