

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: February 15, 2018

Agenda Item: 50-Year Memorandum of Understanding for the Helena Valley Reservoir with the Bureau of Reclamation (R4)

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed: Endorsement

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 Minutes

Background:

This BOR site has been managed by FWP as a no cost lease since 1969. The current 50-year Memorandum of Understanding is expiring, and renewal requires Commission approval. FWP will work the BOR to prepare the new agreement.

Public Involvement Process & Results:

There has been no public involvement. MEPA is not required for lease renewals.

Alternatives and Analysis:

No alternatives will be evaluated.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends that the Commission endorse the Departments proposal to initiate discussions with the BOR to prepare a new agreement.

Proposed Motion

I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission direct the Department to initiate negotiations with the Bureau of Reclamation for a no-cost agreement.