

Restoration Fund Roundtable Meeting Summary

Restoration Fund Roundtable Meeting *CVPIA Program Activity Review*

May 18, 2006

Introduction

Alan Oto introduced the two concepts to be discussed during today's meeting: CVPIA Program Activity Review and the OMB Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART).

- The final outcome of the work of the agencies and the Working Group is to produce a Summary Report scheduled to be available in draft form mid-June
- Final draft completed end of July
- Restoration Fund Roundtable participants, Working Group and other stakeholders will have an opportunity to comment on the draft in June.

Program Update

Shana Kaplan provided an update on the activities and progress of the CVPIA Program Activity Review.

Update on PART (Performance Assessment Rating Tool)

- Five performance measures were developed and applicable to the overall Program
- Second draft submitted to OMB on May 12 for additional comments and recommendations
- OMB will provide recommendations for action (if any) with the public release in combination with the 2008 Presidential budget in February 2007
- Comparable PART programs can be viewed on www.ExpectMore.gov website

Question: Who are the recommendations for change directed to?

Response: PART may or may not be returned with recommended actions or changes for Reclamation and the Service to implement.

Question: When is the earliest the public can view PART?

Response: The earliest date will be February with the release of the President's budget.

Question: Are recommendations reflected in the President's budget?

Response: We do not know what will happen to CVPIA funding in response to PART recommendations. The purpose of the PART review is to align program management activities with the budget planning process.

CVPIA Program Activity Review

The CVPIA Program Activity Review is developing and refining performance measures for each of 38 environmental restoration provisions in the Act

- The result of the Working Group process will be used in preparation of the CVPIA Summary report summarizing specific provisions, performance and progress goals, linkages and stakeholder perspectives.

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- Review includes identifying Progress and Performance Goals – Example: fish doubling is a performance goal; progress goals include the actions to achieve the performance goal
- The challenge of the review is to identify goals. Some programs have clear goals specified in the Act, and others do not.
- Another step is to describe the linkages among program activities, such as fisheries, or wetlands habitat to tell the story of how all the provisions support the goals of the CVPIA.

Report Content and Format

Summary Sheets from Chapter 3 of the Summary Report include:

- language of the Act
- program approach
- performance and progress goals
- assessment results
- stakeholder perspectives
- program activity issues and challenges
- next steps

Question: Can we see funding allocation for each provision included on summary sheets?

Response: We will retrieve information from budget spreadsheets. We will consider how the funding information may be included.

Comment: Include a separate budget sheet describing what has been spent and where it came from.

Response: Budget and past funding information is being considered for inclusion.

Question: Will this be an annual report?

Response: No. This is a one time only report. However there will be information contained within the report that will be updated annually in work plans and other data management procedures.

Question: When will stakeholders see the first draft of the Report?

Response: The first draft scheduled for release in mid-June. Program Summary Sheets are being reviewed by program managers and the Working Group.

Question: What recommendations do you anticipate regarding the Report?

Response: The recommendations will include steps to improve the program activities.

Questions: What recommendation would you expect as far as fiscal need for CAMP?

Response: The review may refocus CAMP on collecting information that is relevant for measuring performance.

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Serge Birk commented that the Agencies are the authors of the report and informed by stakeholder input. All stakeholders have issues and concerns that they want expressed. We will have opportunity to review the draft when it is available. When the report is finished, it will be an Agency document.

Question: In what form will draft be available?

Response:

- Likely to be available as a PDF for electronic viewing.
- Go out Mid-June with 2 weeks for comment (after July 4)
- Available via CVPIA website.
- Goes to broad list of Restoration Fund Roundtable

Comments about Budget Information

- A page detailing the annual budget would inform the review process.
- Budget items do not reflect performance
- Was funding sufficient to enable the program to be successful?
- Need to show other partners haven't provided their level of funding, which impacts the performance goals of the provision.
- Review annual work plans to see what was requested and then what was really accomplished.
- Be careful not to measure performance by the amount of funding allocated or spent.
- Also important to look at, if funding is sufficient to implement the program successfully.
- There is knowledge and understanding of where the funding has been spent. What is unknown is did the funding meet the purposes of the Act?

Lessons Learned from CVPIA Review

Shana provided a brief overview of lessons learned to date in the program review. The review process continues to be challenging for several reasons, including the diverse perspectives that come into the room and that ecosystems themselves are complex and dynamic systems that are constantly changing.

1. The review is a major refocusing effort to make changes on how the Agency is thinking about programs and how it performs.
2. The review creates an opportunity to easily recognize an obvious need for additional program activity integration- how each activity contributes to one another and within the Act.
3. There is a need for more focus on data management and collection.
4. The review is highlighting data needs that may become a priority for the CAMP Program. (Comprehensive Assessment and Monitoring Program)
 - CAMP was established to do assessment and monitoring
 - Now the Agency will be able to give more specific guidance on data needs

Question: What is CAMP doing? Do you see changes in the CAMP Program?

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Response: CAMP will be doing more assessments. Yes, there will be changes in programs. Changes will come in steps. It is an opportunity to integrate what we are learning.

Question: Are Progress Goals and Performance goals activity-based goals or actually performance-based goals?

Response: Progress= activity and Performance= results

We do not have performance goals for every provision. Targets may be out there and we have not found them yet. We hope to follow up in the next fiscal year to fill in information gaps.

Question: Do you have a process to see if activities work? If program activities did not work, why not?

Response: Creating linkages and interrelationships between programs and identifying data gaps helps clarify which activities are working.

Question: Regarding wetlands, Will you have a quality goals as well as quantity?

Response: We are looking at data for quality and quantity goals. We expect to have an answer in about two weeks. We have made significant progress because our refuge water supply had increased from its ability to flood for a short period of time to now we can manage throughout the year. The time element will be factored into our performance goal. Amount of time adequate water supply remains in our wetland habitat is a key goal. The outcome of CVPIA is the opportunity for more time to successfully manage our refuges.

Comment: We want to get as much detail as possible on what results have been achieved. In terms of acres, quantity, quality and number of birds.

Response: Some summary sheets may not have information to track into the report. We will be tracking information for the next fiscal year. It is important to look back at the Act. Did the Program address the species that was desired? Was that meeting the performance goal or was it a progress goal that links back to the language of the Act.

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