

Meeting Notes
FCRPS Cultural Resource Subcommittee
February 25, 2009
Conference Call

Participants

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Agenda

- Assign Notetaker
- Update on Systemwide PA
- FY09 Performance Indicators
- FY09 FCRPS Conference Planning
- Large Scale Treatment Proposal – Draft
- Co-op Group Issues/Updates
- Other Business
- Action Items

Materials Distributed Before Call

1. Draft FCRPS Cultural Resource Program Large Scale Treatment Proposal
2. Site Stabilization Principles 2006 (powerpoint presentation)

Update on Systemwide PA

All editing on PA and comment/response spreadsheet has been completed. Reclamation and Corps internal reviews have been completed; BPA internal review is estimated to be completed by March 31. Document will then be signed by the heads of the three agencies. Co-chairs need to contact each potential signatory to ensure that copies are mailed to the appropriate offices. PA will then be mailed concurrently to all consulting parties. Signature or response will be requested within 60 days of receipt.

Need to ensure administrative record is complete.

FY09 Performance Indicators

To date, all interim performance milestones have been met. PA finalization is on schedule.

Corps met milestone to have all new contract statements of work drafted by January 31; Districts are on target to meet FY10 budget submittals by March 1. If unexpected Corps contract work comes up later, contracts can be initiated but PMs should ensure that funds are obligated before May 31 deadline.

For the Reclamation Projects, information is being gathered from co-op groups regarding FY10 annual work plans during the long-term planning process for Main Stem, Spokane Arm and Hungry Horse groups. They are on target to meet the March 31 planning milestone.

FY09 FCRPS Conference Planning

BPA was recently given approval to fund the Elder's dinner and some conference refreshments. CTUIR will contribute toward remaining costs.

Conference rooms have been reserved for Co-op group meetings from March 10-12, if needed. Cayuse Room is reserved all three days.

Conference agenda has been finalized and e-mailed to all Co-op groups except for Hungry Horse and Payos groups. Sean Hess and Rebecca Kalamasz will take care of these groups.

Discussed which agency executives will attend and the need for briefings prior to the conference. Mike Alder will give a short presentation on BPA rate case development with possible participation by Reclamation and Corps JOC representatives.

Nathan Dexter, BPA Tribal Affairs, will be the main facilitator for the conference. Some break-out sessions have designated discussion leads but not all. CRSC members are asked to take notes in the sessions they attend. Notes will be consolidated after the conference. Flip charts and A/V equipment will be provided by BPA.

Large Scale Treatment Proposal

Group continued discussion on draft proposal prepared by BPA for December CRSC meeting. Request for this proposal originally came from JOC to address treatment/mitigation projects that could potentially require a large share of annual program funds. JOC would like us to demonstrate advance planning so we don't have to respond to large treatment projects on an emergency basis. Group discussed plan purpose and audience. Is the plan intended for agency technical staff or management? It may be preferable to develop two proposals for two different audiences. Version for the technical staff would be much more detailed.

Need to prioritize sites both by reservoir and also within Co-op groups when there are multiple reservoirs to manage. Group discussed developing a "Top 10" list for each Project that will be updated on a regular basis. Need to define specific types of mitigation/treatment and specific funding mechanisms. Some funds may come from outside fenced FCRPS funds such as a mitigation fund separate from the fenced funding.

Action Item: Each PM to develop a "Top 10" list of priority sites to be treated for each Project, and send to Kimberly by summer 2009 or compilation.

Co-Op Group Issues/Updates

Hood Park Stabilization (Walla Walla District) has recently been completed. Payos co-op group is initiating update to Ice Harbor HPMP and have drafted a project APE.

Recent discussions with Spokane THPO indicated agreement to use the standard NPS form 10-900 for determinations of eligibility for archeological sites. CRSC should discuss this with other SHPOs/THPOs since requirements vary between states. This is also a commitment in the Systemwide PA.

Other Business

JOC has offered to provide a facilitator for the June CRSC meeting. This meeting will need to be held in the Portland area. BPA will check on the length of the facilitated session (1 or 2 days) and has requested that all CRSC members attend.

WA SHPO has recently requested a comprehensive list of all reports completed under the FCRPS program. BPA contract with Paul Nickens produced one bibliography in the Baseline report, but they have also developed an expanded FCRPS bibliography in electronic format. Both have been provided to Rob Whitlam.

BPA plans to compare Lake Roosevelt survey polygons to WA SHPO database and may do the same for other projects, under contract. Group discussed how we should set aside time to identify data gaps in our records, how student interns may be helpful, and the possibility of keeping central archives for FCRPS records.

Action Items

- 1) Agency PMs develop list of priority sites for treatment/mitigation for each Project and send to Kimberly by summer 2009.
- 2) Sub-group to continue discussions on alternative DOE forms and consider meeting with SHPOs/THPOs.
- 3) CRSC to continue work on two proposals for large scale treatment projects, one for technical and one for management level.