

**NAVAJO-GALLUP WATER SUPPLY PROJECT
PROJECT CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 23
Fire Rock Navajo Casino
Wednesday, March 06, 2013, 9:30 AM
APPROVED MEETING SUMMARY**

- 1) Review and approve agenda (Pat Page)
- 2) Review and approve January 10, 2013 PCC Meeting Summary (Page)
 - a) Meeting summary approved with no changes.
- 3) Review of PCC Action Item List (Handout) (Page)
 - a) Reviewed and updated the February 28, 2013 Action Item List.
 - b) See March 10, 2013 Action Item List on SharePoint for additions and updates.
- 4) Federal Infrastructure Projects Dashboard Update (Page/Abel)
 - a) Consolidation of completed Action Items/Milestones in progress waiting on software update to dashboard.
 - b) Reach 12B ROW on the Navajo Nation lands nearing completion.
 - c) Developing the addition of new actions for Tohlakai Pumping Plant ROW, Reach 22 ROW and Section 401/404 compliance.
- 5) Review Agreements Status
 - a) Repayment Contracts
 - i) Interest During Construction – Conference call scheduled for April 15.
 - ii) Prepayment – Will be covered at the April 15 call.
 - b) Indian Health Service Interagency Acquisition (Page/Roger Slape)
 - i) Final Interagency Agreement should be distributed to IHS by March 22.
 - c) Bureau of Indian Affairs / Reclamation MOA (Page)
 - i) Draft MOA posted on SharePoint.
 - d) OM&R Agreement on Joint Use NIIP Facilities (BIA/ Navajo Nation)
 - i) Conference call scheduled for 3/15/13. Issues related to OM&R Agreement will be discussed.
 - e) Future Agreements
 - i) None scheduled.

SAN JUAN LATERAL

- 6) San Juan Lateral Water CAD Modeling Status Update (Reclamation)
 - a) Kurt Spolar with DePauli Engineering presented an overview of the progress made to date on the work. The team met in Denver during late February and worked on the water CAD modeling. Handouts were distributed including: Base Model Volumes, Reduced Volume Model, Option 3 Layout for 2040 Peak Flows, Pipe Diameter Comparison for 2020 & 2040 Peak Flow Conditions, Location Map for Option 3 Pumping Plant #2 Locations & Reach 4A Alignment, Reaches 3 to 13, Option 3 Ground Profiles & HGL (2020 & 2040 Peak and Average Flows) and Reaches 3 to 13, Option 3 Reduced Diameters Ground Profiles & HGL (2020 & 2040 Peak and Average Flows).

- b) Water quality testing will be ongoing for both the Cutter and San Juan Laterals.
- c) Updated water quality matrix will be posted on SharePoint.
- d) Raw TSS data will be distributed.
- e) **Action Item: Schedule future calls/meetings**
- 7) San Juan Lateral Hydraulic Optimization (Reclamation)
 - a) See 6) Water CAD Modeling
- 8) San Juan Lateral Water Treatment
 - a) **Action Item: Pat – Provide Malcolm-Pirnie water quality comparison analysis to PCC by 3/15/2013**
 - b) **Action Item: Pat-Schedule design focus call to discuss Malcolm-Pirnie recommended follow up actions**
- 9) San Juan Lateral Intake Structure (Reclamation)
 - a) **Action Item: Pat-Schedule design summit meeting**
 - b) Reclamation is currently looking at alternatives and evaluating collecting water quality data.
 - c) Design Summit meeting will be held to review/select alternatives for future consideration and identify next steps.
- 10) Tohlakai Pumping Plant (Reclamation)
 - a) Plan to have 90% design review in July with a goal to advertise for bid in August.
 - b) Right of way package has been submitted to the Navajo Nation.
 - c) Reclamation is considering the impact that implementation of the new accounting system (FBMS) may have on award of contract.
 - d) Constructability review of design is upcoming
- 11) Reach 12A Construction Update (Reclamation)
 - a) Six cultural discoveries so far.
 - b) Modification for blow off valve is in the works..
 - c) Evaluating options for fiber optics locations.
 - d) Modification to remove asbestos coated helium line is in the works.
 - e) Design for slope protection in washes is being evaluated.
 - f) Insure that we include fiber optics, electrical transmission, and any other required utilities in future right of way applications.
- 12) Other Reclamation-designed Reaches (12.1, 12.2, 12B, and 2-11) (Reclamation)
 - a) Reach 12B cover over pipe specification has been distributed to PCC.
Reclamation is evaluating locations where cover over pipe may be reduced.
 - b) 12B NN Trust and NN Fee right of way acquisition has been completed. Private owned ROW is being appraised and the potential for delay risk has been identified.
 - c) DePauli suggested that on future design we consider giving the option of thrust blocks or welded joints to address pipe restraint issues.
- 13) Reach 13 & 27
 - a) Corps of Engineers 404 Permit application has been sent to Reclamation.
 - b) Reach 27.5 schedule is to advertise for bid on May 4 and to receive bids on June 4, 2013.

- c) It has been determined by the Grants Officer that Davis-Bacon wage rates do not apply to Cooperative Agreements.
- d) NEPA sufficiency has not been completed on Reach 13 and 27.
- 14) Reach 14 (IHS)
 - a) Final draft of the Interagency Agreement should be transmitted to IHS within two weeks.
 - b) NECA is proceeding with right of way acquisition..
 - c) Cultural Resource Reports will be transmitted to WCAO very soon.
 - d) Finalizing hydraulic optimization..
 - e) Proceeding with AI #101 regarding Reaches beyond 14.1 and 14.2.

