

FCRPS Cultural Resources Sub-Committee (CRSC) Meeting Notes – June 2009

Location: BPA Offices, Portland, Oregon

Day 1 – June 10, 2009

Attendees

- Gail Celmer (GC), Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – CRSC Co-Chair
- Lawr Salo (LS), Project Archeologist, Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Sean Hess (SH), Grand Coulee Power Office Archeologist, Bureau of Reclamation
- Lynne MacDonald (LM), Pacific Northwest Region Archeologist, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation Program Manager) – CRSC Co-Chair
- Kristen Martine (KM), Project Manager, Bonneville Power Administration
- Eric Petersen, (EP) Project Manager, Bonneville Power Administration
- Elizabeth “Liz” Ellis (LE), Project Archeologist, Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Kimberly St. Hilaire (KRS), Program Manager, Bonneville Power Administration – CRSC Co-Chair
- Rebecca Kalamasz (RK), Project Manager, Walla Wall District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Meeting Notes

- Day one of the CRSC was a facilitated session conducted by John Hirsch, a consultant hired by the FCRPS Joint Operating Committee (JOC) to assist the CRSC in a strategic alignment project.
- The group worked together to identify program issues in need of resolution, and obstacles that impeded program efficiency. Exercises included identifying program purposes and goals, the roles/responsibilities of each Agency in the program, and differences in the perceived scope of the program. The facilitator shared upper management’s perceptions of the program with the group members.

Day 2 – June 11, 2009

Attendees

CRSC Members

- Gail Celmer (GC)
- Lawr Salo (LS)
- Sean Hess (SH) - notetaker
- Lynne MacDonald (LM)
- Kristen Martine (KM)
- Eric Petersen (EP)
- Liz Ellis (LE)
- Kimberly St. Hilaire (KRS)
- Rebecca Kalamasz (RK)

Other Meeting Participants (for relevant portions of the meeting)

- Rebecca Pettinger (RP), Attorney, Bonneville Power Administration
- Lydia Grimm (LG), Attorney, Bonneville Power Administration
- Connie Reiner (CR), GIS Specialist, Bonneville Power Administration
- Mike Alder, Joint Operating Committee, Bonneville Power Administration
- Terry Kent, Joint Operating Committee, Bureau of Reclamation (by phone)
- Bob Scoffield, Joint Operating Committee, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (by phone)

Others Mentioned but Not Present

- Tish Eaton (TE), Project Manager, Bonneville Power Administration

Agenda

- Assign Notetaker (SH volunteered to be the note-taker)
- Update on Systemwide PA (Kimberly, Lynne & Gail)
- Performance Indicators
 - FY09 Performance Indicators Update (Group)
 - Develop FY10 Performance Indicators (Group)
- Long Term Funding Agreement / Large Scale Treatment Proposal (Group)
- TCP Subcommittee – volunteers and first group meeting (Gail)
- First Annual Report under Systemwide PA and Status of Baseline Data (Group)
- FCRPS Conference – notes and feedback (Kristen & Sean)
- Co-op Group Issues
- Next Meeting

Systemwide Programmatic Agreement (SWPA)

The group reviewed the current status of the signature process for the SWPA.

WA SHPO will wait to decide whether or not to sign the SWPA until tribes have the chance to review. This is because the WA SHPO once signed an agreement before the involved tribes had the opportunity to comment, and this effectively foreclosed on their ability to comment. The tribes rightly expressed concern about this.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (CTWS) and Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) have signed. The CRSC does not have word yet from the ACHP on signing. The three agencies requested that the signatories respond by early July, and that deadline is coming up soon.

Performance Indicators (PIs)

FY2009 PIs

The CRSC reviewed the status of the completion of the PIs. All PIs on track for completion according to the schedule.

FY2010 PIs

CRSC came to consensus about not including SWPA initiatives in FY 2010 PIs, as these are already required by the terms of the SWPA. If the SWPA is signed, the CRSC will need to develop an implementation schedule for many SWPA requirements.

CRSC agreed to use contracting deadlines as PIs but include only those tasks that are under the control of the cultural resources Project Managers.

GIS

BPA's GIS analyst provided a status report on baseline data. Future tasks include wrapping up the digitization of HPMP maps from Albeni Falls and Chief Joe Projects, and entering the Kootenai National Forest work at Libby.

GIS Database of Previous Studies

In 2004, the JOC requested that the CRSC set up an organized GIS database of compliance accomplishments. This information will eventually be shared with the WA SHPO. BPA funded this position with funds from outside of the fenced FCRPS cultural resources program funds.

GIS data layers have been created for FCRPS-funded survey (inventory) and sites. For non-storage projects, the FCRPS baseline starts in 1997. For the five storage reservoirs (i.e., Grand Coulee, Hungry Horse, Dworshak, Koocanusa, and Albeni Falls) FCRPS-funded work began in 1991 when the IDU PA was signed.

Depending on the schedule for approval of the SWPA by the ACHP, the baseline data may be needed by Dec. 31, 2009, as it would be a part of the SWPA first Annual Report, which may be due in March 2010.

FCRPS GIS Position at BPA

The CRSC agreed that a BPA GIS position should continue to be supported with program funding. Most funding has come from alternative sources to date. Funding needs include salary and travel. Some ongoing tasks that this position might support include:

- Data quality assurance and data perpetuation; making sure that supplied information is complete
- Internal reporting
- Federal annual reporting (CRSC needs to make sure that the GIS data fields will accommodate this role.)
- Prepare the Annual Reports under the SWPA
- Review SOWs for GIS work performed by contractors
- Input current data from contract deliverables
- Constructing queries to research or other efforts

Long-Term Funding Agreement

FCRPS fenced-funds will be exhausted for Reclamation projects in 2012. JOC has asked the CRSC to develop a schedule for developing a program plan and corresponding budget to address future program needs. Based on the schedule for the upcoming rate case, the JOC leads provided guidance on the schedule for getting budgets to the JOC for review. The CRSC also needs to create a public involvement schedule for discussions with tribes about future program activities and funding levels.

The JOC leads noted that the CRSC will need to explain to upper management and rate payers what the program has accomplished over the past 15 years. CRSC will need to clearly explain what's left to do as a part of the FCRPS cultural resources program. Costs should be broken down by category under Section 106 (inventory, evaluation, etc.), and distinguish between work done on the ground and program administration costs. Costs for large stabilization projects should also be addressed.

TCP Subcommittee

A list of people on the TCP subcommittee was distributed. The CRSC agreed to wait to schedule the first TCP Subcommittee meeting until FY10 due to the current high level of time commitments that all of the participants already have.

First Annual Report under SWPA

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

FCRPS Conference – Notes and Feedback

Systemwide Conference notes were distributed to the CRSC. CRSC members will update and clarify notes drafted by BPA staff after the meeting, and return to BPA for finalization and distribution to program participants.

CRSC agreed that it would be good to have dedicated note takers at the next conference, and noted that some of the participants have said that there were too many sessions.

Coop Group Issues

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The date for the meeting moved to Sept. 16th and 17th. This meeting may be combined with one of the facilitated program alignment sessions in Portland.