

# Memorandum

**To:** Steering Committee  
**From:** Meg Sedlak, SFEI  
**Date:** January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
**Re:** Request for use of Reserve Funds for an RMP Vessel for 2012

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In early January, the US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) informed RMP staff that the R/V Endeavor would not be available to support RMP sampling operations in 2012. The USBR vessel has had substantial requests for work this year and in addition, the vessel needs servicing for among other issues dry rot on the deck floor. Based on the high usage, Erwin van Nieuwenhuysse of the Bureau has requested that the RMP seek an alternative vessel for future work.

We are currently investigating the use of alternative vessels for 2012 owned by other agencies. At this time, our preferred vessel choice is the USGS Turning Tide which operates in the Delta. We are presently negotiating a daily rate with the USGS. Based on our preliminary discussions, we anticipate the rate to be approximately \$2,800/ day. We anticipate needing the Turning Tide for 8 days (7 plus one contingency day). Based on the current information, the cost for the vessel is anticipated to be approximately \$23,500.

RMP staff are requesting reserve funding for the 2012 wet weather vessel.