**Walla Walla Basin Bi-State Flow Study General Allocation of Funds Through June 2019**

**Background:** The Steering Committee’s objective with existing funds was to identify a preferred package of projects. The Steering Committee was able to loosely define five project packages but determined more information was necessary to achieve the initial objective. The Washington State Legislature approved an additional $500,000 (July 2017 – June 2019) and directed Department of Ecology (ECY) to work with Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) and the Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership (W3MP) to determine how the funding is utilized.

Consistent with the existing process and framework, Steering Committee input is warranted and a consensus decision is the goal. With Steering Committee input, additional work will be necessary to refine cost estimates and scopes of work for priority tasks. The following tasks will be necessary to inform Alternative Package selection (5 down to 1 or 2). Recommend SC task a subcommittee to identify tasks and cost estimates for anchor and add-on projects that are necessary to answer the questions needed to narrow the Alternatives.

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| **Task** | **Description** | **Budget** |
|  | **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**  | **≈$75K** |
| Contract Administration  | Lead development and management of subcontracts and contractors. |  |
| Facilitation and Plan Development | Facilitate SC meetings, conduct local and gov./political outreach, and coordinate development of the Walla Walla Basin Integrated Flow Enhancement Plan ($20k) |  |
|  | **CONTINGENCY**  | **≈$100K** |
| TBD | Contingency funds for tasks such as monitoring or feasibility that may require additional support as SOW & budget become more defined and work continues.  |  |
|  | **FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND DATA GAPS**  | **≈$245K** |
| Pine Creek Reservoir  | Subcontract additional investigation such as: water availability from all sources, storage optimization, review fault lines/seepage, finalize report (near term $40k), subsurface conditions, dam investigations , cultural & enviro. screening, etc.  |  |
| Columbia River Exchange  | Subcontract additional investigation such as: key design or operation criteria to improve comparison analysis (e.g. recalculate capital and O&M costs), etc. |  |
| Project Combination/ Package Analysis  | Subcontract additional investigation to understand anchor projects plus various add-on project components and potential hybrid of anchor projects including design, operation criteria, package efficiencies, capital and O&M costs, etc.  |  |
| Data Gaps | Conduct surface/groundwater monitoring, modeling, evaluation, data collection/analysis as necessary to inform feasibility analysis tasks above. |  |
|  | **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW** | **≈$80K** |
| Environmental Scoping | SEPA scoping will accomplish the following tasks:* Begin the process of scoping environmental review for the alternatives
* Begin formal outreach to affected agencies with permit responsibilities under WA State Law
* Begin a formal discussion with federal partners on a NEPA strategy
* Prepare a MOA for doing SEPA co-leadership with Ecology and W3MP
* Prepare a Determination of Significance
* Broaden outreach to new stakeholders not formally engaged in the Walla Walla Flow Study
* Solicit input on the alternatives developed to-date and stakeholder opinions on them
* Solicit input on data gaps to meaningfully evaluate environmental impact of alternatives
* Develop scope and budget for further environmental review (NEPA & SEPA)
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| **$500K** |