

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: April 19, 2018

Agenda Item: Intake Dam Fishing Access Site-Land Management Agreement with Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Land Management Transfer to FWP (R7)

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed: Endorsement

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 Minutes

Background:

Intake Fishing Access Site is singularly managed by Fish, Wildlife, & Parks (FWP) but consists of shared land ownership between the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Fish, Wildlife, and parks (FWP) (see map). The current 50-year land management agreement with the BOR expires in 2019 and the renewal requires Commission approval. FWP has begun discussions with the BOR for the need to develop a new agreement. Initial discussions indicated that the new agreement will likely be a 20 or 30-year term.

In addition, FWP has recently become aware that a portion of Intake FAS is owned by BLM. FWP purchased the land within the boundary of the FAS in 1992 (excluding BOR land), subsequently BLM claimed ownership of an adjacent island which challenges a portion of FWP ownership within the FAS. FWP wishes to acquire the BLM property within the boundary of Intake FAS by way of a no-cost title transfer through BLM's Recreation and Public Purposes Act. The no-cost transfer has been discussed and is a mutually supported decision by FWP and BLM. This process may require FWP to enter a temporary agreement until the transfer process is complete.

Public Involvement Process & Results:

There has been no public involvement. The BLM transfer through the Recreation and Public Purposes Act will require public notice by BLM.

Alternatives and Analysis:

No alternatives have been evaluated.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale:

FWP recommends that the Commission endorse the Departments proposal to continue discussions with the BOR with the intent to develop a new land management agreement prior to expiration of the current agreement in 2019. Additionally, the department recommends proceeding with negotiations to acquire the BLM property within the Intake FAS boundary.

Proposed Motion:

I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission direct the Department to continue negotiations with the Bureau of Reclamation on a new land management agreement. I also move the Department work with the Bureau of Land Management to acquire the BLM land located within the Intake Dam FAS boundary.