

CVPIA Program Review

Stakeholder Meeting

Friday, February 17, 2006

Action Items Reviewed

Participation of Others:

Susan Hoffman of Reclamation is keeper of the contact log. The following people have been contacted regarding participation.

- Zeke Grader, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations
- Anthony Seracino, The Nature Conservancy
- David Widdell, Ducks Unlimited
- California Fish and Game
- Barry Nelson, NRDC

Campbell has made other calls to Agency contacts (he was out sick). Susan Ramos is standing by to make any calls to potential contacts to invite them.

Anne Hayden advised the group that some Native American tribes are interested in participating in both the working group and the Roundtable, addressing river conservation. The Hoopa Tribe is one example.

The group expressed a need that additional participants focus specifically on CVPIA and participate at the level where they can commit time (working group or Roundtable).

Action Item: Susan Hoffman will take the lead on identifying potential tribal participants by reviewing past participants in the Roundtable and contacting Reclamation's tribal coordinator. Serge will forward additional contact names.

Purpose Statement

The group reviewed a revised draft purpose statement. The first sentence of the first paragraph provided a clear concise statement of the purpose of the working group that would be understood by others. The second sentence was discussed at length to determine if it stated that the working group was open and all inclusive to all interested parties.

Action Item: The drafting team will review and revise this sentence to clearly state that participation is encouraged by interested parties interested in and affected by the CVPIA.

Action Item: Shana will work with Reclamation and Fish and Wildlife to revise the second paragraph of the Purpose Statement to describe the anticipated resulting report.

Assessment Matrix

The group reviewed the summary matrix of activity, purpose, and metric descriptions described in the Act. The group agreed to postpone discussion of targets and timeframes until the working group process and participation can be clarified.

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Action Item: Add descriptions of the terminology for each column title.

Next Steps

Since several interest groups believe the working group is being conducted behind closed doors, the group decided to put forth a stronger effort to inform interested parties that the process is open to interested parties. A letter from Congressman George Miller was distributed. The Congressman believed the meetings are currently being held behind closed doors and requested that immediate action be taken to further public outreach and include all interested parties. The group will explain the CVPIA Program Review (CPR) purpose and process to solicit additional participation.

The group reviewed the process and relationship to the Restoration Fund Roundtable and discussed improvements:

- The Restoration Fund Roundtable is the recognized forum for interested party input to the agencies
- The Roundtable process is generally open and balanced. The Roundtable participation list is used to announce meetings
- The working group was established by Roundtable participants to participate in and provide comments on the CVPIA program review
- The working group will be meeting frequently so time commitment and continuity are important.
- The work to date by the working group has focused on terminology, definitions, organizing and clarifying the program activity descriptions in the Act
- The matrix is a tool for organizing the information.

The group agreed that the following considerations are important to move forward:

- The working group should pause to expand participation
- The working group should report regularly to the Restoration Fund Roundtable (meeting scheduled for March 16)
- Potential participants in the working group should be informed that the working group will be meeting frequently, it is critical to commit time to participate, and that the focus of the work is on CVPIA only.
- Reclamation and Fish & Wildlife are responsible and should take the lead on maintaining open and balanced participation
- Additional briefings of interested parties will be necessary in addition to the Roundtable and working group
- The agencies will seek the participation of the following interests in the working group:
 - Environmental interests
 - Tribes
 - State agencies
 - Other interested parties (e.g. fishing groups.)

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- The agencies and working group participants will describe the process, principles, and timeline at the March 16 Roundtable meeting and solicit ideas for additional participation
- The group identified the following notification and engagement strategies:
 - A press release
 - Email to all contacts
 - A meeting to bring new participants up to speed
 - Presentations to the Roundtable every two to three months
 - Briefings for elected officials, congressional staff, and other interested groups and agencies
 - Make general information and progress reports available via the website.

Next Meetings

- Next working group meetings March 6th and 9th

Action Items

- Susan Hoffman will identify tribal outreach and participation
- Ann will contact the environmental groups listed in Congressman Miller's letter.
- Shana will meet with Program Managers for updates
- Bernice, Jeff, and Campbell will revise the draft Purpose Statement (with input from Shana on paragraph two)
- Charles will add title descriptions to the matrix.

Participants

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