

CVPIA Program Activity Review

Working Group Meeting

Monday, March 13, 2006

Ground Rules

The Working Group reviewed and reaffirmed their agreement on ground rules.

Talking Points

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

Draft Purpose Statement

The Working Group agreed, pending feedback from the Restoration Fund Roundtable, the purpose statement will stand as written, with two small changes. The members of the Working Group clarified that “to define completion criteria” in the first paragraph is intended to consider how the language in Section 3407 will be interpreted.

Action Item:

The second bullet “Reclamation and the Service will prepare a document summarizing the results of the Program Activity Review by July, 2006,” will change to “...a document presenting the results ... by July 2006.”

CVPIA General Comments

The Working Group continues to reaffirm the need to define the performance measures used to evaluate the success of CVPIA. Their intent is to identify how to make the program more effective in the future, to assure sound decision making and smart budgeting.

Assessment Matrix Review

The subgroup assigned to review the Matrix revised Activity and Purpose categories. The outcome of the groupings is intended to further the development of performance goals. The group reviewed the definitions and descriptions in the Matrix. Concerns regarding the content of the Matrix are captured in the Matrix. Two formatting changes were initiated to note when additional information is needed to understand the response within a specific category.

Italic type identifies language that is an interpretation of the Act

Bold type indicates a question or the need to follow up on details of the Act

Notes are added within the Matrix to capture links to other provisions or rationale for the entry.

Activity (Output) Type. The revised categories include: Acquisition, Report (investigation, plan or report that provides information), Measure (action) and Program.

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Purpose (Outcome) Types expanded. There was concern among the group, that many categories provided too much detail. Additional purposes include Wetland Habitat, Refuge Water Supply, Information, and Compliance. "Operations" was deleted.

Some participants were concerned that the Matrix was revised by stakeholders instead of agency staff. Susan Hoffman of Reclamation stated that Reclamation's objective is to provide information that is as accurate and clear as possible so the agency can do an accurate assessment. She further stated that subgroups are assigned to prepare or review information for review by the full working group and the agencies. The Working Group is sharing workload to help the process move forward. Shana and Dale are meeting with program managers to fill out the Matrix on the program level at the same time the Working Group is completing the Act level. Stakeholder reviews were completed for the categories of Reports, Acquisitions and some of the provisions labeled Measures.

Agreement: The Working Group reaffirmed that open discussion is critical to advance the process and that all participants are heard. This remains so even when there are disagreements in points of view.

Agreement: Additional concerns about the Matrix are to be clarified at the program level discussions, so the day could be spent on furthering the review on the Act level. Matrix review on the Act level was not finished at the close of the meeting.

Action Item:

Shana and Dale will verify remaining Act level content in the Matrix prior to the next scheduled meeting on Monday, March 20 as a way to accelerate the process.

Action Item:

The agencies will seek further clarification of the term "Subsection" in the Act.

Action Item:

Reclamation and Fish & Wildlife Service are looking into setting up a meeting with Tribes to discuss the role of the Tribes in the PART review and the activities that are associated with the PAR.

Grouping and Priorities for March 20 meeting

Participants reviewed the program activity grouping and the schedule of remaining information to discuss. Susan reaffirmed her goal of completing "what is stated within the Act?" and "what information is needed to know about activities" by the end of March. Her intent is that April will be dedicated to developing performance goals and identify how to fill in gaps. Given the amount of information to review and develop in April, subgroups may be assigned to specific categories for separate review to bring back to the Working Group.

Action Item:

Refuge was added to the top of the agenda for March 20, with Trinity b (23) as the second item.

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Action Item:

Add b(1)b, b(7), and b(9) to Flows discussion.

Restoration Fund Roundtable

The Restoration Fund Roundtable will meet on March 16 at 2800 Cottage Way from 10 am to 1 pm. The Working Group developed a proposed agenda for their presentation regarding CVPIA PAR purpose and process and the PART review. The content will be similar to what was delivered during the March 6 reorientation meeting.

Action Item:

Reclamation will be circulating a fact sheet regarding the Program Review during the Roundtable meeting.

Congressional Hearing Update

There is no further information on who will be testifying at the Congressional hearing. Serge Birk and Bob Stackhouse have been contacted to date.

Working Group Meeting Schedule

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

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

Participants

Michael Accituno	NMFS	Bob Stackhouse	CVPWA
Ara Azhderian	SLDMWA	Tom Stokeley	Trinity Co.
John Beam	CDFG	Bernice Sullivan	FWA
Serge Birk	CVPWA	Jerry Toenyes	NCPA
Frances Brewster	SCVWD	David Widell	Ducks Unlimited
John Engbring	FWS	Alan Zepp	NCPA
Paul Forsberg	CDFG	Davie Zezulak	CDFG
Zeke Grader	PCFFA		
Ann Hayden	ED		
Heather Hostler	Hoopa Valley Tribe	Agency Team	
Campbell Ingram	Nature Conservancy	John Engbring	FWS
Danny Jordan	Hoopa Valley Tribe	Dale Garrison	FWS
Don Marcioehi	Grassland WD	Roger Guinee	FWS
Clifford Lyle Marshall	Hoopa Valley Tribe	Susan Hoffman	Reclamation
Jacolyn Martins	Hoopa Valley Tribe	Shana Kaplan	USBR
Barry Nelson	NRDC	Alan Oto	Reclamation
Paul Olmstead	SMUD	Frank Perniciaro	Reclamation
Jeff Phipps	NCPA	Susan Ramos	Reclamation
Roger Pollock	Consultant	Charles Gardiner	Facilitator
Dennis Puzs	Yurok Tribe	Janice Kelley	Support
Jeff Quimby	CCWD		
Spreck Rosekrans	ED		