

**Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program  
Coordination Committee Meeting  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 – 9:00am to 10:00am  
Reclamation**

**Decisions**

- The May 6<sup>th</sup> CC meeting notes were approved for finalization with no changes.
- The July 1<sup>st</sup> CC meeting notes were approved for finalization with no changes.
- The next CC meeting was changed from 10/7/15 to **10/1/15** to avoid any scheduling conflicts with the Water Resources Research Institute Water Conference taking place in Taos October 7<sup>th</sup> through October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Actions**

- Ali Saenz will email the CC members the updated Program Groups and Committee document.
- Ali Saenz will email the CC members the 2015 Projects/Contract spreadsheet.
- Ali Saenz will request biographies of the Fish Population Monitoring Workshop experts from Atkins (contractor) in preparation for the 9/17/15 EC meeting.
- Ali Saenz will pull compiled literature for the participants in preparation for the Fish Population Monitoring Workshop.
- Grace Haggerty will confirm the meeting room at ISC for the upcoming HRW and ScW meetings.

**Ongoing/Continued Actions**

- Grace Haggerty will contact John Sutton (?) with SCIECA (the South Central Chapter of International Erosion Control Association (??)) to determine the feasibility and availability of a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) presentation to the EC. (*continued from May 6<sup>th</sup>*) – *ongoing*

**Announcements**

- Reclamation will be having an end of the summer BBQ from 11:30am – 1pm on 9/17/15; EC meeting attendees are invited to attend.
- Nathan Schroeder with Santa Ana Pueblo spoke about a new federal program, the Resilient Tribal Restoration Landscapes (RTRL) program. This program is dovetailing on an already existing program (Resilient Land Program) and is intended to springboard tribes to be able to compete in the RL program. The program lead, Bela Harrigan, is looking for a coalition of partners for this program and will provide additional information to the HRW at the September meeting.

**Next CC Meeting: Thursday, October 1, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Reclamation**

- Tentative agenda items include: (1) Updates on BA/BO, if appropriate; (2) Update on the Fish Population Monitoring Workshop, if appropriate; (3) Program Document Subgroup (PDS) updates, if appropriate; (4) Updated Program Workplan/Contracts; (5) 2016 Draft Workplan

**Upcoming Dates and Deadlines:**

- September 15<sup>th</sup> – ScW meeting, 9:00am to 11:30am at ISC -CANCELLED
- September 15<sup>th</sup> – HRW meeting, 12:30pm to 3:30pm at ISC
- September 17<sup>th</sup> – EC meeting, 9:00am to 12:00pm at Reclamation

## Meeting Summary

**Introductions and agenda approval:** Rick Billings brought the meeting to order. Introductions were made. The agenda was reviewed and no changes were requested. A quorum was present.

**Approval of the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 CC Meeting Summary:**

- The May 6<sup>th</sup> CC meeting notes were approved for finalization with no changes.

**Approval of the July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 CC Meeting Summary:**

- The July 1<sup>st</sup> CC meeting notes were approved for finalization with no changes.

**Coordination Committee (CC) Action Items and Decisions Review**

- *July 1<sup>st</sup> Decisions*
  - There were no comments on the July 1<sup>st</sup> CC decision items.
- *July 1<sup>st</sup> Actions*
  - ✓ Before any additional distribution, it was recommended that the Program Groups and Committee document (that includes contacts and schedules) be updated to correct the listed EC's co-chairs. – *completed*
  - ✓ Rick Billings will contact Dave Campbell to arrange the Propagation and Augmentation Program presentation for the September 17<sup>th</sup> EC meeting. – *completed*
    - Thomas Archdeacon is unable to give the Augmentation and Propagation Program presentation due to salvage operations; instead Vicky Ryan with FWS will present on the yellow billed cuckoo at the upcoming EC meeting.
  - ✓ Marta Wood will confirm the CC conference call number with Ali Saenz. – *completed*
    - Marta emailed Ali Saenz in advance of today's meeting. The conference number has been confirmed as correct.
  - Grace Haggerty will contact John Sutton (?) with SCIECA (the South Central Chapter of International Erosion Control Association (?)) to determine the feasibility and availability of a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) presentation to the EC. (*continued from May 6<sup>th</sup>*) – *ongoing*

