

**NAVAJO-GALLUP WATER SUPPLY PROJECT  
PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 31  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015 9:00 AM FIRE ROCK CASINO, CHURCHROCK, NM  
DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**

- 1) Review and approve agenda (Pat Page)
- 2) Review and approve November 13, 2014 PCC Meeting Summary *Handout* (Page) - Approved with spelling correction
- 3) Review of PCC Action Item List – *Handout* (Page) – See revised Feb. 28, 2015 List on SharePoint
- 4) Review Agreements Status
  - a. Deferred Construction – Currently under review by Reclamation solicitor
- 5) Other Related Navajo-San Juan Settlement Issues
  - a. Conjunctive Groundwater Use Plan (BIA/Navajo Nation) – Needing letter from the Navajo Nation for the IA. BIA to confer with the Nation so that the letter can be issued within the week. The Navajo Nation will transmit funds to IHS to cover the expense for planning.
  - b. San Juan River Navajo Irrigation Projects
    - i. Hogback Canal Coordination – Coordination will continue through the monthly conference calls.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

- 6) Tohlokai Pumping Plant (Reclamation) – Construction is underway with the project currently under budget when doing an apples to apples comparison to the CCE. There were facilities/features added that were not in the original CCE and four modifications are under review. A tour for the Cutter Lateral Group has been scheduled for early April.
- 7) Reach 27.5 (Gallup) – The work is substantially complete.
- 8) Reach 13 (Gallup) – Construction is underway. Report is available on SharePoint.
- 9) Reach 24.1/25 (Navajo Nation) - Construction is underway. Report is available on SharePoint.
- 10) Prepayment MOUs -
  - a. City of Gallup
  - b. Jicarilla Apache NationBoth entities' prepayment has been received for Second Quarter of FY2015. Third Quarter billing will be sent out by April 10. The FY2016 estimate was sent out last week. Reclamation will be refining the estimates prior to sending out the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY2016 bill in October 2015.

**SAN JUAN LATERAL- ISSUES / DESIGN UPDATE**

- 11) San Juan Lateral
  - a. Connection Plans - PER FAA with the Navajo Nation / Feasibility IA with IHS - The award of the PER for the Navajo Nation is planned for early March 2015. Development of an IA will continue with IHS on PER IA.
  - b. Pumping Plant Feasibility Study – Comments were received on 2/25/15 and are under review by Reclamation.
- 12) San Juan Lateral Intake Structure
  - a. Appraisal-level design update - Comments were received on 2/25/15 and are under review by Reclamation.
- 13) Reach 12B
  - a. Update on ROW - Negotiations are ongoing with the private parcel owner. The Cultural Resource Clearance (CRC) for the allotment parcel has been received. The application will be submitted to BIA shortly.
  - b. Procurement Schedule – The schedule is being controlled by the ROW acquisition with the goal of award in the Fall 2015.
- 14) Reach 12.1
  - a. VE Study Report – The report has been uploaded to SharePoint.
  - b. 60% Design – The drawings that were received on February 6 are being reviewed by FCCO.
- 15) Reach 27 (City of Gallup) – Reach 27.6 is in the process of completing archeology work with a plan to advertise for bids in July 2015. On Reach 27.7a and 27.13 the NEPA sufficiency has been submitted to the WCAO office. By September 2015 the goal is to have all NEPA and archeology

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- work completed on all remaining reaches. Reach 27.7a cultural work is nearing completion. Reach 13 cultural reports will be submitted separately.
- 16) Reach 14 Update (Indian Health Service) - 14.1 And 14.2 – waiting for finalized EA to submit ROW package. Meeting was held with IHS to go over comments. Draft EA was submitted to BIA for final review and signature.
- a. New IA for Design and Construction of Reach 14.6a, 14.7a, 14.8a (IHS) – Currently anticipate April/May timeframe for award (\$9,050,000).
  - b. PIN 014.1 – Amended to include Reaches 14.6a, 14.7a, 17.8a - Reach 14.3a has been removed from the scope due to funding constraints.

**CUTTER LATERAL**

- 17) Reach 22A
- a. Procurement Schedule – The current plan is to advertise near the end of March or early April 2015 with award planned for July or August 2015. The NTP for pipeline segment is planned for February or March 2016. Currently Reclamation is waiting on the FONSI to be completed by BLM (BIA and BOR will also need to issue a FONSI/FONNSI).
  - b. Permits
  - c. ROW
  - d. PIN 030 -- NAPI Turnout Request (Navajo Nation) – NAPI’s concurrence review is ongoing.
  - e. PIN 027 – Cutter Lateral Turnout Flows (on hold until NAPI turnout is resolved)
- 18) Reach 22B
- a. VE Study – The study is tentatively planned for week of 5/18/2015. – Reclamation encourages participation from the Navajo Nation, NTUA and the Jicarilla Apache Nation.
  - b. Contractor for Allottee Consent – Award of the contract planned for March 2015. Will also be involved in obtaining allottee consent on Reaches 12.1 and 12.2.
- 19) Reaches 24.1, 25 & 26 Update (Navajo Nation) – Discussions are underway with NTUA regarding MOA’s covering transfer to NTUA. Reach 26.1 – Approval has been received from SHPO and NNHPO on eligibility determination. Reach 26.2/26.3 – CR reports – being sent out to PA Workgroup.

