

**Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program
San Acacia Ad Hoc Work Group Meeting**

22 April 2010 – 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Socorro – Bosque Del Apache Refuge

MEETING SUMMARY

Decisions

The workgroup approved the January 8, 2010 meeting minutes.

The March 2, meeting minutes were approved with minor changes.

Actions

Amy Louise will send out the LTP text to SAR workgroup members.

Tetra Tech will email the workgroup's revision of the draft Strawman Objectives to SAR workgroup members.

Robert Padilla will reserve a room at Bureau of Reclamation for the May 27 SAR meeting.

Meeting Summary

- The meeting was called to order.
- The workgroup began discussion on the Long Term Plan (LTP) Future Activities Table 7.0. It was pointed out that a new Future Activity had been assigned to SAR for summarization: Analysis of San Marcial and San Acacia Reaches (Highest potential for large scale SWFL project to expand territories outside of Elephant Butte Reservoir territories) (section 7.1, line 87). The SAR workgroup thought that it would be more appropriate for Habitat Restoration (HR) workgroup to write a summary for this project.
- The workgroup was given an LTP update:
 - The Coordination Committee (CC) will discuss the LTP at their April 28, 2010 meeting
 - Comments on the LTP text are due by April 30, 2010. The LTP text is available on the Program website.
 - Amy Louise will send out the LTP text to SAR workgroup members.
 - May 5, 2010 is the due date for all LTP Future Activity Summaries. The SAR workgroup has completed all of their assigned summaries.
- The workgroup was given an Executive Committee (EC) and CC update:
 - The Cochiti deviation will be implemented.
 - The EC was shown a presentation on Adaptive Management at their April 15, 2010 meeting.
 - The Population Estimation report has been recommended for peer review.
 - The Scope of Work for Adaptive Management will go out soon.
 - Dave Campbell will be the PVA co-chair.

- Mark Brennan is the new re-introductory biologist.
- The new area manager for Bureau of Reclamation is Mike Hamman.
- FWS is conducting a 5 year status review to ensure that the classification of the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow as Endangered is accurate.
- Approving the January 8, 2010 meeting minutes was added to the agenda.
- It was announced that the final version of the San Acacia Reach A&R is on the Program website.
- The workgroup approved the January 8, 2010 meeting minutes. The March 2, meeting minutes were approved with minor changes.
- The workgroup conducted an action item review. All action items were complete.
- The workgroup reviewed comments and changes made to the draft Strawman Objectives. The workgroup implemented all changes with exception to a couple. The workgroup reviewed the Objectives for consistency and made sure that the Objectives fit SAR LTP Future Activities.
 - Tetra Tech will email the workgroup's revision of the draft Strawman Objectives to SAR workgroup members.
- The workgroup shared and discussed Agency Responses to Themes. Responses will be general and draft. An asterisk will be used for laws that apply to all agencies. "Sub" was removed from sub-reaches under section E, Integration across sub-reaches. The topic: Limitations under section E will include any limitations that would hinder sustaining dialogue momentum (i.e. ability to use federal funds on private land). Limitations topic will be added to other appropriate sections. Next steps for the Themes will be to decide on other issues to include and to brainstorm white paper topics.

NEXT SAR MEETING 5/27/10 in Albuquerque - Reclamation

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MEETING NOTES

Introductions and Agenda Approval

- Gina Dello Russo called the meeting to order.
- The agenda was approved with the change of approving January 8 and March 2, 2010 meeting minutes instead of February 2, 2010 meeting minutes.

Approval of 01/08/10 and 03/02/10 SAR Meeting Minutes

- The most recent revision of the January 8, 2010 meeting minutes were approved with no further changes.
- The March 2, 2010 meeting minutes were approved with minor changes.

Action Item Review

- The meeting attendees performed an action item review. All March action items were completed.

Review of Draft Strawman Objectives

- The meeting attendees reviewed the track changes and comments on the draft Strawman Objectives.
- It was thought that the workgroup would like to stay away from adding too many strategies to the Strawman Objectives.
- The workgroup incorporated almost all of the changes. The document was reviewed for consistency. It was made sure that all of the SAR LTP Future Activities fit into the Strawman Objectives.

Action: Tetra Tech will email the workgroup's revision of the draft Strawman Objectives to SAR workgroup members.

Discussion and Sharing of Agency Response to Themes

- The workgroup reviewed the Agency Responses to Themes, paying close attention to the Themes that were considered harder to define. Some of the Agency Responses were not yet official.
- It was discussed that Agency Responses should be general; what happens, not the actual acts that make it happen.
- The work group thought that it would be interesting to clarify which laws apply to all agencies. An asterisk will be used for laws that apply to all agencies.
- The workgroup made some changes and clarifications to the Themes
 - "Sub" was removed from sub-reaches under section E, Integration across sub-reaches.

- The topic: Limitations under section E will include any limitations that would hinder sustaining dialogue momentum (i.e. ability to use federal funds on private land). Limitations topic will be added to other appropriate sections.
- Next steps for the Themes will be to decide on other issues to include and to brainstorm white paper topics.

Program update

- Meeting attendees were given updates on the Executive Committee (EC), Coordination Committee (CC), and Long Term Plan (LTP).
- **EC update**
 - The EC reviewed LTP Past and Future Activity summaries.
 - The Cochiti Deviation is going to take place.
 - The Population Estimation report will undergo peer review.
 - The EC viewed an Adaptive Management 101 presentation
 - The Scope of Work (SOW) is for a contractor to develop an adaptive management plan for the Program.
 - The new PVA Co-Chair is Dave Campbell
 - Mark Brennan new re-introductory biologist
 - The new area manager for Bureau of Reclamation is Mike Hamman.
 - FWS is conducting a 5 year status review to ensure that the classification of the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow as Endangered is accurate.
 - Public comment period ends June 28, 2010
- **CC update**
 - At CC's next meeting they will be discussing the LTP
 - Comments on the text of the LTP are due by April 30, 2010. The text is available on the Program website. The text was written by Tom Pitts and Gen Quest.

Action: Amy Louise will send out the LTP text to SAR workgroup members.

- All LTP Future Activity summaries are due by May 5, 2010.
 - San Acacia Reach (SAR) workgroup has completed all of their assigned LTP Future Activity Summaries.
 - The CC had some changes for LTP Future Activity summaries but in general thought that they all looked good.
 - Most of the other LTP Future Activity Summaries assigned to other workgroups have been completed. Other workgroups with many summaries assigned are focusing on Priority 1's.
- **LTP update**
 - It was pointed out that a new Future Activity had been assigned to SAR for summarization: Analysis of San Marcial and San Acacia Reaches (Highest

potential for large scale SWFL project to expand territories outside of Elephant Butte Reservoir territories) (section 7.1, line 87).

- The meeting attendees thought that it would be more appropriate for Habitat Restoration (HR) workgroup to write a summary for this project.

It was announced that the San Acacia Reach A&R is available on the Program website.

It was briefly discussed that on River Mile 89 new deposits have formed sandbars that narrow the river. Gina Dello Russo will keep monitoring River Mile 89.

Next Meeting

- The next SAR meeting will be May 27, 2010 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Action: Robert Padilla will reserve a room at Bureau of Reclamation for the May 27 SAR meeting.

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