

FACT SHEET
CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL
(CONTINUING AUTHORITY PROGRAM-SECTION 1135)

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: O. C. Fisher Lake Ecosystem Restoration,
TX

AUTHORIZATION: Section 1135, Water Resources Development Act of
1986, as amended.

<u>SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL DATA:</u>	<u>PDA/Construction</u>
Estimated Federal Cost	\$ 2,758,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	915,000
Total Estimated Project Cost	3,673,000

Allocation thru FY 2006	463,300
FY 2007 Budget	0
Tentative FY 2007 Work Plan Allocation	2,294,400 1/
Budget Request for FY 2008	0
Balance to Complete After FY 2008	0
Amount That Could Be Used in FY 2008	0

1/ Final amount is subject to change, and will not be known until the Joint Continuing Resolution is passed by both the House and Senate, and final allocations are provided.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: O.C. Fisher Lake is located in west central Texas on the North Concho River, 6.3 miles above the river's confluence with the South Concho River and approximately 65 miles above its confluence with the Colorado River. The lake is adjacent to the city of San Angelo in the northwest corner of Tom Green County, Texas. The study area includes a majority of the fee-owned government land, above the existing lake level, operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (approximately 15,860 acres).

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2007: A directive in the FY 2006 Energy and Water Appropriation Bill placed a moratorium on execution of any cost share agreements, thereby prohibiting execution of the Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) which is required before initiation of project construction. The only exception to this moratorium is if Federal funds are available to fully fund the completion of construction. If appropriations in the amount of \$2,294,400 are received in FY 2007, the PCA will be executed and construction will be initiated.

APPLICATION OF THE AMOUNT THAT COULD BE USED IN FY 2008: If FY 2007 funds are not received, or are less than the \$2,294,400

required to allow execution of the PCA and to fund construction, then the amount of funds received in FY 2008 will be consolidated with funds carried over and used to execute the PCA and initiate project construction.

APPLICATION OF THE AMOUNT THAT COULD BE USED IN FY 2008: A directive in the FY 2006 Energy and Water Appropriation Bill placed a moratorium on execution of any cost share agreements, thereby prohibiting execution of the Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) which is required before initiation of project construction. The only exception to this moratorium is if Federal funds are available to fully fund the completion of construction. If appropriations in the amount of \$2,294,400 are received in FY 2008, the funds will be used to execute the PCA and fully fund project construction.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The recommended plan would restore approximately 3,778 acres of lake habitat, 52 acres of riverine habitat, and 10 acres of intermittent-riverine habitat. In addition, the project would restore 11,759 acres of transitional habitat and 250 acres of bottomland hardwoods. The quality of the terrestrial and aquatic habitats within the project area would benefit through the removal and control of exotic/non-native, water-loving plant species. The non-Federal sponsor is the city of San Angelo.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION: The Administration supports, since ecosystem restoration is considered a high priority output.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Congressman Conaway, TX-11.