

Coordination Committee Meeting
June 13, 2013

Meeting Materials:

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Minutes

Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program**Coordination Committee Meeting****June 13, 2013 – 9:00am to 12:00 pm****Reclamation****Rio Grande conference room**

Conference Call-in Line

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(1st Committee member or contractor to arrive, please dial in)**Draft Meeting Agenda**

- Introductions and Agenda* Approval
- **Decision** – Approval of 05/01/2013 CC meeting summary notes*
- CC Action Items and Decisions Review (see below)
- EC Action Item and Decisions Review (see below)
- Prioritization of FY2014 Work Plan* w/o setting budgets because we first need to justify why the project is necessary, has priority, and what value it will bring to species numbers and/or habitat
- Review of Pueblo of Santa Ana proposal for additional monitoring*
- **Additional topics to be added by CC representatives**
- Significant Non-Decision Items to Brief EC

Next meeting – CC meeting – July 10, 2013 @ Reclamation from 9:00 to 11:00am**Upcoming meetings**

ScW – June 18, 2013 @ ISC / field trip to Cochiti & Jemez June 25, 2012

HRW – June 18, 2013 @ ISC

EC meeting – June 20, 2013 @ BIA from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

****denotes read ahead***

CC May 1, 2013**Decisions:**

- The draft agenda was approved without changes
- The meeting summary notes for the April 3, 2013 CC meeting were approved without changes

Actions:

- Interim Program Manager will announce to full mailing list of the MRGESCP the event at the Nature Center on May 22, 2013. ✓
- The October 2012 read-ahead with FY2013 planned projects will be updated to show FY2014 information. ✓
- The RIP Action Plan table will be reviewed for coordination with the budget priority list for FY2014 (led by Grace, NMISC)
- Next meeting will be June 5, 2013 at Reclamation, and will be dedicated to budgets and priorities for Reclamation's FY2014 funding and additional signatory funding, if any. The USACE will provide a report on funding for Fiscal Years 2009 through 2012, for reference.
- Signatories will review and update their assigned personnel and alternates, as necessary.

Executive Committee Meeting**Thursday, May 16, 2013****Decisions**

- Approval of the April 18th, 2013 EC meeting summary was postponed until the suggested revision could be circulated and reviewed for accuracy.
- With a quorum present and no disagreement expressed, the EC approved the 2012 Accomplishments Report.
- The EC requested the Co-chairs hold a full day, Closed Session scheduled for June 5th from 9:00am to 4:30pm, location to be determined. The reasons for Closed Session are contractual (third party management contract) and legal (Notice of Intent to file a lawsuit under ESA on the Program's actions supporting the 2003-2013 Biological Opinion). The Closed Session will be noticed by Email from the Co-Chairs in accordance with Section 5.4.4 of the By-laws.
- With no objections expressed, the EC officially endorsed the MAT Recommended Emergency Actions for 2013.
- With a quorum present and no objections voiced, the EC approved the May 31st deadline for comments on the RIP Action Plan document.
- With a quorum present and no objections voiced, the EC approved the May 31st deadline for comments on the Long-Term Plan (LTP) Draft Narrative.

Actions

- Rhea Graham will use the April 4th subgroup meeting notes to confirm the agencies in attendance in order to identify those parties in the April 18th EC meeting notes.
- Rhea Graham will investigate options to have Reese Fullerton available for the June 5th EC Closed Session.

- In an effort to understand why all current Habitat Restoration activities are funded as grants, Rhea Graham will clarify with Reclamation Contracting staff on the determinations and guidelines for grants (financial assistance) versus contracts.
- The regular June 5th, 2013 CC meeting may be rescheduled to accommodate the all-day EC Closed Session scheduled for that same day.
- Deb Freeman will frame the sufficient progress metrics concerns in order to prepare the EC on the issues for the June 5th Closed Session.
- Josh Mann will provide Rhea Graham with a copy of the attendance sheet from the Monday, May 13th MAT meeting.
- David Gensler will alert the MAT to the EC request to address concerns raised regarding “triage related issues” and doing everything possible for the minnow this year.

