

**Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Act Collaborative Program
Species Water Management Standing Workgroup (SWM)**

14 April 2011 Meeting

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM @ BIA

Actions

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- Matt Martinez will talk to the appropriate permitting staff at MRGCD about the USGS permits.
- SWM work group members will review the USGS report and provide any comments to Terina Perez by May 4th.
- Hilary Brinegar will confirm if she can attend the SAR float trip next month as the SWM representative.

Decision

- With no objections, the March 2, 2011 SWM meeting notes were approved with no changes.

Meeting Summary

- Chris Banet brought the meeting order and introductions were made. It was announced that Stephen Kissock would be giving his thesis presentation at around 11:00 am at the next ScW meeting. It was also announced that Mark Stone will be giving a presentation on SRH-2D modeling that Habitat Restoration Workgroup is exploring for use in habitat restoration monitoring. Information on Stephen and Mark's presentations has been distributed via email. The Bureau of Reclamation will be hosting the Rio Grande Annual Operating Plan public meeting today at 3:00pm.

- The agenda was approved with the addition of discussions on the SWM Charter and work group field trip to the ISC Atrisco site.
- With no objections, the March 2, 2011 SWM meeting notes were approved with no changes.
- Meeting attendees reviewed the March action items. Nine of the March action items were completed; 3 are ongoing; and 1 is incomplete. The ongoing and incomplete actions items will be added to the April action items. Information on the MOU for the GW/SW Interaction project continues to be collected.
- Meeting attendees discussed the vacant non-federal Co-Chair position. The Coordination Committee (CC) has given approval for SWM to have 2 federal Co-Chairs since non-federal agencies are unable to fill the position. Curtis McFadden (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) was nominated for the position. Curtis will discuss taking on the role of SWM Co-Chair with his superiors. SWM will continue to highlight the non-federal Co-Chair vacancy in their report to the Executive Committee (EC).
- Discussion on the San Acacia Diversion Dam (SADD) Fish Passage Peer Review Recommendations was tabled for a future SWM meeting. There was considerable discussion on this topic at the last CC meeting and the PMT will be meeting to determine what tasks are being delegated to the work groups. A summary of the peer reviewers' prioritized recommendations have been distributed to Program participants.
- Meeting attendees discussed the work group field trip to the ISC Atrisco site. Since the May SWM meeting coincides with the CC all-day LTP working meeting, the workgroup has proposed to have the field trip on their June 1st meeting. The work group would prefer to have the field trip on the same day as their regularly schedule meeting but may be able to accommodate to another date. Anders Lundahl (ISC) is also knowledgeable on the Atrisco project and might be able to lead the field trip.
- Attendees discussed the SWM Charter. It was suggested that some of the current workgroup responsibilities be removed from the charter as they are outside the authority of the workgroup to carry out (ex. finding alternate water options). Attendees also discussed the possibility of changing the language in the charter to update the responsibilities and better reflect the current status of the workgroup's abilities and authorities (ex. change "secure potential supplies" to "identify potential supplies" of water on the first page of the SWM objectives; add "riparian" to clarify the depletions; etc.). After MRGCD provides their input on whether to clarify or remove the depletions objectives, then SWM will elevate the recommended charter changes to the CC. Attendees briefly discussed the burden of having so many Program workgroups and their support of decreasing the amount.
- Meeting attendees discussed the GW/SW Interaction SOW under closed session with no contractors present. For details please contact the workgroup Co-Chair or PMT Liaison. Attendees discussed that USGS will need to relinquish associated responsibilities and liabilities for the wells to Reclamation.
- Meeting attendees were reminded that comments on the 2nd report from USGS are due by May 4th. SWM work group members will review the USGS report and provide any comments to Terina by May 4th.
- In an update on the Program, it was shared that the next EC meeting is scheduled for April 21st from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Reclamation. The CC met yesterday and discussed the SADD Fish Passage peer review recommendations, 2011 work plans, and PVA/PHVA joint meeting. As per CC request, the joint PVA/PHVA meeting and PVA afternoon session has originally scheduled for April 22nd has been postponed until further notice. This was done because of an issue with Dr. Miller's contract, Dr. Goodman's ability to attend, and the fact that the meeting was scheduled on Good Friday. The CC

has amended their schedule and will now be meeting on the first Wednesday of each month from 12:30pm to 4:00pm; additional meetings will be scheduled on an as-needed basis.