CUTTER LATERAL

- 15) Cutter Water Treatment (Reclamation)
 - a) Statement of work for bench scale testing is being developed.
- 16) Cutter Dam Connection / Risk Analysis (Reclamation)
 - a) Final risk analysis report to be posted on SharePoint.
 - b) Meeting scheduled for March 7 with BIA/SOD.
 - c) Discussion on the NAPI turnout issue has been deferred until later.
- 17) Reach 22 Update (Reclamation)
 - a) Hydraulic optimization draft report has been received.
 - b) BLM is reviewing the current alignment proposal involving the ACEC.
 - c) Right of entry has been obtained for almost all properties with 3 remaining.
- 18) Phase 2 and 3 & Reaches 24.1, 25 & 26 Status Update (The Navajo Nation)
 - a) Phase 3 has recommenced construction after the winter shutdown. Current schedule is for June 30 completion.
 - b) **AI-Reclamation WCAO- Secure additional information from BLM regarding paleontology ACEC.**
 - c) Reach 24.1 and 25 30% design has been submitted to Reclamation.
 - d) Budget submittal expected by March 18, 2013.

PROJECT WIDE

- 19) Identification of Design Issues to consider for Issue-Specific Design Focus Calls (PCC)
 - a) **AI-Reclamation-Develop tracking table for Design Focus Call Topics**
 - b) Other suggestions for design focus calls: Cutter Hydraulic Optimization, Malcolm-Pirnie report, and Reaches beyond 14.1 & 14.2.
- 20) Identification of Big Ticket Items to consider for Face-to-Face Design Summits (PCC)
 - a) Highest priority - San Juan Intake Structure locations/options. Design Summit will be scheduled.
- 21) Cultural Resources Compliance – Project Wide (PCC)
 - a) PA meeting scheduled for 3/12/2013 in Albuquerque.

- b) Met with SHPO to provide a project update. A discussion of jurisdictional issues between SHPO and NNHPD took place.
 - c) 15 additional task orders are being prepared to address cultural and environmental issues project wide.
 - d) A task order is in process to provide support to NNHPD. Expect 2 more months until in place.
- 22) Environmental Compliance – Project Wide (PCC)
- a) Coordination between Reclamation, BIA and the Navajo Nation
 - i) Service contract to hire a contractor (5 yr contract) to support all of Reclamation environmental compliance expecting award by 4/15/2013.
 - b) Army Corps of Engineers permits
 - i) Section 401 & 404 permits walk through have been conducted on various reaches.
- 23) Right of Way Acquisition – Project Wide (PCC)
- a) Permission to survey is still in place on the Navajo Nation properties.
 - b) Discussing the requirements for right of way legal descriptions with the BIA.
- 24) Design Criteria (Reclamation)
- a) Need to discuss minimum pressures in the upcoming design call.
 - b) Need to discuss requirements for spare pumps.
- 25) Project Issue Notices (Page)
- a) Reclamation solicitor suggested language for signature sheets and will provide additional information shortly.
 - b) Send any comments to Pat regarding language.
- 26) Request for Information Forms – Page
- a) Clark will send form revisions to Pat and Pat will post on SharePoint.
- 27) Financial Reports (Longwell/Page/Abel)
- a) Reclamation has developed a process and form for reporting financial data to the Project Participants.
 - b) **AI-Reclamation-Conference call/webinar will be scheduled to distribute and explain financial report.**
- 28) Budget and Schedule Discussion (Longwell)
- a) Sequestration will result in a 5% budget cut for Reclamation.
 - i) Will include travel reductions eliminating all nonessential travel.
 - ii) Cut backs in training.
 - iii) Hiring freeze.
 - iv) Reduction in overtime.
 - b) Barry reported on the “short term” schedule.
 - c) Reclamation budget is under a continuing resolution.
 - d) FY14 Budget has not yet been submitted to congress.
 - e) BIA and IHS face similar budget reductions.
- 29) Power Transmission (Page/Longwell)
- a) Path 48 study meeting was held on 2/26/2013. Reclamation, WAPA, City of Gallup, NTUA, & PNM participated.

- b) City presented a proposal and NTUA will be providing requested information.
- 30) Information Sharing (Page)
- a) Reclamation NGWSP web page is in process of being updated.
 - b) Angela Gettler, Navajo Labor Compliance Officer presented on the status and plans for hiring Navajo labor on NGWSP. Angela reported on the success in hiring by McMillen on the current Reach 12A construction. Currently 95% of the McMillen employees are Navajo. The project is currently complying with all Navajo labor law. Angela is aggressively distributing information regarding hiring opportunities to tribal members and received feedback from chapter officials.
 - c) Chapter officials from various chapters attended to seek project information they could take back to tribal members.
- 31) “Outside the ROW”- The Human Element of NGWSP (PCC)
- a) No report given.
- 32) Action Items and assignments- (Page) Within one week will post action items. See March 10, 2013 Action Item Log.
- 33) Schedule next PCC meeting No. 24 (PCC)
- a) Now scheduled for May 16 at 9:30 a.m. – location to be determined.
 - b) Considering Farmington or Jicarilla Apache Nation site.
- 34) Adjourn