

**Gila River Basin Native Fish Conservation Program
Technical & Policy Committee Meeting
Monday, March 25, 2019 1PM – 4PM**

Bureau of Reclamation, 6150 W Thunderbird Rd, Glendale, AZ 85306

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DRAFT MEETING NOTES

Participants:

Bill Stewart, Doug Duncan, Tim Frey, Carrie Eberly, Jill Wick, Yvette Paroz, Heidi Blasius, Tony Robinson

Meeting Objectives

- Review and discuss FY2020 Project evaluation results
- Refine, as needed, the project evaluation form to best assess future projects
- Evaluate and vote on FY2020 final ranked projects
- Discuss Tier 2 projects moving forward

FY 2020 Project Evaluation Results – see excel table

Bill Stewart, Bureau of Reclamation and Carrie Eberly, Southwest Decision Resources

Evaluation form review and edits

- Scoring the proposals was difficult, especially since there were items to be scored that were not included in the descriptions/submissions
- Include an instruction sheet with the evaluation sheet – that can be used for the proposals (to make sure all points are included)
- Include the work that was to be done within the next fiscal year.
- One-year actions vs. multi-year actions?? Scoring every year
 - Yes, justification of spending the \$\$
- EX: upper verde is one small component in a larger project.
 - How do projects get weighted if they are part of a larger project
- Background/data analysis to assess the effectiveness of the what has been done to date.
- If the scorer is not familiar with projects outside the state...
- Use the evaluation form for bullet points for the proposals
 - Additionally, there is some summary of reports of what has been, any data analysis, could be website, google docs, reports that exist, etc. BOR website could be a good reference
- Suggestions – eliminate, modify the questions addressing:
 - Partnership Involvement
 - Larger collaborative conservation effort? Aren't they all...?
 - Bonita/Aravaipa could not have been as impactful if not for this
 - Matching funds – is this needed?
 - Geographical area:
 - What about for the acquisitions/ARCC/ASU? Those are exceptionally small
 - Is a project area that is big more important than the projects in small areas?
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Project proposal template refinements

- Should acquisitions, stocking and monitoring all be included in one projects
- [Funding for FY2020 should be good to cover the entire table, this may not be the case in FY2021](#)
- [Highlight to the Policy Committee the projects that are currently funded through multiple years.](#)
- [Doug, Bill and Carrie to work in the scoring form, instructions and the proposal template – before the tech meeting in December \(October-ish\)](#)

- Having multiple years of funding (AGFD) makes it difficult to evaluate – many projects already have funding that are listed here.
 - Policy agenda item – having multiple years of funding or year to year?

FY 2020 Approvals

- Bill to add the funding table and a preamble to the work plan, Carrie to send to Tech Committee for final content edits and back to SDR by April 12

Logo presentation

Kent is working with NM fisheries to put different species on different swag.

- Email Kent with logo suggestions by April 12th

Tier 2 Projects – for when money is available (obligated in the same fiscal year), short-term projects (2-3 years), tend to be more research oriented.

- Call for project concepts – by April 5th, then scoring
 - No official RFP
 - Proposals gets screened by the Tech Committee
 - Bill to send out template to Tech Comm for distribution to those who may be interested.
 - Send out the tier 2 table from the notes - Carrie
- Funding – some money this year, some proposals are in
 - Dave Ward – ammonia
 - FS – roundtail chub investigation in the upper san Francisco
 - Razorbacks in the Verde
- Discussion

March meeting timeline for Work Plan review