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- Reclamation intends to release their draft BA in September for Program review.
- The next Adaptive Management (AM) technical sessions are scheduled for May 18th and 19th, 2011. The notes from the previous AM sessions will be posted to the website.
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Meeting Minutes

Introductions & Announcements

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Agenda Approval

- The agenda was approved with the addition of discussions on the SWM Charter and work group field trip to the ISC Atrisco site.

Approval of the March 2nd meeting notes

- With no objections, the March 2, 2011 SWM meeting notes were approved with no changes.

March Action Item Review

- Meeting attendees reviewed the March action items. Nine of the March action items were completed; 3 are ongoing; and 1 is incomplete. The ongoing and incomplete actions items will be added to the April action items.
 - **Terina Perez will look for a copy of the MOU for the USGS GW/SW Interaction project and any amendments.**
 - Ongoing; information on the MOU for the GW/SW Interaction project continues to be collected.
 - The Program website may be a convenient place to store information on the GW/SW Interaction project for the work group to access.

Action: Matt Martinez will compile all of his available information on the USGS MOU for the GW/SW Interaction project onto a disc and provide to Terina Perez.

Action: Once Terina Perez receives the USGS MOU compiled information from Matt Martinez, she will work with Ali Saenz (Program administrative assistant) to post the information to the Program website for the SWM work group to access.

- **Cyndie Abeyta will create references in her document on the history of the USGS GW/SW Interaction project for documents concerning the project and will put all information on a disc for distribution to SWM members.**
 - The status of this action item is not known. No one in attendance had received a disc from Cyndie and it is believed that she is still out of office on work business. The work group can get an update from her on the status of the action item once she returns.

- **Terina Perez will ask the Coordination Committee (CC) if SWM can have two federal Co-chairs.**
 - Complete.
 - Though it is preferential for the work group to have one federal and one non-federal Co-Chair the CC has approved for SWM to have two federal Co-Chairs.
 - The SWM 2011 Work Plan will continue have the non-federal Co-Chair position marked as “vacant”.
- **Hilary Brinegar will put all suggested changes to the SWM Charter into tracked changes and distribute to the workgroup for approval.**
 - Complete.
- **In regard to questions about SWM participation in TPECs, timeframes for commenting on documents, and workgroup voting procedures Terina Perez will (1) confirm that the SWM work group will be notified when a TPEC is forming and if they will be asked to recommend people to serve on TPECs for SWM projects; (2) find out if there is an official 30-day feedback timeline for Program documents; and (3) find out when voting within a workgroup is required as the SWM Charter gives procedure for voting and minority reporting but it does not indicate what would trigger a vote.**
 - Complete.
 - The SWM work group will be notified when they can make nominations for a TPEC but Jericho Lewis (Contracting Officer) will make the final decisions on who will participate on the TPEC.
 - There is an official default 30-day timeframe for document review.
 - There are times when voting within a work group is required. It was commented that it’s not often that a vote with quorum is needed within a work group as it’s often done by consensus of meeting attendees.
- **Terina Perez will find out if USGS will be collecting data in March and will find out if Reclamation or another Program agency can do an inventory of equipment. She will also see if the software used to download data from the loggers can be acquired.**
 - Complete.
 - Because the MOU with USGS was over at the end of March it was believed that they would be finishing the reports and not monitoring. Meeting attendees were updated that the preliminary reports are now available and have been distributed.
 - The software that is used to download the data from the loggers comes with the loggers and is not USGS proprietary software. The Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) has software that can be used to download data from the loggers.
- **Terina Perez will work with Dagmar Llewellyn to add the discussed options to the draft GW/SW Interaction SOW and email the revised draft to the SWM workgroup by March 9th.**
 - Complete.
 - The draft SOW was distributed via email on March 11.

Action: Terina will resend copies of the draft GW/SW Interaction SOW to Hilary Brinegar and Matt Martinez.

