

Project ID: 29031

Title: Out Year Operations and Maintenance Costs Required to Implement/Carry out MVID Rehabilitation Project

The scope of the MVID Rehabilitation Project (ID #199603401) is currently being refined from what was originally proposed at the time of preparing this O&M proposal. On March 4, 2002 the MVID Board of Directors sent to the Yakama Nation and to the other regulatory agencies involved with this project a written proposal for operation of the Twisp River, West diversion. This proposal is presently under consideration by the Yakama Nation and the other agencies. This new proposal for operation of the West MVID diversion would allow for continued surface diversion until the existing DOE's minimum instream flow requirement is reached. After which time, well water would be pumped into the canal to provide water delivery to the district's users. Those users located upstream to the point where the pumped water would enter the canal will be provided with individual wells.

As a result, I would ask that specifics to the M&E experimental design be deferred until the final design of the MVID Rehabilitation Project is resolved. The M&E design needs to address the specific uncertainties associated with various operational scenarios, and until the final design is agreed upon it is difficult to determine precisely what the M&E elements should be.

Additional documents submitted in response to this proposal:

[Letter in opposition from Okanogan Wilderness League](#)