

Native American Monitoring Protocol Development

- AMWG Approved \$25K per AMP tribe in FY06 budget for Native American monitoring protocol development.
- After due consideration, it was decided that Reclamation would administer the program to avoid GCMRC burden.

Contracting Process

- Sole source contracting was selected as the most appropriate acquisition instrument.
- Reclamation, GCMRC, CREDA, Western designed draft SOW & deliverables for contracts.
- Tribes were then offered an opportunity to modify and tailor contract specifications to suit their needs.
- Contracts executed and funds obligated for one-year period.

Progress

- Hualapai has submitted a draft which has been reviewed by Reclamation and GCMRC.
- Hualapai has resubmitted a modified version in response to the review.
- No formal submittals from the remaining tribes but I understand that Zuni, Hopi and Kaibab Paiute are approaching draft completion.

Issues

- The MRP suggests that Native American protocols may not qualify as Western Science and, therefore, fit under the rubric of "consultation" rather than core monitoring.
- The Hualapai draft incorporates both TEK & Western Science paradigms, suggesting a possible hybrid approach.
- A third position acknowledges that while Native American perspectives may not qualify as Western Science, anthropological interpretations of that perspective, e.g., ethnography or ethno-science, do constitute accepted scientific endeavors and therefore deserve a place in core monitoring. This reflects the reality that archaeological modeling is largely dependent upon ethnographic analogy for behavioral hypothesis generation.

Prospect

- Upon completion of all the tribal protocols, we will be in a better position to determine the appropriate role of Native American perspectives in the context of AMP goals.
- Decisions may then be made regarding the intensity & periodicity of tribal monitoring, funding levels for this aspect of long-term monitoring and how best to assess the contribution of this work to the AMP.
- It also remains to be seen how these protocols will articulate with the CRMP & the Native American Consultation Plan now in the final stages of development.