Requests/Recommendations:

- Some EC members requested that the Minnow Action Team (MAT) address concerns raised regarding “triage related issues” and doing everything possible for the minnow this year. Specifically: (1) permit-related issues impacting salvage efforts; and (2) conditions of salvageable fish – and the concern that “standards” and guidelines for fish salvage are written for “business as usual.” It was suggested that the MAT could expand the language of their Recommended Emergency Actions for 2013 document and associated report (Item #6).
- It was requested that the dataset(s) and metadata used in the Service’s Hydrologic Objective(s) be made available to Program members. *Completed; posted on EC module*

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**Reclamation
Rio Grande conference room**

Quorum of 7 of 13 signatories who have assigned staff to the CC in attendance

Decisions

- Introductions (Grace's intern Ali also attended)
- Agenda was approved by consensus without changes; ScW 6/18/13 meeting canceled; 6/25/13 field trip to Cochiti and Jemez instead

CC Actions review of May action items:

- Bullet #1 = done; shared w/CC members as in-meeting handout of contract vs grant language from 2007 EC workshop
- Bullet #2 = done
- Bullet #3 = done
- Bullet # 4= RIP Action Plan meeting on 6/13/13; 2-year tasks to be incorporated into the 5-year plan without costs and a budget or anticipated funding level by budget category table will be added to the document
- Bullet #5 = meeting date changed to 6/13/13; USACE funding report = rolled over to next meeting
- Bullet #6 = ongoing; is time critical for 7/18/13 EC meeting and the transition to a RIP and to the new Program website

EC Actions:

- EC endorsed the MAT emergency recommendations; Reclamation and Service corresponded on start of managed recession on 6/1/13 instead of 6/15/13; so far 12 miles of drying; rescue salvage supported by USACE, Reclamation and ISC; monitoring of fish in refugial pools is important for USFWS; egg monitoring concluded 6/12/13; MAT is evolving into the water ops calls; expect report at end of irrigation season; MAT is possible precursor to RIP Action Team
- EC Closed Session decisions to be reported at 6/20/13 EC meeting

FY 2014 Work Plan (see edits by Ali to spreadsheet—highlights summarized below):

- Can USACE support to the CP be increased? Is unlikely from what is on table due to sequestration restrictions on their budget projections
- Genetics analysis of past and present data collected is a concern of USFWS, especially lag to receive analysis. Was explained that Reclamation contracting

sees this effort as a contract, not a grant; is in process for Phase 1 (collection) award in FY2013, with FY2014 funds for Phase 2 (analysis)

- Independent peer review of genetics is a priority equal to the genetics analysis
- 3rd party program management is a high priority even though not a BO requirement, reflecting EC direction; continued funding of notetaking is an equal priority, as it could become part of the 3rd party management services provided; is also a contract not a grant
- Discussion of FY2014 “white cells” priorities focused on monitoring and data synthesis, with recognition that adaptive management is still ongoing and a driver (both project effectiveness of HR projects and AM are funded by USACE); added two “white cells” priorities of data synthesis and develop tools
- RIP Action Team document lead stated that none of the FY2014 Workplan tasks are counter to the RIP Action plan (so far)
- USFWS clarified that no PVA modeling is in either the BAs or the BOs; it is still anticipated that signatory MRGCD will fund PVA modeling
- After significant discussion, the CC recommended that the FY2014 Workplan table presented to the EC consider hiding columns used to keep track of comments that are potentially confusing, such as status of statement of work development, as these are important primarily for acquisitions documentation; consider adding a historical funding column, and consider adding to the presentation to the EC where contributions from others could occur. An example provided was that the NMISC might fund the annual report
- The USFWS has sex ratio data on RGSM, and will check to see if the ScW has reviewed it

Pueblo of Santa Ana proposal:

- Was read-ahead addressing site-specific effectiveness monitoring; similar to sufficient progress documentation required under the RIP; is more than just CPUE evaluating if habitat restoration made a difference; benefits to RGSM and SWFL monitoring and habitat; outcome was added to the unsolicited proposals' row on the FY2014 Workplan based on consensus of those present, with the proponent signatory abstaining

Additional topics:

- Transfer to new CP website on 8/1/13; need to ensure that EC members are made aware

Significant non-decisions for the EC:

- CC at 6/20/13 EC meeting will present FY2014 Workplan

- CC will request feedback on transition to RIP—interim service model
- July CC meeting will be 7/10/13 instead of 7/3/13, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Reclamation

Action Items:

- Provide guidance received from EC on interim service model after this meeting and anticipated endorsement of RIP documents at 7/20/13 EC meeting (CC chairs)
- Ensure EC members are aware of transfer to new CP website on 8/1/13 (CC reps and alternates)
- Provide report of FY2009 through FY2012 CP funding for reference (USACE)
- Signatories will review and update their assigned personnel and alternates, as necessary (CC reps and alternates)
- Contact MRGCD for update on status of contracting for PVA modeling (Interim PM)
- Provide sex ratio data on RGSM to ScW (USFWS)
- Address EC Action Items from 6/20/13 meeting (PMT/CC Co-chairs)
- Provide revisions to the FY2014 Workplan spreadsheet as meeting read-ahead (PMT)

CC 6/13/13 Meeting Attendees
Location/Room: Rio Grande, Reclamation Date: June 13, 2013

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