

CVPIA Program Activity Review

Working Group Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2006

Participation

Susan reported that Mike Aceituno from NOAA has been contacted and he is interested in participating (although he is unsure about the level of his commitment). Tom Stokely from Trinity County Planning has also been added to the list of participants.

A number of new attendees were at the meeting, including representatives from the Hoopa Valley Tribe and the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations. The group spent some time bringing new participants up to date on the purpose/role of Stakeholder Working Group and the work to date.

Action Item: Meeting materials and relevant documents will be posted on the Web site http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvpia/docs_reports/ by Shana ASAP. Hard copies of past meeting materials will be provided to those without Internet access.

Members of the tribe asked about the role of Frank Perniciaro, Reclamation's Native American Affairs Program Manager. Susan explained that she and Frank will coordinate to ensure that Tribes are kept informed.

Talking Points

Susan noted that Reclamation and the Service had provided a Draft Fact Sheet last week, comments for which were due today. The agencies will have a final version ready for the Restoration Fund Roundtable meeting on March 16. Once finalized, this Fact Sheet can be used as a basis for talking points. Bob reported that he and Al have not had time yet to develop draft summarized facts & information.

Action Item: Bob and Al will draft reference points for members of the Group ASAP.

Draft Purpose Statement

The Tribes requested that the purpose statement language be amended to include Tribes: "...federal, *tribal*, and state agencies..."

Action Item: Susan will change the wording of the Purpose Statement to include Tribes.

Meeting Logistics

Participants discussed the extensive security screening required when entering the Federal Building at 2800 Cottage Way. It was suggested that those who plan to stay involved in the process coordinate with Shana to secure temporary badges.

Assessment Matrix Review

The tribes suggested adding "Tribal Trust" to the types of purposes in the matrix.

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The Group reviewed the Matrix and decided to clarify the question about the Program Activity description to record the group agreement. After sorting the Matrix by activity type, the Group completed review of the Reports and Acquisitions sections.

It was suggested to add a column that could note if an activity is supportive of the outcomes of other provisions or other authorizations, e.g., Trinity River. The group discussed meaning and implications of the word “barriers” in the “barriers to implementation” row title.

Next Steps: The smaller group that is working on the Matrix will implement changes, add information, and clean it up. Version control will be maintained. The Group agreed to attempt finishing reviewing the Act descriptions in the matrix on Monday, March 13 before moving to the Program activity level.

Other Meetings

The Restoration Fund Roundtable will meet on March 16 at 2800 Cottage Way from 10 am to 1 pm in the BIA Conference Room (Room W-2620). The Group discussed their plans for presenting at that meeting. A panel of Working Group participants will be available to answer questions. It was suggested that a representative from the tribes be on the panel. The tribes expressed some reservation about this idea since tribal representation in the Group has been very recent.

A Congressional Field Hearing has been scheduled for March 24 to hear testimony on the progress of CVPIA. The witness list has not been defined yet, but is expected to include Reclamation, the Service, and others. The Working Group hopes to demonstrate that an inclusive process is happening and solutions are being sought to fix the problems identified by the review.

Working Group Meeting Schedule

Monday, March 13, 10 am – 4 pm, Room E-2702A

Monday, March 20, 10 am – 4 pm, Room E-2702A

Tuesday, March 28, 10 am – 4 pm, Room W-2604

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Participants

Ara Azhderian	SLDMWA	Jerry Toenyes	NCPA
John Beam	CDFG	David Widell	Ducks Unlimited
Serge Birk	CVPWA	Zeke Grader	PCFFA
Frances Brewster	SCVWD	Dave Zezulak	CDFG
Paul Forsburg	CDF&G	Alan Zepp	NCPA
Ann Hayden	EDF	John Engbring	FWS
Campbell Ingram	Nature Conservancy	Charles Gardiner	Facilitator
Danny Jordan	Hoop Valley Tribe	Dale Garrison	FWS
Don Marciochi	Grassland WD	Roger Guinee	FWS
Clifford Marshall	Hoop Valley Tribe	Susan Hoffman	Reclamation
Jacolyn Martins	Hoop Valley Tribe	Shana Kaplan	USBR
Paul Olmstead	SMUD	Roger Pollock	Consultant
Jeff Phipps	NCPA	Susan Ramos	Reclamation
Jeff Quimby	CCWD		
Bob Stackhouse	CVPWA		
Bernice Sullivan	FWA		