**Review & update list of EC Presentations/Updates (recurring item)**

- The CC continues to develop and refine a list of potential presentations for EC meetings. Recent scheduling changes and meeting cancellations have resulted in changes to the presentation schedule.
  - Please see the EC presentations document for updates that were discussed during the meeting.
    - Thomas Archdeacon is unable to give the Augmentation and Propagation Program presentation due to salvage operations; instead, Vicky Ryan with FWS will present on the yellow billed cuckoo at the upcoming EC meeting
  - Status of the MRG and Tributaries Sediment Transport Study (Tetra Tech) – was tentatively scheduled to present to EC in Oct/Dec but has been rescheduled to present in January

**Review and Update from Program Document Subgroup (Updated Documents)**

- The Program Document Subgroup will be providing read aheads for the upcoming 9/17/15 EC meeting.

**Discussion/Review**

- *BA/BO Update*
  - Reclamation has submitted the complete document to FWS and is working to get it posted on Reclamation website. A link to the document will be available on the Program's website.
- *Fish Population Monitoring Workshop-*
  - Tentative dates – 12/8/15 through 12/10/15
  - The Population Monitoring workgroup is still working on the agenda for the workshop; still trying to coordinate more presentations at EC meetings prior to the workshop
  - Atkins is the contractor determining the 4 main experts for the workshop (3 contracted and 1 USGS employee funded by the USACE); the contractor is contacting the experts and confirming the venue.
  - Atkins has met with the workgroup already and they will be meeting again next week
  - EC members will be asked at the upcoming 9/17/15 meeting to provide the name of the person who will participate as their agency representative
  - The contract was written for 20 participants and 30 observers to be present at the workshop
    - The participants will sit at a U-shaped table in the center of the venue and the observers will sit back from the table in the grandstand area
  - The only way this workshop will be productive is if people come prepared and are able to participate.
    - Ali Saenz will pull compiled literature for the participants in preparation for the workshop.
- *Adaptive Management Meeting*
  - COE will be introducing the Adaptive Management contractor to EC at the 9/17/15 EC meeting; the contractor will provide an introduction at the EC meeting and results at the upcoming October EC meeting
- *RIP Implementation*
  - FWS has requested time on the EC meeting agenda at the upcoming meeting
- *Resilient Landscapes Opportunities*
  - Nathan Schroeder with Santa Ana Pueblo spoke about two new federal programs with potential opportunity for agencies.
  - The President's FY2015 budget included the establishment of 2 new programs: (1) Resilient Landscapes (RL) which are open to any/all bidders and (2) Reserved Treaty Rights (RTRL) which is intended for tribes and tribal lands only.
    - The purpose of the RL program is to improve the resilience of landscapes through funded activities related to fire resiliency but include restoration at some level. The funding for these new programs comes from the Fuels Management budget.
    - Approved RL proposals are intended to be multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional, multi-partnering collaborations that focus on a landscape-level (ex. thousands of acres). These proposals (projects) are on a partnering scale that has never been undertaken by the tribal groups before.

- BIA is looking for collaborators to participate in a joint proposal(s). Interested agencies will need to contribute or participate in the project in some form or fashion – including in-kind monies, accomplishing actual on-the-ground work, promising funds for crews, private land owners to unlock gates, money matching, etc.
- BIA and interested tribes are approaching established groups with existing plan-based ideas (like the Collaborative Program) to reach potential collaborators. The Program itself would not be a prospective partner, but the workgroups could provide letters of recommendation and help as an information sharing venue to reach individual agencies.
- The proposal deadlines are October of each year.
- *Project Discussion*
  - Annual report proposal – BOR contracting review of the proposal is complete; RFP is expected to be awarded in the next few days
  - All other projects and activities except the Program and Science Support (PASS) contract have been awarded. The PASS will be moved to FY16; BOR will ask for carryover on this project
  - Ali Saenz will email the CC members the 2015 Projects/Contract spreadsheet

#### Significant Non-Decision Items to Brief EC

- Rick Billings to request EC members submit the names of participants and observers from their agencies for the Fish Population Monitoring Workshop.

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#### Coordination Committee Meeting September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 Meeting Attendees

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