**Executive Committee (EC)**

**Meeting** **Agenda**

**March 30, 2023, 1:00 – 4:00 PM MT**

**Location**: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

2105 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113

*Zoom Log-In:*

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***Meeting Objectives:***

* *Hear an update on Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program (Collaborative Program) activities.*
* *Approve the 2022 Annual Report.*
* *Hear an update from the Fiscal Planning Committee (FPC) on their activities and requests for feedback and input.*
* *Learn about and discuss the proposed multi-year plan.*
* *Hear the results of the Annual Program Evaluation, and provide additional feedback and input.*
* *Appoint new members to the Science and Adaptive Management Committee (SAMC).*
* *Hear the 2023 hydrology forecast and an update from the Minnow Action Team (MAT), and discuss planned activities for 2023.*

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| 1:00 – 1:10 | **Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review*** Meeting ground rules
* **Decision**: Approval of March 30, 2023 EC meeting agenda
 | *EC Co-chairs* |
| 1:10 – 1:15 | **December 2022 Meeting Summary*** Action items review
* **Decision**: Approval of December 22, 2022 EC meeting minutes

Read-ahead:* Draft December 22, 2022 EC Meeting Minutes
 | *EC Co-chairs* |
| 1:15 – 1:35 | **Program Support Team (PST) Update*** New PST members
* Cost-Share and Signatory Contributions Update
* Administrative schedule update
* Science and Adaptive Management Committee (SAMC) Update
	+ Two-pronged approach to restoration guidance for Middle Rio Grande
	+ Recommendations from 2022 Vegetated Islands/Bars Workshop
	+ 2023 Climate Scenario Planning Workshop
	+ Long-Term Plan project evaluation criteria – test run
* Ad Hoc Group Updates
	+ Strategic Plan for Drying in Angostura Reach
	+ Rio Grande Silvery Minnow (RGSM) Hypotheses Development
	+ RGSM Conceptual Ecological Model Revisions
	+ Information and Data Quality Standards

Read-ahead:* SAMC Memo to the EC with Recommendations from Workshop on Management of Vegetated Islands and Bank-attached Bars
 | *Debbie Lee & Catherine Murphy, PST* |
| 1:35 – 1:45 | **2022 MRGESCP Annual Report*** **Decision**: Approval of 2022 MRGESCP Annual Report

Read-ahead:* Draft 2022 MRGESCP Annual Report
 | *Michelle Tuineau, PST* |
| 1:45 – 2:00 | **Fiscal Planning Committee (FPC) Update*** New FPC Co-Chairs
* Update on FPC activities
	+ Funding opportunities matrix
	+ Incorporating FPC activities into the biennial schedule
* FPC request for reviewers
* FPC request for legal expertise to attend next FPC meeting
	+ - **Action Item**: Signatory participants contact the PST to volunteer to review proposal/funding template language
		- **Action Item**: PST will include named legal experts to the invitation for the next FPC meeting
 | *FPC Co-chairs & Debbie Lee, PST* |
| 2:00 – 2:30 | **Multi-Year Plan*** Overview of the multi-year work plan
* Scientific review and feasibility of management requests
* Proposed new objective
* Feedback and discussion
* **Decision**: Approve Multi-Year Plan
	+ - **Action Item**: PST will update the Long-Term Plan for Science & Adaptive Management to include the approved Multi-Year Work Plan as a new subsection under 9.0 Future Direction
		- **Action Item**: SAMC will undertake a science review of the Multi-Year Plan

Read-ahead:* Draft Multi-year Work Plan
* Guiding Principles with proposed new objective G-2
 | *Debbie Lee & Catherine Murphy, PST* |
| 2:30 – 2:40 | **Break** |  |
| 2:40 – 2:55 | **Summary of Annual Program Evaluation*** Summary of responses
* Proposed changes to Collaborative Program operations
	+ New objectives
	+ SAMC membership
* Discussion and additional feedback
* Other surveys and responses
 | *Michelle Tuineau, PST* |
| 2:55– 3:10 | **2023 MRGESCP Work Plan Update and Revisions*** Proposed revisions
* **Decision**: Approve revised 2023 Work Plan

Read-ahead:* Draft Revised 2023 MRGESCP Work Plan
 | *Debbie Lee & Catherine Murphy, PST* |
| 3:10 – 3:25 | **2023 SAMC Membership*** Recommended new SAMC members from the EC small group
* Recommended changes to the By-Laws
* **Decision**: Revise By-Laws Section 7.1 to have “8-10 members” on the SAMC
* **Decision**: Appoint new SAMC members
	+ - **Action Item**: PST will update By-Laws to incorporated approved revisions

Read-ahead:* Memo to the EC on 2023 SAMC Membership Recommendations
* By-Laws Section 7.1 with proposed revisions
 | *Catherine Murphy, PST* |
| 3:25 – 3:50 | **2023 Hydrology Forecast and Minnow Action Team (MAT) Update*** Review March 10, 2023 MAT meeting
* Forecast for 2023
* Discussion of planned 2023 activities
 | *Carolyn Donnelly, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation & Shannon Weld, N.M. Interstate Stream Commission* |
| 3:50 – 3:55 | **Public Comment and Announcements** |  |
| 3:55 – 4 :00 | **Meeting Summary and Action Items Review*** **Next EC Meeting**: June 29, 2023
 | *EC Co-chairs* |
| 4:00 | **Adjourn** |  |