



## FCRPS Cultural Resources Sub-Committee (CRSC) Quarterly Meeting Notes

Date: December 13 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time  
 December 14 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Pacific Time

Place: Hotel Monaco  
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## **Announcements and Staff Changes**

- Mike Flowers (USACE – Portland) has accepted the Forest Archaeologist position at the Flathead National Forest starting January 10<sup>th</sup> 2017. Tara Gauthier (USACE – Portland) will be temporarily taking over the vacant position.
- Bryan Guevin (USACE – Seattle) is retiring at the end of February.
- Lawr Salo (USACE – Seattle) is retiring April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.
- Sunshine Schmidt is the new Cultural Program Manager at Bonneville Power Administration.
- Kristen Martine will be transitioning from Bonneville Power Administration to the Bureau of Land Management January 2017.
- Bonneville Power Administration will be advertising a GS12 Archaeologist position early 2017.

## **Action Item Review and Discussions**

The group reviewed and finalized the September meeting notes and discussed the status of on-going action items from previous meetings. The group made the decision to add a link to the main page of the FCRPS website which would make available various resources related to and/or produced by the FCRPS CR Program.

## **Integrated Program Review (IPR2)**

The Bonneville Power Administration Integration Review Process is ongoing for the upcoming funding cycle. Bonneville Power Administration has been asked to reexamine their Operation and Maintenance budgets across the board for FY18 and FY19. CRSC discussed the various ways this would influence the Program.

## **Program Goals & Measures – Status Update**

1. **Define the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for each Project** - Five of the 14 Projects have completed this goal. The Corps continues to work with consulting parties to revise Areas of Potential Effect for nine dams.
2. **Complete Inventory** - Survey goals are on track to be completed within the next two years for all 14 projects. A survey plan is being established for Grand Coulee.
3. **Complete Determinations of Eligibility for top ten priority sites at each Project** - This long term goal has been exceeded for all 14 projects. The Corps and Reclamation continue to complete eligibility determinations for 2-3 sites per year.
4. **Plan one and implement one mitigation at each project annually** – Eden Harbor has been chosen for treatment at Grand Coulee for FY17, with the Cayuse Cove and Marble Beach

projects in the planning process. See project round robin notes for other project mitigations planned.

5. **Program Products and Relationships** - An article will be posted to the FCRPS website by January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
6. **Program Products and Relationships** - CRSC is looking at alternative ways to evaluate client relationships.

## **Performance Indicators – Status Update**

Program planning and execution for FY17 Performance Indicators is on schedule.

## **SWPA Requirements – Status of Schedules & Milestones**

The group updated the FY17 schedule to implement Systemwide PA commitments. The USACE Walla Walla District Historic Properties Management Plan is almost complete. The Chief Joseph Historic Properties Management Plan is currently being revised. Completion of the FY16 Annual Report is on schedule to be completed by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017.

## **Status of Program Documents/Initiatives**

The FCRPS Handbook is posted on the FCRPS Program website and has been a great tool for the program. The Systemwide Research Design is also posted on the FCRPS website and has reached an audience outside the Program.

## **Systemwide Meeting**

The Systemwide Meeting was held on November 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> at Northern Quest Casino in Spokane, WA. There was a large amount of positive feedback from participants. Many of the sessions were well received and supported good discussions. Some of the participating tribes gave short presentations which participants appreciated. Taking into consideration the feedback from participants, the CRSC discussed various formats to be used at future systemwide meetings.

## **ARPA Response**

Questions were raised on creating an interagency ARPA response team within the FCRPS Program. The group discussed the various protocols for ARPA cases including procedures currently in place. The group made note of recent cases where a rapid agency response was received. CRSC is always willing to respond quickly to ARPA cases and concluded putting together a specific ARPA team would not alter this.

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### **Columbia River System Operations EIS/Section 106 Update**

The public scoping meetings have begun and are being held in an open public forum with a series of posters attended by subject matter experts. Information is provided at the public meetings to inform the public of the laws and processes of S106 and site eligibility. The official scoping process will end on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2017. CRSC discussed posting updates on the FCRPS CR website or creating a newsletter to inform stakeholders of the EIS/Section 106 status.

### **Project Round Robin**

The group shared on-going and planned projects for FY17. **Wana Pa Koot Koot:** A new stabilization project is planned at Plymouth Island and a petroglyph site has been proposed for treatment in FY17. A tribal housing project is ongoing. **Albeni Falls:** An on-going stabilization project should be completed this fiscal year. **Chief Joseph:** A Determination of Eligibility is in the process of being completed for the Chief Joseph Dam. A thematic Determination of Eligibility is planned for FY17. **Libby:** A site has tentatively been chosen for a Determination of Eligibility and Treatment Plan in FY17. Designs for a stabilization have been finalized and are planned to be implemented in FY17. **Hungry Horse:** The cooperating group is completing an historic logging study which will assist with logging-related site eligibility. **Grand Coulee:** Two sites are in the design stage for site stabilizations. **Payos Kuus Cuukwe:** Inventory of lands within the APE is complete. Designs for a stabilization are underway and may move to construction within FY17.