

Meeting Notes

Cultural Resources Sub-Committee - December 4, 2008

Seattle Airport Hilton, Seattle, Washington

Attendees

CRSC Co-Chairs

- Gail Celmer, Corps of Engineers (GC)
- Lynne MacDonald, Reclamation (LM)
- Kimberly St. Hilaire, Bonneville Power Administration (KRS)

District/Project Level Personnel

- Tish Eaton, Hungry Horse Project Manager, BPA
- Sean Hess, Grand Coulee Power Office, Reclamation (SH)
- Rebecca Kalamasz, Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers (RK)
- Kristen Martine, Project Manager, BPA
- Eric Petersen, Lake Roosevelt Project Manager, BPA
- Lawr Salo, Seattle District, Corps of Engineers (LS)
- Ray Tracy, Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers (RT)

Agenda

- Introductions & Assign Note-taker/Timekeeper
- Update on the Systemwide PA
 - Schedule/Process for Internal Review
 - Schedule/Process for Signature
- FY09 Performance Indicators
- FY09 Conference Planning
- Alternate DOE Form
- Systemwide Update on Treatment Strategies
- Co-op Group Issues
- Project Information Sharing between Lead Federal Agencies

Hand-Outs

- #1 – FY09 Performance Indicators
- #2 – DRAFT FCRPS Cultural Resources Program Large Scale Treatment
- #3 – 2008 Deliverables of GIS Data

Update on the SWPA

Schedule/Process for Internal Review

- COE expects to be done with internal review in January, 2009
 - GC will brief three colonels and General Rapp, as well as briefings for other key personnel, if requested.
- USBR expects to also be done with internal review in January, 2009
 - LM will route the SWPA to David Murillo (GCPO Manager) and then up her chain of command to Bill McDonald (USBR PN Regional Director)
- BPA internal review during February, 2009 once letter and comment-response spreadsheet are completed

Schedule/Process for Signature

- Lead Fed. Agencies should sign by June 30, 2009, and this schedule looks feasible
- CRSC Co-chairs to meet in Feb. 2009 to update the comment-response spreadsheet
- Project/District level personnel should give Coop Groups warning that the letter will be coming asking for signature so that they can line up review
- Distribution letter to be developed in March
- Probably ask for a 60-day review period for the SWPA in the distribution letter

FY09 Performance Indicators

- SWPA – on track and first milestone has already been met
- Corps and BPA – on track to meet the first interim milestone
- Rec. and BPA – on track to meet first interim milestone

FY09 FCRPS Conference Planning

- Meeting upcoming on Dec. 9, 2008, in Spokane to organize the conference
- Participants in the conference planning will be asked to help figure out how the Elder's Dinner can be funded without violating agency policy
- SH and KM to keep others informed about direction of the Conference, especially topics selected for the Plenary Session and Break-Out Sessions

Alternate DOE Form

- Project/District level staff have not had time to complete a draft form for review
- Draft form to be completed in time for discussion at the June 2009 CRSC meeting in Spokane
- Contact will be made with Dennis Griffin at the Oregon SHPO and Rob Whitlam at the Washington SHPO to see if they might be able to discuss this issue with the agencies on a conference call during the June 2009 CRCS meeting

Systemwide Update on Treatment Strategies

- Group considered process for prioritization, planning, and implementation for large scale, costly treatment strategies, especially site stabilization
- KRS requested that all of the staff review the “FCRPS Cultural Resources Program Stabilization Status Table” included in HO#2 and provide comment and a completed table back to her by February 10, 2009
 - She will provide a revised version back to the CRSC for additional review and comment
- LS will send out a PowerPoint presentation that he developed to help explain stabilization to management at the COE, which may be helpful to others in organizing the process

Co-op Group Issues

- The participants talked about the importance of having clearly demarcated Federal land ownership boundaries, and the role that this plays in everything from assisting in determining the Area of Potential Effects to ARPA investigations.
 - In some of the project areas, additional work needs to be done to organize land ownership/easement records, and then to make sure that appropriate monuments are set up.
- GC: Will bring up the real estate issue at the next COE JOC meeting
- LM: USBR to discuss this internally before going to the JOC

Project Information Sharing Between Lead Federal Agencies

- KRS inquired about the status of GIS deliverables from Corps Projects for 2007 and 2008.
- LM noted that there has been a change in the schedule for the Secretary of the Interior’s Report to Congress, and that this has an impact on the annual reporting schedule in FCRPS.

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