

**NAVAJO-GALLUP WATER SUPPLY PROJECT
PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 38
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017 9:00 AM Fire Rock Casino
Conference line number: (866) 784-6450, Passcode: 9982265#
SUMMARY**

- 1) Review and approve agenda (Pat Page) - Approved
- 2) Review and approve September 22, 2016 PCC Meeting Summary *Handout* (Page) – Approved
Final Summary uploaded to Sharepoint and the NGWSP Website
- 3) Review of PCC Action Item List – *Handout* (Page)
JAN Stub and Lybrook Connection timing and volume needs to be determined for the Cutter Water Treatment Plant design and operations planning
- 4) Review Agreements Status
 - a. Deferred Construction – Agreement has not yet been drafted
 - b. Agreements necessary for conveyance of non-Project water – Technical meetings have taken place. Drafts of the Excess Capacity Contract for non-project water and the Interim OM&R Contract for the delivery of the non-project water will be disseminated to the POC prior to the Feb 22, 2017 meeting.
- 5) Other Related Navajo-San Juan NM Settlement Issues
 - a. Conjunctive Groundwater Use Plan (BIA/Navajo Nation) – See slides
Deadline is a funding issue and is currently on track at this point
 - b. San Juan River Navajo Irrigation Projects - See slides
June 2019 is new completion date for Fruitland/Cambridge

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

- 6) Tohlokai Pumping Plant (Reclamation) – See slides
- 7) Reach 22A (Reclamation) – See slides
- 8) Reach 12B (Reclamation) – See slides
- 9) Reach 22B (Reclamation) – See slides
ROW – all in place except for: Tribal Trust Land – Waiver received 11/22; submitted 12/19 to BIA;
State Trust Land – discussions ongoing.
- 10) Reach 21 (Reclamation) – See slides
ROW – Tribal Trust land submitted 1/13/17 to BIA; State Trust Lands – discussions tied to 22B.
- 11) Reaches 13 and 27.5 (Gallup) – See slides
- 12) Reach 27.6 (Gallup) – See slides
- 13) Reaches 24.1/25 (Navajo Nation) – See slides

SAN JUAN LATERAL- ISSUES / DESIGN UPDATE

- 14) San Juan Lateral
 - a. Connection Plans – PERs updates (Navajo Nation)
Draft of 1st group of PERs coming end of January
Draft of 2nd group of PERs coming end of February
No funding has been identified to make these connections as of yet
 - b. Twin Lakes Well Connection – Status (City of Gallup)
The connection is complete and the City will issue substantial completion later this month. NTUA would like to test the well pump soon. Question – can they fill up the pipe in lieu of tank. Will have follow up questions w/ TPP contractor to see if we can accommodate this request.
BIA would like to see “flush sites”.
 - c. Reach 10.1, 10.2, and 10.3 (Navajo Nation)

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Update on “Kitchen Sink” analysis – SMA. 75% completed and should be completed in March to have it for the April Focus Call with the Navajo Nation; IHS; and Reclamation. Focus call scheduled for 4/11/2017 at 10am.

- d. PIN 033 - Design Criteria - Pipeline Regulation Standards for the Reclamation Designed Portion of the Project – Reclamation has closed the loop with BIA's Navajo Region Division of Transportation and they have accepted Reclamation's proposal to limit casing the water transmission line to only where necessary for boring and jacking road crossings. Reclamation will circulating a final draft of the PIN in early February.
- 15) Block 9-11 – Status/Schedule
- Reclamation is wrapping up the 90% design spec. package. It will be uploaded to Sharepoint by January 24th or 25th for comments.
 - Review C will take place at FCCO Feb. 13th - 16th (calendar invites have been issued). We will begin at 1 pm on that Monday.
 - 100% Spec. B package complete by April.
 - IFB Solicitation in mid-May.
 - Contract Award in late August.
 - Construction could begin as early as November (subject to Contractor schedule)
 - ROW Update
 - All ROW is across Navajo Tribal Trust land
 - 2 packages; 1st ROW submittal to Navajo Nation on 12/26/2016; 2nd ROW submittal to Navajo Nation planned in March 2017
 - Navajo Nation needs to revise their “Terms and Conditions” document because it references old BIA ROW rules.
- 16) Reaches 12.1/12.2 – Status/Schedule
- Design Update
 - 90% Spec. D package was issued to Project Participants for comment on 12/14/16.
 - Review C was held at FCCO week of January 9th.
 - 100% Spec. B package will be completed by late-March.
 - IFB Solicitation in mid-to-late May
 - Contract Award in early September
 - 2 NTPs will be issued: 1)Reach 12.1 & 2)Reach 12.2 and Black Hat Tank
 - Construction could begin as early as November (subject to Contractor schedule)
 - ROW Update
 - Reach 12.1 – All ROW packages submitted and in various stages of review or appraisal/negotiation. Plan to have ROW in place by time of contract award. Includes Tribal Trust; Tribal Fee; Allotted; and Private.
 - Reach 12.2 – Nearing completion of ROW packages for submittal in next month or two. Includes: Tribal Trust; Tribal Fee; Allotted; Private; BLM; and State
 - Will have a call concerning Reach 12.3 on February 7 at 10am
- 17) Reach 27 (City of Gallup) – Status/Schedule
- 27.7A and 27.13 – award in beginning of Summer, begin construction end of summer
- 18) Reach 14 (Indian Health Service)
- a. Reaches 14.1 and 14.2 – Status/Schedule
 - 60% design complete – w/ NTUA. Will be submitting to Reclamation to shortly.
 - Reclamation to review in 30-60 days following receipt.
 - b. Reaches 14.6a, 14.7a, 14.8a – Status/Schedule