**WATER TREATMENT**

- 20) Regulatory Issues
- a. January 8, 2015 Call with Regulators (incl EPA reg 2 and 6; NMED; and NNEPA) - Chlorine was proposed as secondary treatment. Treated but not finished (would be a seasonal decision). Didn’t hear any objections from regulators but more discussions will occur. Regarding groundwater blending – regulators want to make sure that surface water rules will dictate treatment options. Rules dictate that untreated water can’t be blended with treated water. This means that ground water would need to be treated before being introduced to the system.
  - b. Letter to operators forthcoming - EPA Region 6 is developing list of systems that will be connected to our project (name, EPA permit #'s, regulatory authority, existing treatment systems/processes. Reclamation will be sending a letter to Gallup and the Navajo Nation requesting info on existing systems to make sure EPA’s info lines up with what operators have.
- 21) San Juan Lateral Water Treatment Plant
- a. Disinfection Strategy – Minutes from the December call were sent out on February 20. So far no comments have been received. Discussions were leaning towards the modified option 2.
  - b. Water Quality Monitoring Update – Reclamation is working to resolve the collection of sediment sampling in the river during winter months. Options are currently being investigated with the USGS.
  - c. Location of Water Treatment Plant – The Draft Matrix is being reviewed internally. Reclamation will share with Project sponsors during the next couple of weeks. Currently there are five separate locations under consideration.

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- 22) Cutter Water Treatment Plant
- a. Bench Scale Update: The Final Report has been distributed to the PCC members. There will be a call on February 27, 2015 with the contractor.

**PROJECT WIDE**

- 23) Identification of Design Issues to Consider for Issue-Specific Design Focus Calls (PCC)
- a. List of Focus Calls – *Handout* – See SharePoint for calls and documentation of past calls.
- 24) Cultural Resources Compliance – Project-Wide
- a. Programmatic Agreement update – All parties are in agreement as to the modifications and the modification will be signed soon.
  - b. Status of Class III surveys – All surveys have been completed and are being distributed to the involved parties. The next planned PA workgroup meeting is scheduled for April 2015.
  - c. WCAO is currently preparing for soliciting for the new five year contract with award planned for September 2015.
  - d. Monthly meetings with NNHPD are being held to brief the new staff on the project cultural work.
- 25) Environmental Compliance – Project-Wide - Environmental coordination meeting is scheduled for April 2015. The project-wide revegetation plan discussions are ongoing.
- 26) Design Criteria
- a. Pipeline Regulatory Considerations – Reclamation has submitted a request to use welded joints versus casing pipe for BIA road crossings to BIA.
  - b. Storage (Design/Constructed/Deferred) PIN – Development of the PIN is under way.
- 27) Working Cost Estimate (WCE) Update – Reclamation is reviewing an internal draft of the estimate. Reclamation plans to share with the PCC within the next two months once the draft is finalized. The WCE still can't be considered a feasibility design estimate since there still many unknowns. The Interim Cost Allocation will be revised and distributed once the WCE is finalized.
- 28) Budget / Project Costs Discussion (Page)
- a. FY2015 Budget Update - \$81M
  - b. FY2016 President's Request - \$89.663 M
  - c. NM Cost-Share Update/Status – A credit request in the amount of \$6.355 million was approved on December 4, 2014 (Gallup Regional System).
- 29) Schedule Update
- a. Executive Summary Schedule – See SharePoint or the Reclamation NGWSP web site for the latest project schedule.
- 30) Power Transmission (Reclamation)
- a. San Juan Lateral – Reclamation and Western Power Administration are vetting the “block power” concept proposed by NTUA whereas Western would provide NTUA CRSP power in blocks at a substation and NTUA would be responsible for getting the power to the Project. Reclamation and Western are developing an IA for providing electrical power service to the Project.
  - b. Cutter Lateral - Farmington Electrical Utility is currently analyzing the potential to serve PP #1 (which is within their service area). Once we hear back from them, JMEC will develop an estimate for serving PP's #2 and #3 and the WTP (and potentially #1 depending on Farmington's decision).
- 31) Information Sharing / Public Outreach – Page – Reclamation will be scheduling a workshop with the Navajo Nation Resources Committee during the April/May timeframe. Reclamation plans to participate in the City of Gallup's Water Festival. A meeting has been planned for March to brief the Twin Lakes Chapter on project progress. The project web site is being updated. The project has been receiving positive publicity recently.
- 32) “Outside the ROW” – The Human Element of NGWSP
- 33) Action items and assignments – Page
- 34) Schedule next PCC meeting – June 24, 2015 at Fire Rock in Churchrock.