



Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program

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Executive Committee (EC) Meeting Follow-Up

March 25, 2021; 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

Decisions:

- ✓ Approval of March 25, 2021 EC meeting agenda
- ✓ Approval of December 17, 2020 EC meeting minutes
- ✓ Approval of 2008 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Addendum
- ✓ Approval of 2021 Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program (MRGESCP) Work Plan revisions

Announcements:

- ✓ Wayne Pullan, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), will be replaced as Federal Co-chair by Katrina Grantz, Reclamation.
- ✓ Funding for Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program (BEMP) was heavily cut. BEMP will cut staff and school programs, which means fewer monitored sites. BEMP will be working with partners to decide which sites to continue monitoring and is pursuing funding through any available routes.
- ✓ The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers received funding for the Sandia Pueblo to Isleta Pueblo Ecosystem Restoration project and is seeking a non-federal sponsor during the design stage. There are two years of funding for design; the total amount for design is 1.8 million and cost share is 50/50.
- ✓ Through July, the City of Santa Fe and Buckman Direct Diversion will be scoping for a new project to return treated wastewater to the Rio Grande. Program participants can contact Kyle Harwood for more information.
- ✓ The City of Albuquerque received a WaterSMART grant, with Reclamation as the lead federal agency.
- ✓ The Rio Grande Compact Commission meeting will be held virtually on April 8, 2021. The link to attend is on the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission website.

Action Items:

WHO	ACTION ITEM	BY WHEN
PST (Program Support Team)	Send out a Doodle Poll to schedule the next EC meeting for the last half of July	3/26/2021
PST	Send out presentations in the meeting follow-up	3/26/2021
Annual report contributors	Submit comments on the FY20 Annual Report to the PST	3/30/2021
PST	Draft a MOA Addendum cover letter for EC Co-chairs to review	4/1/2021
EC	Provide comments on the draft science objectives to the PST	4/9/2021

PST	Draft a thank you letter from the MRGESCP for USGS to be signed by the EC co-chairs	4/15/2021
PST	Draft a letter of support from the MRGESCP for BEMP to be signed by the EC co-chairs	4/16/2021
Jim Wilber and PST	Work with Ashleigh Morris, Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, to produce written confirmation of the decision made on changes to cost share	4/16/2021
FPC	Discuss changes to cost-share/signatory contributions based on EC discussion	4/21/2021
All signatories	Sign the 2008 MOA Addendum	5/1/2021
PST	Add the objectives for defining “program activity” to the document, refine the definition as necessary based on EC discussion, and bring it back to the EC for review at the next meeting	July 2021
FPC	Investigate future funding options for the Portal	7/1/2021

Next Meeting: July 2021

Meeting Participants

Participant	Organization
Alan Hatch	Pueblo of Santa Ana
Alyssa O'Brien	City of Albuquerque, Open Space
Bill Grantham	New Mexico Office of the Attorney General
Catherine Murphy	Program Support Team
Cynthia Naha	Santo Domingo Pueblo
Dale Strickland	Program Support Team
David Gensler	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
Debbie Lee	Program Support Team
Debra Hill	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Grace Haggerty	New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission
Jennifer Faler	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Jim Wilber	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Julie Dickey	Program Support Team
Kim Eichhorst	Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program
Kyle Harwood	Buckman Direct Diversion
Lynette Giesen	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Major Katrina Johns	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mark Kelly	Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority
Matthew Wunder	New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
Megan Osborne	University of New Mexico
Michael Scialdone	Pueblo of Sandia
Michelle Tuineau	Program Support Team
Page Pegram	New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission
Paul Tashjian	Audubon New Mexico
Rich Valdez	SWCA Environmental Consultants
Rick Carpenter	Buckman Direct Diversion
Ryan Gronewold	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Sarah Hendrickson	Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority
Shawn Sartorius	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Trevor Birt	New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission
Trevor Stevens	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Wayne Pullan	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Yasmeen Najmi	Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District