

**Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program
Coordination Committee Meeting
January 7th, 2015 – 9:00am to 10:45am
Reclamation**

Decisions

- With a quorum present and no objections, the December 10th, 2014 CC meeting summary was approved for finalization with a correction in the attendance list: “Katy Cruzoft” will be corrected to “Katie Kruthaupt.”

Actions

- The CC co-chairs will provide the ScW co-chairs with the requested changes/edits to the RGSM Spawning Response and Life History PWS by COB on Friday, January 9th.
- ScW will address/incorporate CC edits to the RGSM Spawning Response and Life History PWS at their January 20th meeting.
- Agencies are asked to submit workgroup designation assignments for all active Program workgroups and subcommittees if not already completed.
- Ali Saenz will incorporate the Minnow Action Team information into the 2013 Draft Annual Report.
- Grace Haggerty will contract David Gensler for final information pertaining to the 2013 Draft Annual Report.
- It is requested that agencies provide any final comments/edits to the 2013 Draft Annual Report as soon as possible (but no later than January 21st in order to be incorporated before the February CC meeting).
- Ali Saenz will schedule conference rooms at Reclamation for the January ScW and HRW meetings.

Continued/Ongoing Actions

- Grace Haggerty will confirm availability of the Compact Review presentation for the April or May 2015 EC meeting. (*continued from 12/10/14*)
- ~~Jim Wilber will arrange to have Robert Padilla attend that February 2015 EC meeting to participate/be available for discussions and questions on the River Sediment Study presentation.~~ (*continued from 12/10/14*) *complete*
- Submit Workgroup designation assignments for all active Program workgroups and subcommittees if not already completed. (*continued from 12/10/14*)

Requests/Recommendations

- After review and discussion, the Coordination Committee has requested that the Science Workgroup address additional comments and edits to the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow Spawning Response and Life History Performance Work Statement and contracting documents.

Announcements

- The 2015 Tamarisk Coalition Conference, titled *Advancing Riparian Restoration in the West*, is scheduled for February 10th to February 12th at the Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, 800 Rio Grande Boulevard NM, in Albuquerque.

- <http://tamariskcoalition.org/about-us/events/2015-conference>

Next CC Meeting: February 4th, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Reclamation

- Tentative agenda items include: (1) CC co-chair decision – Leann Towne as Jim Wilber’s replacement?; (2) Review and Approve the Revised the RGSM Spawning Response and Life History PWS; (3) Review the Revised 2013 Annual Report and Comments Received – and approve the revised version to be elevated back to EC for decision;

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:

- January 15th – EC meeting from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Reclamation
- January 20th – ScW meeting from 10:00am to 12:00pm at Reclamation
- January 20th – HRW meeting from 12:30pm to 3:30pm at Reclamation
- February 4th – CC meeting from 9:00am to 11:00am at Reclamation

Meeting Summary

Introductions and agenda approval: Rick Billings brought the meeting to order and welcomed everyone back for the first meeting of the New Year. Introductions were made and a quorum was confirmed. The agenda was reviewed and approved with reordering the decision items to occur at the beginning of the meeting.

Approval of the December 10th, 2014 CC Meeting Summaries

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Review of ScW Contracting Documents (Performance Work Statement) for FY2015 Priority Projects

- *The review and discussion of the FY2015 Priority Projects contracting documentation proceeded in closed session; contractors were asked to leave the room. Please contact a CC representative for specific details.*
- After discussing the draft Performance Work Statement (PWS) for the *Rio Grande Silvery Minnow (RGSM) Spawning Response and Life History* project, the CC had additional comments and edits for the ScW to address.
 - It was pointed out that the original project title of “*RGSM Inundated Habitat and Life History*” has been retitled to “*RGSM Spawning Response and Life History*.”

Coordination Committee (CC) Action Items and Decisions Review

- *December 10th Decisions*
 - There were no comments on the December 10th CC decision items.
- *December 10th Actions*
 - Dave Campbell will provide updates on the Dexter Fecundity Study. – *complete*;
 - Stacy Stanford has taken the lead on tracking down the documents and reports.
 - Susan Bittick will contact Tetra Tech to arrange a possible River Sedimentation presentation for the February EC meeting. – *complete*;

