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## MISSOURI RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS C O U N C I L

### Executive Committee Meeting January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 Cascade, MT

The Executive Committee met at 8:30 AM on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 at the Council office in Cascade. Present were: Jim Beck, Chairman; Rick Anderson, Vice Chairman; John Chase, Upper Reach; Paul Gies, Middle Reach, Boone Whitmer and Buzz Mattelin, Lower Reach; Sarah Carlson, MACD; and Vicki Marquis, Coordinator.

The committee began by reviewing the list of potential projects developed during the November quarterly meeting. Jim explained that the intent is to determine which project to spend the "Contract Labor" funding on (\$13,535 available) while maximizing the impact along the entire length of the river. Karl noted that if possible, the Council should pursue one project in each reach area. Buzz noted that funding for MRRIC travel should be added to the list, as it will not be immediately available from federal or state sources. Additionally, Buzz noted that the Lower Missouri CRM is in the process of hiring a coordinator and that providing funding for that position might lead to a more formal relationship between the Council and the CRM. One other idea that had been mentioned previously, but was not on the list, is design and construction of "Save our Basin" placards for hotels and restaurants. Buzz brought a sample placard for reference.

After those three projects were added to the list, the Committee began eliminating the ideas that were duplicates, were already in progress, could be easily incorporated into Council activities without committing funds, or could not be completed and funded by the end of the fiscal year. The remaining project ideas were:

- Signs with conservation messages for River's Edge Trail and recreation sites
- Cottonwood Forest concerns ("Summit" meeting, Russian Olive eradication)
- No Adverse Impact workshops and development of appropriate guidelines
- MRRIC Travel and WRDA outreach
- Lower Missouri CRM Coordinator funding
- "Save our Basin" placards

The Committee then prioritized the top four projects as follows:

1. Historic photo archive – catalog of photos of important sites/conditions along the river; placement of high water markers from historic flood events; documentation of special

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Gallatin Conservation District  
Broadwater Conservation District  
Lewis & Clark Conservation District  
Cascade County Conservation District  
Chouteau County Conservation District  
Big Sandy Conservation District  
Fergus County Conservation District  
Blaine County Conservation District



Petroleum County Conservation District  
Phillips Conservation District  
Garfield County Conservation District  
Valley County Conservation District  
McCone Conservation District  
Roosevelt County Conservation District  
Richland County Conservation District

areas of concern

2. MRRIC Travel and WRDA outreach
3. No Adverse Impact workshops and development of appropriate guidelines
4. "Save our Basin" placards

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 AM so the Committee could join the rest of the Council and public for the presentations on Water Reservations at the Wedsworth Hall.

Submitted by:

Approved by unanimous vote on \_\_\_\_\_:

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Vicki Marquis, Coordinator

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Jim Beck, Chairman