



FCRPS Cultural Resources Sub-Committee (CRSC) Summer Quarterly Meeting Notes, 2017

Date: June 13 - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mountain Time
June 14 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Mountain Time

Place: The Riverside Hotel
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Introductions & Announcements

USACE is working to fill positions in both the Seattle District and the Walla Walla District. BPA is trying to fill one of the vacant Project Manager positions, but the process is slow. Reclamation has filled the Columbia-Snake

Salmon Recovery Office (CSRO) archaeologist position. Also, PNR has a new intern. The May TCP Subcommittee meeting was cancelled due to a lack of important agenda items. The next proposed date is November 15, 2017.

Systemwide Programmatic Agreement (SWPA) Requirements

Meeting participants reviewed the status of fulfillment of the various annual requirements of the SWPA. It was noted that quite a few deadlines will be coming together at the same time in 2020. The agency staff continue to work on Historic Properties Management Plans (HPMPs) as a part of fulfilling the SWPA. The Hungry Horse HPMP should be ready for Reclamation management review any day now; Walla Walla District HPMP is in draft form and almost ready for review.

FY17 Program Goals & Measures

1. **Define the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for each Project** - The Corps continues to work with consulting parties to revise Areas of Potential Effect for nine dams within the Portland and Walla Walla Districts.
2. **Complete Inventory** - Survey goals are on track to be completed within the next two years for all 14 projects. After the end up FY17, all accessible lands should be surveyed. A more long-term Survey Plan is being established for Grand Coulee. One important issue remains the conduct of survey on private lands. A TCP/HPRCSIT Inventory is supposed to be completed by end of FY18, however, it will more likely be that a baseline for each reservoir will be established by then but that the TCP surveys will continue.
3. **Complete Determinations of Eligibility for Top Ten Priority Sites at Each Project** - This long term goal has been exceeded for all 14 projects. The Corps and Reclamation continue to complete eligibility determinations for two to three sites per project per year with a focus toward supporting high priority mitigation projects.
4. **Plan One and Implement One Mitigation at Each Project Annually.** This goal includes that the five highest priority sites at each of the 14 projects are mitigated or treated by 9/30/2020 – We are on track with these. We have not met this high priority site goal for Hungry Horse due to lack of completion of the traditional trail multiple property documentation form. Mitigation projects include creative mitigation, especially public outreach.
- 5 & 6. **Progressive and Productive Program Products and Relationships** – A research article has been posted on the FCRPS website under Relevant Research. The entire FCRPS website will be revamped to become more visually appealing, interactive, informative, and to highlight interesting projects/facts and program accomplishments. The need for additional client surveys was discussed later in the meeting.

FY17 Performance Indicators – Status Update

The following performance indicators justify our funding each year. These are what we report our progress on to the Joint Operating Committee (JOC).

PI 1. Corps/BPA Complete DOE and Treatment Plan for one TCP/HPRCSIT or Archaeological Site in each

Cooperating Group – All DOE and Treatment Plan Forms have been drafted and need to be finalized and prepared for signature by September 30th.

PI 2. **Corps/BPA Program Execution and Planning** - We are on-track with these milestones. All FY17 SOWs have been drafted and shared with BPA for review and FY18 Annual Work Plans have been drafted.

PI 3. **Complete One Mitigation Project at Grand Coulee** – The Treatment Plan Form (TPF) for Cayuse Cove stabilization is drafted and will be targeted for September 1st completion.

PI 4 **Reclamation/BPA Program Execution and Planning** – We are on-track with these milestones. FY18 Annual Work Plans have been drafted.

FY18 Performance Indicators

The Joint Operating Committee (JOC) requested that the Cultural Resources Program provide its FY18 Performance Indicators by early June, which meant that the Program Managers needed to move this issue forward before the June CRSC meeting. Therefore, they decided to retain the same basic Performance Indicators in FY18 as we had in FY17, with appropriate updates to the deadline dates. There were no objections to this decision.

Status of Program Documents/Initiatives

BPA is currently working on three different databases to support Program administration and management. The first is a deliverables database that would help us track all of the documents being produced with FCRPS funding. A draft of the database will be provided for review before the September 2017 CRSC meeting. The site record database remains in progress, and BPA continues to use its contract-budget database to organize information to support invoices going to Reclamation under the terms of their Interagency Agreement. The group also had a discussion of the tracking of important Program correspondence. At BPA, which maintains the archive for the Program, there is a central administrative record and Federal records are tracked on SharePoint.

In keeping with the obligations under the SWPA to educate the public about the Program, the CRSC has been working to develop an updated website that is more user friendly. BPA staff have been spearheading an effort to update the webpage and add new content, including an interactive map and more intuitive links to Program documents. It is also hoped that links could be provided to YouTube pages that contain copies of FCRPS-funded videos.