CUTTER LATERAL

- 19) Reaches 26.1/26.2 and 26.3 Status/Schedule (Navajo Nation)
- 90% design has been submitted to Reclamation, comments to be returned soon
- Cultural compliance expected in next 2 months

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WATER TREATMENT

20) Regulatory Issues

- a. Distribution System Corrosion and Blending
 - i. Study underway – R&D funding has been used to look at the Cutter Lateral at a high level.
 - ii. Roles and Responsibilities – Reclamation will have discussions with the Project Participants regarding roles and responsibilities
 - iii. Surface Water vs Ground Water Standards – Upcoming Training – the project will cover the travel costs of the EPA trainers
- b. Next Regulatory Meeting – late February / early March 2017 – All Project Participants can be included

21) San Juan Lateral Water Treatment Plant and Intake Structure

- a. Design Data Status Update
 - i. Facility Condition Assessment – 1 of 2 was provided in September 2016, 2 of 2 is planned to be ready late January/early February
- b. 404(b)(1) Status – had a call with USACE yesterday, can begin Biological Opinion in next few weeks, anticipating Biological Assessment late summer
- c. Water Quality Monitoring/Analysis Update – Operational storage needs to be discussed/addressed. Funding issue and potentially an authority issue.

PROJECT WIDE

22) Identification of Design Issues to Consider for Issue-Specific Design Focus Calls (PCC)

- a. List of Focus Calls (*Handout*)
- b. Focus calls to schedule
 - i. Crownpoint Lateral – focus call scheduled for 4/11 at 10am
 - ii. Roles/Responsibilities Associated with Blending Water Sources
 - iii. Pumping Plant #4 and #7 VE Study Proposals
 - iv. Reach 14 vs 12.3 – focus call scheduled for 2/7 at 10am.

23) Cultural Resources Compliance – Project-Wide

- a. Programmatic Agreement update – PAPM workgroup meeting taking place today and tomorrow, Jicarilla Apache Nation and Acoma Pueblo have signed the agreement in the last 6 months, a few more signatory tribes expected in the next 6 months, working to determine alternative forms of project mitigation which differ from historical type archeological work on sites

24) Environmental Compliance – Project-Wide

- a. Project-Wide Revegetation Plan – meeting scheduled with the BLM to discuss results to-date of the BLM bare soils program
The project has been working with the Southwest Conservation Corp for pre-construction surveys. The Southwest Conservation Corp is made up of local Navajo youth and is a work/education organization which has provided good results regarding the project. Survey work of Block 9-11 planned for this summer.

25) Power Transmission (Reclamation)

- a. San Juan Lateral Status – Lead agency on NEPA will most likely be the Rural Utility Service
- b. Cutter Lateral (Reaches 22 and 21) Status – NEPA lead will be the power company on the lines not directly related to the project, Reclamation to be lead for NEPA on NGWSP nexus line

26) Budget / Project Costs Discussion

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- a. FY2017 President's Request = \$87 Million
 - i. Continuing Resolution through April 2017
 - b. Updating WCE to Oct 2016 Price Levels
 - c. NM Cost-Share Update/Status
 - i. Review of NM's Report of Appropriations
 - d. FY2017 2nd Quarter Billing – January 10th
 - e. Need Letter from Jicarilla on Cost Allocation Methodology Revision
- 27) Information Sharing / Public Outreach – Page
Reclamation will begin to be more proactive in providing tours to interested groups
- 28) Action items and assignments – Page
- 29) Schedule next PCC meeting – April 26, 2017