

Notes from:

Selenium Management Program - Work Group/Subcommittee Meetings

March 1, 2010 -- NRCS Office, Delta

Attendees: see attached sign-in sheet

Status reports, decisions made and assignments are displayed under the appropriate group or subcommittee. Responsible parties are identified in bold red print.

SMP Work Group

Status/Decisions made:

1. A draft committee structure was reviewed & edited
2. Prevention of new loading & publicizing that need will be an initial priority.

Assignments:

1. **Mike** will circulate the proposed committee structure to interested parties for further comment.
2. **Dave D.** will speak to David Seymour about participating on one or more committees.
3. **Mike** will talk with Frank Riggle (NRCS, Denver) concerning additional NRCS involvement.
4. **Barb** will develop a short write-up of the procedures and responsibilities for fish tissue sampling.
5. **Mike** will send a copy of the July 2006 appraisal level report "Evaluation of Selenium Remediation Concepts for the Lower Gunnison & Lower Uncompahgre Rivers" to Work Group members. **All members** should review and be familiar with this report.

MOU Subcommittee

Status/Decisions made:

1. Comments are coming in slowly.

Assignments:

1. **All parties** should provide comments ASAP; Steve will provide new draft for March 17 meeting.

Technical Review Subcommittee

Status/Decisions made:

1. Prevention of new loading will be an initial priority for this subcommittee.

Assignments:

1. The **TR Subcommittee** should review current prevention measures and brainstorm new ones at the next meeting.
2. **Mike** will begin a review of the previous process that identified and screened 130 load reduction/prevention measures.

Science & Research Subcommittee

Status/Decisions made:

1. The cause(s) of recent higher selenium loading in the Montrose Arroyo is a major concern and must be addressed.
2. A presentation was given by representatives from True Green Organics regarding the use of the photosynthetic bacteria to remove selenium from water and soils.

Assignments:

1. The **S&R Subcommittee** should work to further understand and document new higher selenium loads in Montrose Arroyo. Also, prepare presentation materials for decision makers on this topic.
2. **Mike** will arrange a Dell Smith presentation on an environmentally acceptable form of PAM.
3. The **S&R Subcommittee** will develop a list of science/research needs and priorities, and a process for inviting/entertaining and screening (with criteria) proposals/ participation of others.
4. The **S&R subcommittee** will be discussing the potential for use of the True Green Organics technology. The STF will also discuss its use for remediating Sweitzer Lake.

Outreach & Education Subcommittee

Status/Decisions made:

1. A Wise Water Use Council similar to the one in the Grand Valley should be started. A Water Conservation Field Service Program Grant Application has been submitted by the River District to develop a Gunnison Basin Wise Water Use Council. Award notifications are expected sometime in early April.

Assignments:

2. The **O&E Subcommittee** should:
 - a. Initially focus on identifying outreach & education needs; **Sonja and Justyn** will brainstorm and have a conference call for the subcommittee before the next meeting. Priorities should be identified.
 - b. Initiate a Lower Gunnison Basin Wise Water Use Council
 - c. Work to involve Delta and Montrose counties and cities in SMP.
3. **Sonja** will find the original document developed by the Selenium Task Force entitled, "Background Information" which supports the "Why Should You Care?" outreach paper. It will be placed on the STF website and hard copies will be available for future meetings.
4. **Sonja** will work with the USBR to estimate selenium reductions due to piping and lining projects.
5. The **O&E Subcommittee** will create a list of frequently asked questions related to selenium, the selenium task force, the SMP, etc.

Meeting Schedule (all meetings will be held in Delta unless otherwise noted; meeting room locations may vary; please be sure to check the agenda. Please notify Mike well in advance if you wish to participate by conference phone.)

1. March 17
2. April 15
3. April 27 or 29 (check with DK)
4. May 19

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