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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council

**FROM:** Terry Morlan

**SUBJECT:** Possible IEAB Task on O&M Costs of Wildlife Projects

The ongoing operations and maintenance costs of wildlife projects has been a growing concern among some Council members. These costs vary widely among projects and take up a large share of available wildlife mitigation funds. A task has been proposed for the IEAB to help in evaluating these costs and identifying ways that wildlife O&M might be accomplished more cost effectively.

However, some parts of this work are more appropriate for others than for the IEAB. We are still in the process of trying to define specifically what the IEAB would do. There is a meeting on December 4 with Tom Karier, Bonneville, Roger Mann (IEAB Chair), and myself to discuss this further. If we succeed in defining an IEAB task, I will ask the Council to approve that task at the December meeting.

Therefore, this item is a placeholder on the Council Business agenda. If we have not defined the task in time for the meeting, it will be deferred until a future meeting.

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