



## FCRPS Cultural Resources Sub-Committee (CRSC) Quarterly Meeting December 9-10, 2014

**Time:** December 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., PST  
December 10<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., PST

**Place:** Old Federal Building - ROOM 163  
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## **December 9, 2014**

### **Announcements**

Amy Holmes returned from her detail in Washington DC.

### **Agenda Additions**

No additional topics were added to the agenda.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Notes**

September 2014 meeting notes were approved and have been posted to the FCRPS Cultural Resource Program web site. Contact Kelly Phillips, who took notes in September, with any final comments about the notes.

### **Program Goals & Measures – Review and Status**

Group reviewed purpose of Long Term Program Goals, and developed FY15 actions permitting agencies to meet these goals.

- Goals for Corps Projects include modifying the area of potential effects at each project as appropriate, plans to finalize the indirect APE policy paper by December 31<sup>st</sup>; surveying 20% of Corps owned lands for archaeological and historic sites at each Project; continue to complete National Register eligibility determinations for two sites at each project annually; and implement TCP inventory plans.
- Goals for Reclamation Projects include completing inventory for archaeological and historic sites in priority areas 5 and 6 at Hungry Horse, and complete inventory of 5,000 acres at Grand Coulee, both will be done in FY15; completing the Hungry Horse Multiple Property Document; continuing National Register eligibility determination work at Grand Coulee (long term goal for this project was met in 2012).
- The Corps and Reclamation will continue planning and implementation of mitigation projects. New treatment forms are being prepared.
- CRSC will continue to work with individual Cooperating Groups and non-program participants to develop educational products for the general public.
- Corps and Reclamation staffs may attend Cooperating Group meetings hosted by their partner agencies in FY15 to broaden understanding of the program.

### **Performance Indicators – FY 15 Milestones**

FY15 Performance Indicators have been approved by the Joint Operating Committee (JOC). FY15 Performance Indicators are tied to contracting/program execution, and completing National Register eligibility determinations for priority sites (Corps Projects), and updating the Hungry Horse Historic Property Management Plan (Reclamation Projects). The Corps met their first milestones for contracting/program execution, and determining number of previously completed National Register eligibility determinations for priority sites.

### **SWPA – FY15 Commitments and Schedule**

Group reviewed the status of the commitments stated in the SWPA and discussed the next steps to ensure the commitments will be fulfilled.

## **SWPA 5-Year Review – Agency Review Process and Schedule**

Comments on the Systemwide Programmatic Agreement (SWPA) about whether the terms of the PA remain relevant, and are being met were due to BPA by December 1, 2014. Seven entities have replied and BPA has compiled comments into a spreadsheet. The comments will be included in the FY14 Annual Report as an appendix. The Agencies are currently responding to comments and a letter with the responses will be sent out by June 1, 2015.

## **How to Define & Document Compliance with Terms of SWPA and TCP Subcommittee Meeting Purpose and Direction**

The group discussed the status of work related to Traditional Cultural Properties and Properties of Religious and Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes required by the Systemwide Programmatic Agreement. The group discussed the Systemwide Research Design (SWRD) and all the Tribes have expressed a desire to participate in SWRD. The next step is to determine the level the Tribes would like to be involved and the best method obtain Tribal input. The TCP Subcommittee meets twice per year and has developed a TCP inventory form, and created a database (unpopulated, and for use by participating tribes) to aid inventory and evaluation of TCPs. National Register eligibility determinations will require individual/case-by-case consultations; same applies to type of mitigation efforts. TCP Subcommittee direction and frequency of meetings will be discussed at the May 2015 TCP Subcommittee meeting.

## **Systemwide Meeting – Recap and Recommendations**

The FCRPS Cultural Resource Program Systemwide Meeting took place November 4-6, 2014, at the Clearwater Resort and Casino in Suquamish, WA. The theme was the “Power of Water” and included sessions on Plenary session with the ACHP; National Register eligibility panel; Status update and discussion on the SWRD; TCP, Cultural Landscapes, and Bulletin 38; Reservoir Dynamics Panel; Emergency Management Panel; Rock art panel; and other relevant topics. The notes from the meeting should be available early February 2015 on the BPA FCRPS Cultural Resource website.