BPA has prepared a single-page brochure summarizing FY16 accomplishments, and it was based on the content of the FY16 Annual Report. Copies of the report will be distributed by the agencies at various public outlets like visitor centers and offices. Other copies will be made available to the public.

BPA has established a list of public presentations on the SharePoint site that have been supported by FCRPS funding. Tracking this is an important part of demonstrating how the Program has been fulfilling the SWPA. The CRSC discussed the need for the staff at the three agencies to coordinate regarding the content of public

presentations. Adequate time needs to be given for internal, inter-agency review.

The CRSC participants discussed recent challenges in the use of the Treatment Plan Form, including the need for signatures from the participating parties and timing. Use of the TPF has been tested in each of the four states except Oregon, and a test of that will be upcoming. It seems that many of the concerns are related to a lack of familiarity with the SWPA, which allows for this process to be used in lieu of a separate MOA to document steps taken to mitigate adverse effects. Each of the Lead Federal Agencies have identified an appropriate party for signature of the TPFs. Ideally, TPFs should be signed before the start of mitigation/treatment projects.

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Project Round Robin

Grand Coulee Dam: Reclamation had challenges with getting the Eden Harbor project going, but it moving forward now after a long history of people visiting this site and making recommendations for its management. The project should be substantially completed by June 23rd, 2017. The next treatment project will be Cayuse Cove followed by the Marble Project. Crews have been excavating at a site in Lincoln County. It has produced stemmed points and other old materials. Reclamation started to make use of Attachment 6 of the SWPA, so that will be reported in the next Annual Report. HRA has provided a revised version of the Grand Coulee Lake Roosevelt HPMP.

Hungry Horse Dam: EthnoTech is continuing to work on survey, and they are also on track to finish up the Hungry Horse HPMP. The indigenous trail Multiple Property Determination remains incomplete. The agencies are planning on completing a logging use study.

Albeni Falls Dam: A recent workshop took place regarding sites on private property and priority areas around the reservoir have been identified. They are gearing up for the Carey Creek stabilization, including work on the supporting DOE; they have a 35% design. USACE is planning on issuing a number of contracts for monitoring and other archaeological services.

Payos Kuus Cuukwe: The HPMP draft should be ready by the end-of-FY17 deadline. The Palus Canyon TCP Treatment Plan Form is in process. USACE is planning on awarding a contract for collection analysis. They are also developing a site monitoring form to reduce the information to something more useable in the field. The tribes will be finalizing TCP forms with increased detail regarding integrity, adverse effects, and significance. The USACE is working on a stabilization project in Benton County. A contractor is in the process of monitoring cattle encroachment disturbances.

Wana Pa Koot Koot: The USACE is developing plans for a Plymouth Island stabilization project, and they did some testing for an access road and staging. The 90% design is going through agency technical review. An innovative drone imaging project was conducted at a petroglyphs site in Klickitat County downstream from John Day Dam. This resulted in gathering data that allowed creation of a 3D model of the cliff face where the images were located.

Libby Dam: USACE is completing a Treatment Plan Form for Blackwell Flats where shoreline stabilization was completed in the spring. Staff are also working on a new curation contract with Salish Kootenai College, as well as other contracts to facilitate work at Libby.

Chief Joseph Dam: The remaining staff in the USACE Seattle District are taking on the projects that were left behind after the recent round of retirements. One of the stabilization projects in Okanogan County is having a Treatment Plan Form completed after the fact. They are in the process of updating the 2008 HPMP, and are adding information from new surveys and new sites that have been recorded. They are planning to do a DOE on Chief Joseph Dam. Over the past few months, there have been more problems with vandalism and looting in some areas. The USACE has been exploring the possibility of using cooperative agreements as a way of working with the tribes.

Client Survey – Suggestions for Improvement

The CRSC reviewed the history of the Client Survey, including the 2013 survey handled by Portland State University and the 2015 survey. The agencies received a smaller response in 2015, and it appears that many of the respondents are suffering from survey fatigue. The Group discussed the options of dropping the survey, revising the survey format, and postponing distribution for at least 5 years. The Group will revisit this topic in June of 2018.

Annual Report – Suggestions for Streamlined Format

The CRSC discussed the possibility of creating a shorter Annual Report that focuses on a good Executive Summary that covers the major accomplishments and then provides the tables that are required in the SWPA. Appendices may be condensed to focus on Project accomplishments. No final decisions were made regarding the content of the next report. This will be discussed at future CRSC meetings before the USACE prepares the FY2017 Annual Report.