

DRAFT Notes from:

Selenium Management Program - Work Group/Subcommittee Meetings

April 29, 2010 – Delta, Colorado

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

Attendees: see attached sign-in sheet

SMP Work Group

Status/Decisions made:

Assignments:

1. **Sonja & Dave** will draft a new version of the mission statement.

MOU Subcommittee

Status/Decisions made:

1. No changes have been made since the March 8 draft.

Assignments:

1. **River District** - please submit comments ASAP.

Stakeholder/Citizen Participation (S/CP) Subcommittee

Status/Decisions made:

1. The Subcommittee continued planning to contact the critical, currently non-involved entities and open communication lines.
2. The briefing for the Upper Gunnison WCD on April 26 resulted in interest in providing some funding for SMP activities.

Assignments:

1. **Dan Crabtree (USBR)** should contact Lanny Denham about involving Bostwick Park irrigation company in this process.
2. **Justyn** will assist Sonja in outreach activities including email lists.
3. An initiative involving education, BMPs, and incentives will be formulated immediately. **Both the O/E and Technical Review Subcommittee** will focus on high priority areas identified at the last meeting. These are ponds, land modification, lawns & landscaping, previously non-irrigated land, rapid soil erosion and agricultural sources.
4. **Sonja** will initiate contacts with city and county planning staff.
5. **Sonja** will be working with Upper Gunnison District to identify potential activities for their funding.
6. **Several individuals** were assigned responsibility for drafting responses to the FAQs.
7. **Mike** will contact Dennis Murphy concerning changes to the Montrose County land use regs involving selenium.

Science/Research Subcommittee

Status/Decisions made:

1. Several potential studies were identified to add to the needs table:
 - a. Effect of Loutzenhizer Arroyo channel erosion on loading
 - b. Study of other high priority areas to reduce se loading (e.g. Bostwick Park)
 - c. True Green concept
2. It was suggested that at a minimum, before additional study is undertaken, suggested se reduction measures be evaluated using the following criteria at a “back of the envelope” level. This is similar to what was done with the “Summary Sheet” evaluations used in the previous appraisal level studies in the early 2000’s.
 - a. How or what does it do to reduce selenium?
 - b. How much selenium could be potentially reduced?
 - c. How would the measure be implemented?
 - d. How much would it cost to implement?

Assignments:

1. **Ken** will edit the draft Montrose Arroyo write-up.
2. **Denis** will arrange a conference call for the subcommittee.

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. July 15 Selenium Task Force meeting
2. August 24 SMP Work Group meeting -- **Justyn** will reserve room at NRCS Delta office

Outstanding/incomplete assignments:

1. **Barb** will develop a short write-up of the procedures and responsibilities for fish tissue sampling.
2. **Sonja** will work with the USBR to estimate selenium reductions due to piping and lining projects.
3. **Lenny Lang** will provide a copy of an NRCS study of seepage from ponds.
4. The **S&R Subcommittee** will gather presentation materials for decision makers on the new higher selenium loads in Montrose Arroyo.
5. **Mike** will recommend funding of several study activities to Reclamation management.
6. **Lenny L.** will look at the use of NRCS’s Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) funding to document selenium reductions from on-farm improvements.
7. **Sonja** will contact Mike Berry about initiating a Lower Gunnison Basin Wise Water Use Council.

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