

Cultural Resource Ad Hoc Group Report

Technical Work Group
30 January 2014

TWG Charge to CRAHG (TWG Webinar Meeting)

- The CRAHG is requested to meet and provide any budget issues/concerns for the January 28-29, 2014, Annual Reporting Meeting.
- Including the need for tribal participation at the meeting, and tribal and cultural values topics that should be covered.

CRAHG Identified Issues

- Reclamation report on:
 - 1) progress made toward revising the existing programmatic agreement
 - 2) efforts/perspective of how they have remained in compliance with the existing programmatic agreement.
 - 3) compliance with the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the implementation of the 2012 and 2013 high flow events. How is Reclamation tracking the concerns raised by the Tribes regarding the HFEs.

- Reclamation scheduled a meeting for 12 February 2014. CRAHG would like to see greater transparency and communication from Reclamation.

CRAHG Issues

- National Park Service report on:
 - 4) Colorado River historic properties monitoring.
 - 5) opportunity to review the excavations report produced by MNA and Grand Canyon NPS performed in 2010.
 - > Funding issues; Reclamation consider funding through GCDAMP
 - 6) Glen Canyon NPS report on progress made at Minus 9 Mile terrace site.

CRAHG Issues

- ◉ GCMRC report on:
 - 7) cultural resource monitoring program and progress toward successful integration of Tribal values.
 - 8) progress in expanding the sediment monitoring below Diamond Creek as requested by Hualapai Tribe
 - 9) updates on what is happening with trout/chub numbers and the triggering criteria.
 - Reported on during GCMRC's meeting

CRAHG Report to TWG

10. What is the future of the cultural resources program within the GCDAMP?
 - ◉ Focus on physical and biological programs; cultural program morphing into physical/geomorphological
 - ◉ Sense of increasing disenfranchisement by Tribal representatives

Hypothetical Explanation

- ◉ Law of Unintended Consequences
- ◉ Two possible factors: economic and sociocultural.
 - > GCMRC Science Program – grounded in Western positivist/materialist view of ecosystem.
 - > USGS culture of science – privileges quantitative data over qualitative
 - > USGS does not perceive a role for Tribes

Hypothetical Explanation

- USGS science program
 - Compartmentalizes resource categories
 - Deconstructs individual aspects of the resource
- Lacking holistic ecosystem perspective?
 - Tribal perspective more holistic
- No humanistic values represented in science program

Recommendations

- TWG discuss importance of cultural resources in program as it relates to the 2015/2016 work plan and budget
- Need strong DOI leadership to ensure equitable tribal participation in science program.
- Need a more holistic ecosystem perspective (Tribes have been advocating for this all along).

Recommendations

- Develop synthesis project that evaluates the management of other river systems and the involvement of Native American/indigenous peoples.
- Fund a outside panel of experts to work with the Tribes and GCMRC to develop methodologies for integrating Tribal perspectives into the science program.
- NPS and Reclamation report on the condition of the 153 archaeological sites originally evaluated by Damp and Pederson.