- Grace Haggerty will confirm availability of the Compact Review presentation for the April or May 2015 EC meeting. – *ongoing*;
- ~~Jim Wilber will arrange to have Robert Padilla attend that February 2015 EC meeting to participate/be available for discussions and questions on the River Sediment Study presentation.~~ – *ongoing*; on 01/09/15, Jim Wilber confirmed completion of this action item
- Submit comments on draft 2013 Annual Report as soon as possible, if not already completed. – *complete*;
 - The Revised Draft 2013 Annual Report will be discussed in today's meeting.
- Submit Workgroup designation assignments for all active Program workgroups and subcommittees if not already completed. – *ongoing*;
 - For Reclamation, Jennifer Faler will be the EC Prime and Jim Wilber will be the EC alternate. Reclamation's CC representation will be Leann Towne (prime) and Ann Demint (alternate).
- The CC co-chairs will provide the ScW co-chairs with the requested changes/edits to the RGSM Inundated Habitat and Life History SOW by COB on Friday, December 12th. – *complete*;
- ScW will address/incorporate CC edits to the RGSM Inundated Habitat and Life History SOW at their December 16th meeting. – *complete*;
- Reclamation will provide contractual support at the December 16th ScW meeting to help complete the Performance Work Statement for the RGSM Inundated Habitat and Life History project. – *complete*;
- Susan Bittick will investigate the (1) Cochiti Lake Sedimentation Assessment and (2) the Tamarisk Beetle updates to determine contacts and/or feasibility for EC presentation. (continued from 07/02/14) – *complete*;
 - *Tamarisk Beetle Update:*
 - A tamarisk beetle presentation has been scheduled for the February HRW meeting. It has been suggested that the presentation (meeting agenda) be distributed Program-wide to invite anyone potentially interested.
 - *Cochiti Lake Sedimentation Assessment:*
 - Ryan Gronewold provided the following information/clarification on the Cochiti Lake Sedimentation and other sediment work being completed by the Corps:
 - 1. We [the Corps] implemented a new Elevation-Surface Area-Capacity table for Cochiti Lake in January of 2013. This involved a combination of topographic (and bathymetric) surveys of the entire Cochiti Lake pool. We periodically do this for all of our reservoirs every 5-10 years in order to measure the amount of sediment accumulation within the reservoir.
 - 2. As a part of the Area-Capacity table implementation, Wilson Engineering developed a digital terrain model (DTM) of the Cochiti pool based on survey data from 2012. In addition to the 2012 DTM, Wilson created a DTM using available data from before Cochiti Dam was built. These DTM's allow us to visualize the changes to the ground surface since Cochiti was

built (John Peterson and Wilson have given several presentations on this). I don't know of any formal analysis or report for this work.

- 3. Following the Las Conchas fire in 2011, we [the Corps] have conducted rangeline surveys within White Rock Canyon downstream to the headwaters of the main Cochiti pool. We have conducted these surveys on a yearly basis (previously every 5-10 years as a part of the normal Area-Capacity tables) in order to more closely monitor the amount of sediment entering the lake since the Las Conchas fire. There are field trip reports (prepared by Wolf Engineering who did the surveys) from each of these surveys that include photos of the rangelines and of many of the tributary confluences, as well as a few observations of river conditions by the survey crew.
- 4. While we have these yearly rangeline survey data, we have not incorporated this data into any type of analysis or report. In my initial inspection of these rangeline surveys, I have not noted any drastic increase in sediment inflow into the reservoir pool.
- 5. The Cochiti Baseline Study includes some analysis of sediment accumulation within the reservoir under different operating scenarios (fluctuating pool elevations, etc.). Requests for any information would need to be made to the Pueblo.
- It was mentioned that Ryan Gronewold gave a presentation to the EC after the survey was completed.
- Some attendees expressed the opinion that they disagree with the statement that there is “not a lot of sediment inflow.”
 - The Corps hasn’t started looking at the inflow issue or how to improve the sediment input into the river.
- The EC presentation in February will cover the sediment analysis on the tributaries.

Update EC Presentation/Updates Recommendation List

- The CC continues to develop and refine a list of potential presentations for EC meetings.
- *Suggested Modifications to the Presentation List:*
 - *The Cochiti Sediment* presentation will be replaced with the *River Sedimentation* presentation.
 - The tamarisk beetle presentation will occur at the HRW meeting; it has been removed from the EC presentation list.
 - The Yellow-billed Cuckoo and NM Jumping Mouse presentation will be given in March (by Vicki Ryan, Reclamation).
 - The suggested Rio Grande Compact Review presentation title has been modified to: Rio Grande Compact presentation (remove the word “review.”).

Status Update on CC Designation Assignments

- Signatories have been asked to provide updated work group and committee designations. There is no “official” notification template – an email is an acceptable method.
- This is an on-going task for the Program.

- The CC will report back to the EC with update assignments and quorum expectations at the January EC meeting.

FY2013 Annual Report

- The comments received to date have been addressed and incorporated. However, there are still comments pending. This agenda item will be carried over to the February meeting.
- Attendees were informed that the contract proposal for the production of the 2014 Annual Report has been submitted.
 - Relating to this, CC members were encouraged to begin collection of 2014 data and information in order to have everything available.
- It is requested that agencies provide any final comments/edits to the 2013 Draft Annual Report as soon as possible (but no later than January 21st in order to be incorporated before the February CC meeting).

Significant Non-Decision Items to Brief EC

- The next EC meeting is scheduled for January 15th, 2015.
- The CC update will include:
 - Status Update on CC Designation Letters and CC Quorum – CC has been meeting quorum for decisions and designations are still in progress
 - Update on FY2015 Priority Projects – ScW RGSM Spawning Response and Life History PWS;
 - Project Status Updates - a list of projects and status updates; what has gotten contracted, what hasn't, what in progress/moving forward, etc.
 - FY2013 Annual Report Comments/Updates;

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- Potential Future Agenda Items: (1) Discussion/Consideration of the pros and cons of chartering any new group at this time during the transition; (2) Discussion/Consideration what are the technical arms of this Program going to be and how are they to work/interrelate/interact (pertains to the formation of the Adaptive Management Committee and continuance of the MAT);

**Coordination Committee Meeting
7 January 2015 Meeting Attendees**

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