## **Annual Report Schedule**

The FY 2014 FCRPS Cultural Resource Program Annual Report will include comments received from consulting parties regarding whether the Lead Federal Agencies are meeting the terms of the Systemwide PA, and whether the PA terms remain relevant. Comments will be included in the Annual Report as an appendix. The Annual Report will also contain a 5-year summary of accomplishments and issues that affect program implementation.

## **FCRPS Executive Briefing**

The CRSC Co-chairs (Program Managers) made presentations at the November 14, 2014 Combined JOC and Interagency Executive Meetings recently. Presentations included a report on meeting all FY14 Performance Indicators, Performance Indicators for FY15, a summary on the Systemwide Meeting, updates on the Systemwide PA review and the Systemwide Research Design, and a discussion of issues affecting program implementation. The CRSC received positive feedback about program accomplishments and reporting from executives during recent meetings. The next meeting will be held in May 2015.

## **National Register Eligibility of FCRPS Dams & Assoc. Structures**

As of December 2014, 7 of the 14 FCRPS dams have completed determinations of eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Bonneville Dam is listed on the NRHP and as a National Historic Landmark. Reclamation has consensus determinations for Hungry Horse and Grand Coulee; MOAs state that Reclamation will attempt to list them on the NRHP. CRSC discussed the importance of the FCRPS system as a whole; the impact it has had on the regions identity, economy, culture, etc. Some

expressed a need to complete DOEs on all the dams, and possibly the system as a whole rather than one dam at a time.

### **Systemwide Research Design Update**

On October 29, 2014 in Spokane, WA, HRA facilitated a meeting with the tribal to discuss the status of, next steps and level of involvement the tribes would like to have in the Systemwide Research Design. The topic was further discussed a week later during the Systemwide Meeting. The tribes have expressed they want to be involved. The HRA and BPA are working with tribal staff to determine the best way and appropriate outlet to gather tribal input.

### **FCRPS Cultural Resource Program Handbook**

The three agency Program Managers are reviewing comments on the most recent revised version of the Handbook. These comments will be addressed in a new draft that will be distributed to the CRSC for comment in early 2015.

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### **Agency GIS Databases**

The Agencies discussed the status of their internal GIS databases. BPA maintains a GIS database for the FCRPS Program. Reclamation is currently developing standardization guidelines for their GIS. The Corps Walla Walla District has a database they currently use and are satisfied with; Seattle and Portland District are working to create and update their existing databases.

### **APE White Paper**

Several tribes that participate in the Payos and Wana Pa Koot Koot Cooperating Groups have asked the agencies to produce a guidance paper on determining the area of potential effects for indirect effects associated with operation and maintenance of the hydrosystem. Agency lawyers are reviewing existing case law to support this effort, and a separate guidance document will be shared with program participants in December 2014.

### **Project Round Robin**

Agency Project Managers shared information about FY2014 program accomplishments and upcoming FY15 projects.

- Hidden Beach stabilization at Lake Roosevelt is complete.
- Data recovery will be done site at Albeni Falls that will involved public education; rangers will be giving tours to children during the data recovery.
- Stabilization project at Libby dam has been completed and another one is on track to be completed by the end of FY15.
- The Walla Walla District of the Corps completed a couple thousand acres of survey at the Projects in FY14. Treatment plans for FY15 include plantings on Bateman Island and a revetment structure at Cottonwood Cove.

### **FCRPS Mitigation/Treatment Documentation**

The Systemwide Programmatic Agreement for Management of Historic Properties requires BPA, Reclamation and the Corps to develop Treatment Plans for sites that are adversely affected by FCRPS operations and maintenance. A Historic Property Treatment Plan Documentation Form has been developed and distributed. The form has been successfully used at multiple Corps and Reclamation projects. A review of the form will take place in June 2015.

### **FY 2015 CRSC Meeting Dates and Locations**

**Spring:** March 10-11, 2015 – Walla Walla, WA

**Summer:** June 9-10, 2015 – Coeur D'Alene, ID

**Fall:** September 15-16, 2015 – Troutdale, OR