



Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program

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Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Decisions and Action Items

February 10, 2020; 1:30 PM–4:30 PM

Location: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Albuquerque District
4101 Jefferson Plaza NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

Decisions:

- Approval of February 10, 2020 meeting agenda with amendments
 - Move the hydrology update to earlier in the meeting
 - Add a decision point for approval of the long-term Program goals
- Approval of 2019 meeting summary
- Approval of 2020 Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program (MRGESCP or Program) Work Plan with the caveat that it will be accelerated whenever possible and is open for amendments as the Program structure evolves
- Approval of Letter of Support for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) MRGESCP budget being signed by the nonfederal co-chair and sent to the New Mexico Congressional Delegation pending the announcement of USACE's FY21 budget
- Approval of amending the Fiscal Planning Committee (FPC) charter to include the addition of non-federal and federal co-chairs
- Approval of the long-term Program goals with the following amendments:
 - Include the listing status for each species
 - Spell out all acronyms
 - Revise goal statement B to read "recovery unit goals"
- Approval of Science/Habitat Restoration Work Group (ScW/HR) project descriptions for submittal to signatories with funding by the April 2020 deadline
- Approval of the 2020 ScW/HR Work Plan with addition of a plan for sunsetting the work group and moving towards the Science and Technical Network (STN)
- Approval of the 2020 Population Monitoring Work Group (PMWG) Work Plan
- Approval of the Buckman Direct Diversion (BDD) membership request

Action Items:

WHO	ACTION ITEM	BY WHEN
EC Co-chairs and PST	Discuss a communication process between the co-chairs and the rest of the EC members	02/20/2020
PST	Revise the letter of support for USACE, and send it to the non-federal co-chair to sign	02/14/2020
John Stomp	Send the letter of support to the New Mexico Congressional Delegation pending the announcement of USACE's FY21 budget	TBD

PST	Amend the composition of the FPC's charter to include federal and non-federal co-chairs, and put appointment of co-chairs on the agenda for the next FPC meeting	TBD
AMWG	Review the lower half of the proposed Program structure and add detail where necessary for EC review and approval	March-May 2020
PST	Suggest that the Soil Moisture Holding Capacity Study Scope of Work (SOW) writing group consider including an option for lowering the surface aggregation to be closer to the water table	TBD
ScW/HR	Provide a short document explaining how the ScW/HR's functions and tasks will exist within the 2020 MRGESCP Work Plan	March 2020
PMWG	Provide a short document explaining how the PMWG's functions and tasks will exist within the 2020 MRGESCP Work Plan	02/26/2020
BDD	Presentation from BDD explaining its Biological Opinion	May 18, 2020

Next Meeting: May 2020; location TBD