- **Terina Perez will find out if a contract audit to determine how the USGS GW/SW Interaction project got off its original SOW and how it was moved through various subcommittees of the Program was ever completed.**
 - Complete.
 - Terina asked Jericho and a “contract audit” has never been done on the USGS GW/SW Interaction project. Jericho was also unsure what was meant by the project “straying” from its original SOW.
- **Terina Perez will contact Grace Haggerty to setup a SWM workgroup fieldtrip to the ISC Atrisco site.**
 - Complete.
 - Grace might be available to guide a fieldtrip to the ISC Atrisco site in May; Anders Lundahl (ISC) is also knowledgeable on the Atrisco project and might be able to lead the field trip if Grace is unable to.
 - Since the May 4th SWM meeting coincides with an all day CC LTP working meeting Grace will be unable to lead the field trip on May 4th.
 - Meeting attendees decided to have the May 4th SWM meeting be from 8:30 AM to 9:45 AM in order to accommodate for the all day CC meeting.
- **Terina Perez will forward the abstract for Stephen Kissock’s thesis presentation at the April 19th ScW/MPT/HRW meeting to the SWM workgroup.**
 - Complete.
- **Terina Perez will help Dagmar Llewellyn and Ed Kandl to write an activity summary for hydrologic monitoring at habitat restoration sites.**
 - Ongoing.
- **Terina Perez will follow up with Jericho Lewis regarding the posting of the USGS GW/SW Interaction report with attachments to the Program’s website. Terina spoke to Jericho and he said that he will post it; Terina will verify that it has been posted.**
 - Complete.
 - The USGS GW/SW Interaction report is available on the USGS FTP site. A password is not required to open the file.
- **Terina Perez will follow up with Susan Kelly about a UNM representative in the SWM work group. (Ongoing from 2/11)**
 - Ongoing. Terina has communicated with Susan via email and has not yet heard back from Susan.
- Terina was thanked for the work she has put into the action items and the work group in general.

Co-Chair elections

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- Action:** Curtis McFadden will discuss taking on the role of SWM Co-Chair with his superiors.
- SWM will continue to highlight the non-federal Co-Chair vacancy in their report to the Executive Committee (EC).

Discussion of San Acacia Fish Passage Peer Review Recommendations

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- The current plans are for the work group to meet at the Atrisco site and have a short meeting to address work group business and then proceeding with the site tour.

Charter

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 - The water storage and management section. Some of the responsibilities listed here would be through action agency negotiations.
 - Evaluate the relative merits was thought to apply to SWM given guidance from the EC on what SWM might research.
 - The first bullet changed to read "identify and recommend potential water supplies" instead of "work towards achieving water supplies"
 - SWM objectives the second sentence changed to "identify potential suppliesow water and storage" instead of "secure potential supplies of water and storage space"
 - SWM should have some role in exploring where water supplies might be found and make recommendations but unlike WAM which had some authority to acquire water supplies SWM does not have the authority to do so.
 - "Assist Program in evaluating methods and tools to understand depletions" will be changed to "riparian depeltions" cl To further clarify that it is referring ET Towers and methods for measuring transpirations. Adds a technical aspect. Discussed it because depletions can be a sensitive subject. Attendees discussed whther to remove the bullet or change to
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 - Attendees briefly discussed the burden of having so many Program workgroups and their support of decreasing the amount. The CC and EC have discussed

waiting to restructure the Program until the adaptive management, the LTP and BAs are more finalized.

- It was said that the District is in favor of narrowing down the amount of work groups.

GW/SW Interaction

- The SWM work group is at consensus to put the GW/SW Interaction projection out to bid. Meeting attendees discussed the GW/SW Interaction SOW under closed session with no contractors present. For details please contact the workgroup Co-Chair or PMT Liaison.

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Action: Hilary Brinegar will confirm if she can attend the SAR float trip next month as the SWM representative.

- The DBMS contractor will be given a presentation on the status of the DBMS at the next DBMS meeting.
- ScW viewed a presentation on the Age and Growth study at their last work group meeting.
- MPT met last week to discuss the monitoring plans for this spring.

Agency Updates

- Three candidates were announced for a new secretary of agriculture and there have been public forums where NMDA staff and the public were able to ask the candidates questions. The candidates are James Butler, Jennifer Fox, and Jeff Witty. The board of regents will make a decision in May.
- Lisa Croft is gone is no longer the Deputy Area Manager, an interim has not been announced.
- The United States Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (USCID) will be having a conference in Albuquerque in May. There will be field tours and oral/poster presentations as well as discussion. Matt will email more information about the conference and a link to the USCID website to the SWM work group.

Next Meeting: May 4, 2011 8:30 AM to 9:45 AM

Species Water Management Work Group 14 April 2011 Meeting Attendees					
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