

**Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program
Habitat Restoration Workgroup (HRW) Meeting
January 13, 2013
12:30-3:00 pm at the ISC**

Actions

- Danielle Galloway will follow up with Ondrea Hummel about asking Susan Bittick if the Task Order for mapping Albuquerque could be modified to include analysis of the MPT data.
- Danielle Galloway will send a “Get Well” email to Rick Billings on behalf of HRW.
- Gina Dello Russo will look for Isleta Reach map.
- Gina Dello Russo will talk with Julie Coonrod and Mark Stone regarding rapid assessment mapping.
- Vicky Ryan will send her Tamarisk Beetle Presentation to Ali to be added to the Program website.
- Michelle Mann will send a Program Update about the EC Meeting.
- Michelle Mann will send Program Accomplishments and Work Plan to the workgroup for final approval.

Decision

- The December 10th, 2012 HRW meeting notes were approved with no changes.
- A conference call will occur on January 24th to further discuss whether we will move forward with planting willows for the SWFL.

Meeting Summary**Agenda Approval**

- Danielle Galloway brought the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Announcements

- HRW Co-Chair Rick Billings suffered a stroke during the holidays.
- Ondrea Hummel is rotating through Civil Project Management for a few months and will have a reduced position in HRW during this time.
- Note takers will not be available until March. Action items and meeting main topics will be documented and agreed upon before dismissal of the meeting.

Approve December 10th, 2012 HR meeting minutes

- The December 10th, 2012 HRW meeting notes were approved with no changes.

Action Item Review

- **Ondrea Hummel will ask Susan Bittick if the Task Order for mapping Albuquerque could be modified to include analysis of the MPT data.**
 - Danielle Galloway will check with Ondrea on status of this Action Item.
- **Michelle Mann will distribute an email reminding the HRW of the December 17th deadline to make changes to the DBMS.**

- Complete
- **Michelle Mann will ask Yvette McKenna if the workgroup will be asked to develop FY2013 SOWs.**
 - Complete
- **Michelle Mann will distribute the draft 2013 Work Plan and 2012 Accomplishments to the HRW once they have been developed.**
 - Michelle Mann will send out the draft 2013 Work Plan and 2012 Accomplishments via email to the Workgroup.

Diorhabda Presentation (Vicky Ryan)

- Diorhabda will affect SWFL populations by defoliating Tamarisk and exposing nests to predation as monitoring indicates that SWFL are utilizing Tamarisk for nesting more than native vegetation.

RIP Action Plan Review

- The RIP Action Plan Review did not occur due to Rick's absence.

Review and approve 2012 Workgroup Accomplishments and 2013 Work Plan

- The draft 2013 Work Plan and 2012 Accomplishments are complete and will be sent via email to the Workgroup for edits.

Further develop rapid assessment tools, habitat and subreach evaluations

- Gina Dello Russo passed around the following article as information regarding rapid assessment, habitat, and subreach evaluations.
Merrit, D. and Bateman, H. (2012) Linking stream flow and ground water to avian habitat in a desert riparian system. *Ecological Applications*. 22(7): 1973-1988.
- The workgroup discussed possibly harvesting and planting on a site that has already been permitted with little or no funding to demonstrate rapid assessment in action.
- Rapid assessment of Mesohabitat for the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow was discussed. HRW is interested in seeing if:
 - Using aerial photography of USGS study sites (matching dates of measurements to the greatest degree possible) digitize in-channel features based on observable differences and interpretation.
 - Determine what degree of accuracy is possible from these interpretation based on USGS measured features.
 - Utilizing remote sensing data, evaluate the potential for distinguishing in-channel features at various flows. Again use USGS measured flows and river locations to test potential accuracy in interpretation.

Program Update

- The EC will be meeting on Thursday January 17th, 2013.
- SAR workgroup will be presenting their final products to the EC in January.
- The DBMS website will be released to the public soon.
- An update on BAs and the BO will be given after the January EC Meeting.

Next Meeting: January 15th, 2012 from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm at ISC.

- Tentative agenda items include: 1) joint meeting with ScW to run through examples of the rapid assessment tool on a couple of subreaches at different flows; 2) Update on rapid assessment, habitat, and subreach evaluation discussions;

**Habitat Restoration Workgroup Meeting
January 15th, 2013 Meeting Attendees**

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