**Executive Committee (EC)**

**Meeting Follow-Up**

**December 7, 2021; 1:00 AM­­­­­­–12:00 PM**

**Location:** Zoom Meeting

**Decisions:**

* Approval of the December 7, 2021 EC meeting agenda
* Approval of the October 27, 2021 EC meeting minutes with amendments
* Approval of the 2022 Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program (MRGESCP) Work Plan
* Approval of the updated MRGESCP Long-Term Plan
* Approval of the Peer Review Administrative (Admin) Ad Hoc Group
* Approval of the Annual Evaluation process

**Announcements:**

* The Rick Billings Award recognizes an individual’s contributions to the success of the MRGESCP. The 2021 winner of the award is Wayne Pullan, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). Reclamation selected Wayne P. with the support of the EC. Reclamation will notify Wayne P. and arrange production and delivery of the award. The MRGESCP will develop a collaborative process for selecting a winner each year.
* Science and Adaptive Management Information System (SAMIS) training sessions will be held early in 2022. Trainings will be tailored to different security groups (split by signatory). The Program Support Team (PST) will set up meetings with representatives from each signatory to walk through the SAMIS.

**Action Items:**

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| **WHO** | **ACTION ITEM** | **BY WHEN** |
| PST | Add language to the 2022 MOA on reaffirming commitment to the MRGESCP and send to the EC for review | 12/8/2021 |
| EC | Review the revised 2022 MOA and send any comments to the PST | 12/22/2021 |
| PST | Finalize the 2022 MOA and send to the signatories for signatures | 1/14/2022 |
| All signatories | Sign the 2022 MOA and send signatures to the PST | March 2022 EC meeting |
| All signatories | Notify the PST of any regularly scheduled events that would conflict with a set day for EC meetings | 12/10/2021 |
| PST | Send out a Doodle Poll to select a set day for EC meetings | 12/10/2021 |
| PST | Contact proposed members of the Peer Review Admin Ad Hoc Group to finalize membership and send list to the EC | 12/31/2021 |
| Peer Review Admin Ad Hoc Group | Refine the draft peer review process for SAMC review and EC approval | July 2022 EC meeting |
| Reclamation | Notify Wayne Pullan that he has been awarded the Rick Billings Award and arrange the production and delivery of the award | 12/31/2021 |
| PST | Work with U.S. Geological Survey to develop a Program Portal page for the Rick Billings Award | March 2022 EC meeting |
| EC | Develop a process for selecting an annual winner of the Rick Billings Award | July 2022 EC meeting |
| PST | Request reporting functions discussed by the Fiscal Planning Committee to the SAMIS development team | January 2022 |
| SAMC and PST | Discuss options for ensuring balanced Science & Technical Ad Hoc Group membership | Next SAMC meeting (January 2022) |
| PST | Carry out the 2021 MRGESCP Annual Evaluation in coordination with signatories and committees | 2/28/2022 |
| PST | Present results and recommendations from the 2021 MRGESCP Annual Evaluation to the EC | March 2022 EC meeting |
| PST | Schedule SAMIS trainings with representatives from each signatory | 2/28/2022 |
| PST | Revise the Science & Adaptive Management Plan to become the Long-Term Plan for Science and Adaptive Management in the Middle Rio Grande | March 2022 EC meeting |

**Next Meeting:** March 2022

**Meeting Participants**

**EC Representative Organization**

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