

Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program
Habitat Restoration Workgroup Meeting
16 November 2010 –12:30pm - 3:30pm
Interstate Stream Commission

Actions

- Ondrea Hummel will ask Yasmeen Najmi if she can review the Draft Sandia Pueblo Monitoring Plan.
- Rick Billings and Monika Mann will revise/update the FY10 HRW Annual Work Plan with suggestions for FY11.
- Rick Billings will check with Yvette McKenna on the progress with pueblo consultation and provide the suggestions from the HRW; ideally, the agreements with the pueblos would be in place prior to the award of the restoration work.
- Anders Lundahl will send the UNM Water Resources Program fish community survey to HRW members.
- Ondrea Hummel will revise the *Habitat Restoration Implementation (Construction)* SOW and email to HRW members.

Decisions

- The October 19th, 2010 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Meeting Summary

Introductions and Changes to Proposed Agenda – Rick Billings brought the meeting to order and introductions were made around the table. Agenda item **Entrapment Alleviation Project Status & Options** will be tabled for another Habitat Restoration Workgroup (HRW) meeting.

Approve October 19th, 2010 Meeting Minutes – The October 19, 2010 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Sandia Pueblo Monitoring Plan – SWCA was contracted by the Pueblo of Sandia to develop a 10 year monitoring plan as part of a monitoring grant through the Program. Meeting attendees were shown a presentation of the draft monitoring plan (*See attached presentation for specific details.*). The first phase of the monitoring is plan development; the next step is developing a sampling and analysis plan for each site. It was verified that Sandia Pueblo and SWCA are allowing the draft monitoring plan to be distributed within the Program. Ondrea Hummel and Colin Lee volunteered to review the Draft Sandia Pueblo Monitoring Plan. Ondrea Hummel will ask Yasmeen Najmi if she can review the Draft Sandia Pueblo Monitoring Plan; Rick Billings volunteered to be review the plan if Yasmeen is unable to.

CABQ Open Space's HR Phase II Project (SWCA) - Meeting attendees were given an update on City of Albuquerque's (CABQ) Open Space's HR Phase II Project. The CABQ received grants for habitat restoration in the Rio Bravo area and restoration was implemented in 2007 and 2008. A channel and scallops were constructed in a bank attached bar that was identified as a constricted point of the channel. Due to outfall from a wastewater treatment facility and a combination of other factors the constructed channel is now the main portion of the channel. There are now plans to produce three scallops along the constructed channel to create inundated habitat at moderate flows.

October 19th HR Action Item Review – All but 3 of the October action items have been completed. The action items “Rick Billings and Monika Mann will revise/update the FY10 HRW Annual Work Plan with suggestions for FY11; the revised will be provided for discussion at the November meeting” and “Rick Billings

will check with Yvette McKenna on the progress with pueblo consultation and provide the suggestions from the HRW; ideally, the agreements with the pueblos would be in place prior to the award of the restoration work” are ongoing and will be carried over to the next HRW meeting. It was thought that action item “Anders Lundahl will distribute the recent Santo Domingo or San Felipe survey done in the Cochiti reach to HRW members” was referring to a UNM Water Resources Program project that was a fish community survey; Anders Lundahl will send the UNM Water Resources Program fish community survey to HRW members.

2009 ISC Habitat Restoration Monitoring Report Synopsis – Rick passed out copies of a synopsis that he and Sarah Beck wrote on the 2009 ISC Habitat Restoration Monitoring Report. Rick gave a brief overview of the synopsis. Meeting attendees discussed techniques used in the monitoring as well as the report’s recommendations for monitoring and treatment types. Gina Dello Russo, Danielle Galloway, and Colin Lee volunteered to write a synopsis on the San Acacia ET Towers for the January 2011 HRW meeting.

SAR peer review process symposia: benefits, highlights for work group awareness/discussion – Handouts containing a summary and talking points from the Peer Review of the San Acacia Analysis and Recommendations Report were distributed to meeting attendees. HRW members should read the handouts to prepare for discussion of the San Acacia Reach peer review in January 2011.

HRW Prioritized Activities – Meeting attendees discussed revising the SOW for the *Habitat Restoration Implementation (Construction)* activity. It was thought that the SOW should be more specific, delineating techniques that the HRW would like to see used in each reach. Ondrea Hummel will revise the *Habitat Restoration Implementation (Construction)* SOW and email to HRW members. The *HR Design and Compliance Support* activity was approved by the CC to go out as an RFP for an IDIQ with no dollar amount attached. The *System-Wide Monitoring and Trend Analysis* activity is now a CC activity.

Program Update – The HRW 2011 Annual Work Plan and 2010 Accomplishments are due December 15, 2010. Terina Perez will be the new PMT liaison to the San Acacia Reach (SAR) work group. The Executive Committee (EC) will be meeting on Thursday, November 18th; topics to be discussed include Adaptive Management, FY11 Funding Spreadsheet, a Fish Passage meeting review, and the Cochiti Deviation After Action Report.

Next Meeting: December 14th 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM @ ISC