

**NAVAJO-GALLUP WATER SUPPLY PROJECT  
PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 27  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 9:00 AM – FIRE ROCK CASINO, CHURCHROCK NM  
MEETING SUMMARY**

- 1) Review and approve agenda (Pat Page)
- 2) Review and approve October 31, 2013 PPCC Meeting Summary (Page) - Approved
- 3) Review of PCC Action Item List (Handout) (Page) – See revised Action Item List Feb. 17, 2014 on SharePoint. Email Pat if you have any SharePoint issues/problems.
- 4) Review Agreements Status
  - a. Prepayment MOUs – Moving forward as Jicarilla issues have been resolved. Will prepare estimates for planned costs and schedule future review. Reclamation is reviewing the City of Gallups’s comments.
  - b. Bureau of Indian Affairs / Reclamation MOA (Page/Bernadette Tsosie) – Under review by BIA.
  - c. OM&R MOU on Joint Use of NIIP Facilities (BIA/Navajo Nation) – Under review by BIA.
  - d. Deferred Construction

**SAN JUAN LATERAL**

- 5) San Juan Lateral
  - a. Connection Plan: Will add conjunctive ground water use to the discussion. Need scope of work and cost estimate from the Navajo Nation to begin the agreement process. – BIA has requested a timeline for the implementation of the connection plan.
  - b. Pumping Plant Feasibility Study – **AI-Reclamation to distribute report with cost estimate by March 3, 2014.-Pat** – This will be used as a template for future pumping plants.
- 6) San Juan Lateral Water Treatment
  - a. Literature Search: “Water Transmission/Distribution Systems with no Disinfection Residual” – Need comments from the Navajo Nation and City of Gallup by February 21, 2014. Comments have been received from Jicarilla and NMED. Pat will distribute comments received to all participants.
  - b. Scheduling next TAG meeting – Need to proceed with Matrix. Next meeting not yet scheduled.
- 7) San Juan Lateral Intake Structure
  - a. Appraisal-level design – Alternatives are being evaluated.
  - b. Environmental Compliance (NEPA/ESA/404(b)1 Analysis) – March 26, 2014 meeting scheduled with the Corps of Engineers and Fish & Wildlife.
- 8) Tohlakai Pumping Plant
  - a. Acquisitions Schedule – **AI-Investigate with Contracting Officer the possibility of inclusion of the PCC participants in the TPEC and/or the acquisitions process. Consider presenting training and/or a confidential briefing during the next acquisition planned.- Barry** – Award expected in early March.
- 9) Reach 12A – Reclamation will provide an updated summary of the modifications approved for Reach 12A. Reclamation is investigating strategies to more cost effectively handle cultural discoveries found during construction.
- 10) Other Reclamation-designed Reaches (12.1/12.2, 12B, 2-11)
  - a. Reach 12B Schedule – Plans and specifications are on SharePoint. Project solicitation is currently on hold pending right of way acquisition.
  - b. Black Hat Storage – Reclamation is scheduling a meeting to discuss issues regarding Black Hat tanks.

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- 11) Reach 13 and 27 Update (City of Gallup) – Reach 13 will be advertised in March with an April date to receive proposals. Reach 27.5 construction is continuing. Reach 27.13 30% design to be completed by the end of February 2014. March 12, 2014 is the date for the Water Trust Board meeting with Reclamation scheduled to attend. Meeting scheduled for February 19, 2014 for discussion of the technical corrections to the FAA.
- 12) Reach 14 Update (Indian Health Service) – Cultural Report is under review by the Navajo Nation and Reclamation.. Comments provided January 16, 2014 from Reclamation to IHS on the Hydraulic Report.

**CUTTER LATERAL**

- 13) Cutter Water Treatment
  - a. Bench Scale Test Update – Comments due to Reclamation on scope of further testing by February 12, 2014 – PCC – Barry covered recommendations regarding water treatment options. Testing is supporting an ozone/BAF treatment process. Further testing is ongoing. Comments on scope are due by February 12, 2014.
- 14) Cutter Dam Connection / Risk Analysis Update – Briefing was held on the issues. Moving forward with design.
- 15) Reach 22
  - a. NEPA / Coordination with BLM – MOU is being finalized. Biological field work is completed on Reach 22A and ongoing on Reach 22B.
  - b. Hydraulic Modeling/Analysis – Reclamation will schedule meeting to discuss issues. SMA has forwarded hydraulic modeling to Reclamation.
- 16) Phase 2 and 3; Reaches 24.1, 25 & 26 Update (Navajo Nation). Reclamation will review pre-construction requirements for issuance of the NTP for Reach 24.1 and 25 with the Navajo Nation/SMA. Reach 24.1 and 25 90% design is complete and has been forwarded to Reclamation. Right of way acquisition is underway for Reach 24.1 & 25. Reach 26.1, 26.2 & 26.3 field work is underway with design to begin soon.

**PROJECT WIDE**

- 17) Identification of Design Issues to Consider for Issue-Specific Design Focus Calls (PCC)
  - a. List of Focus Calls - There have been three calls since the last PCC meeting. A follow up call with NNEPA will be held on February 26, 2014.
- 18) Cultural Resources Compliance – Project-Wide
  - a. Programmatic Agreement update – Amendments to the PA have been proposed and scheduling of discussions are underway.
  - b. Status of Class III surveys
- 19) Environmental Compliance – Project-Wide – Meeting was held in January to discuss plans for revegetation of disturbed areas. A focus call to discuss discharge permits will be held on February 25, 2014.
- 20) Design Criteria – Reclamation
  - i. Comparison of NMED/NNEPA Recommendations/Regulations for Pipeline Design – Call scheduled for February 26, 2014 with NNEPA.
- 21) Budget Discussion (Longwell)
  - a. FY2014 Budget – The FY15 Reclamation budget will be presented March 5, 2014.

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- b. NM Cost-Share Update/Status – NM is working on responding to additional data requested by Reclamation. Navajo Nation and City of Gallup cost share review is ongoing.
  
- 22) Schedule Update
  - a. Re-Prioritizing of Construction Sequencing and Grouping of Multiple Reaches per Contract. Proposed resequencing/grouping was presented to PCC. General consensus was that concept was supported. Reclamation will draft a PIN to formally present concept to PCC and to document decision.
  
- 23) Power Transmission (Longwell/Page)
  - a. Path 48 Study – expect to see completed study soon. Will distribute as soon as it is received. Future meetings are being scheduled.
  
- 24) Information Sharing / Public Outreach – Page – Reach 12.1, 12.2 and 22B chapter meetings being attended by Reclamation. Web site is being updated.
  
- 25) Federal Infrastructure Projects Dashboard Update (Page/Abel) – Tohlakai Pumping Plant right of way process was completed. From start to finish the process took thirteen months. BLM right of way for Reach 22A is scheduled to start April 2, 2014.
  
- 26) “Outside the ROW” – The Human Element of NGWSP
  - a. Andrew Robertson - Souder-Miller and Associates / Navajo Nation – Andrew presented an overview of a recent newspaper article involving project water getting to Whitehorse Lake by Christmas.
  - b. Lance Allgood’s and Bruce McVicker’s pending retirements were recognized with a PIN for their participation in the PCC and their contributions to the project.
  
- 27) Action items and assignments – Page
  
- 28) Schedule next PCC meeting – May 13, 2014 9:00 a.m. @ Fire Rock .