

HANFORD NATURAL RESOURCES TRUSTEE COUNCIL

TRUSTEE COUNCIL CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

December 21, 2009

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### Conference Call

December 21, 2009, 1-4 pm

### Call Summary

#### Introduction

The goals of the conference call were to:

- Complete administrative business
- Receive updates on office space and contracting
- Discuss the all-TWG meeting
- Develop an agenda for the January meeting

Attendees are listed at end of the meeting summary. The meeting summary below is organized by topic. Action Items are listed as AI followed by a number, and the current Action Item list is included as Attachment A.

**November Meeting Summary.** Teresa reviewed recent minor changes to the November meeting summary. With those revision, Paul moved and Dana seconded approval of the November meeting summary. The motion passed with the Yakama Nation abstaining and all other trustees in favor. Yakama Nation stated that they did not believe it accurately addressed some topics.

**Phase II Contracting.** DOE reported that, due to workload issues in procurement, the release of the Phase II RFP would be delayed until the first or second week in January. Once the response period closes, about a week is required to assemble the proposals for review, and then the HNRTC will need to set aside a few days in March to conduct the review in a secure location at DOE. DOE also reported the results of the conflict of interest decision re: Stratus. The HNRTC discussed this issue at some length, and DOE agreed to provide the decision letter to the HNRTC for review. The HNRTC will schedule a conference call in the first week of January with Linda J. to discuss this issue further. The HNRTC discussed whether to have a 4-week or 6-week response period for the RFP, but did not reach a final decision. This can be discussed further on the conference call in early January. Dana will check on Linda's schedule and Teresa will identify when the rest of the trustees are available [AI316].

**Office Space.** Resolution 09-07 had been prepared regarding leasing the office space that was preferred by the HNRTC; however, OR reported that it would vote no at this time. OR is concerned about the trade-offs and what that money could otherwise be used for, and would like to wait and see what the situation is once the Project Coordinator has been hired and whether that person needs an office in the Richland area. The resolution could be reconsidered at that time.

**Project Coordinator.** DOE reported that the solicitation for a Project Coordinator is being reopened for a second attempt. Meanwhile, Russ has done some initial evaluation of the options for housing a Project Coordinator at USF&W. Either a contract position or an employee could be hired; however, the hiring process would likely be more successful the longer the term of hire due to its attractiveness to applicants. Russ was requested to continue to look into these options, as there remains doubt as to the effectiveness of the DOE subcontractor hiring process [AI307].

**Resolution 09-06 on Access to Data.** The HNRTC discussed the two versions of this resolution that had been circulated, with some preferring the original and others the revised version. DOE expressed concern over the difficulty of accomplishing the revised version given its comprehensiveness and related efforts with the tribes that are encountering challenges related to security issues. It was suggested that perhaps the databases in question could be dumped periodically to a computer system outside the security network, and DOE was requested to explore this possibility prior to making a decision on the final wording of this resolution [AI317].

**NFWF.** Jay asked whether there was anything to report on NFWF, and there was nothing new to discuss. Some believed that the issue was now part of the settlement discussions. Trustees will check with their lawyers and determine where this issue stands for discussion in January.

**Meeting Scheduling.** Due to conflicts with holidays and various members' availability, both the standing HRNTC conference call for February and the all-TWG meeting need to be rescheduled. Teresa will contact the HRNTC after the call and reschedule these meetings. *[Note: subsequently, the conference call was rescheduled for Feb 16, 9-12 am and the all-TWG meeting was rescheduled for February 23.]*

**All-TWG Meeting Planning.** A planning committee for the all-TWG meeting was selected, including Jay, Barb, Dana, Jeff, and Charlene.

**FTP Site.** Jay mentioned that Ridolfi will provide an FTP site for housing large (> 10 MG) documents for the TWGs that are too big to be transferred onto the Google site. FTP information will be sent out by Ridolfi after the call.

**January Meeting.** Draft agenda items for the January meeting were discussed and a draft agenda will be developed for review after the meeting.

**Meeting Attendees**

**CTUIR:** Barb Harper, Rico Cruz

**Nez Perce Tribe:** Dan Landeen

**Oregon:** Paul Shaffer

**WA Dept. of Ecology:** Not present

**WA Fish & Wildlife:** Jeff Skriletz

**NOAA:** Charlene Andrade

**Yakama Nation:** Jay McConnaughey, Brian Barry

**US Fish & Wildlife Service:** Russ MacRae, Joe Bartoszek

**US Dept. of Energy:** Dana Ward, Steve Wisness

**Facilitator:** Teresa Michelsen

**ATTACHMENT A**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Note:** Yellow indicates changes to previously existing action items, including completion dates, updates, and changes in responsibility. Items with yellow completion dates (or otherwise closed) will not be included on subsequent action item lists. Blue action item numbers indicate new items since the most recent update.

	<b>Assignee/Action</b>	<b>Date Assigned</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>
307	Check with USF&W about hosting Project Coordinator <i>ACTION: Russ, Toni, Kate</i>	9/15/09	
311	Looking into leasing options for office space <i>ACTION: Janis</i> <b>UPDATE: N/A as OR voted no for now</b>	11/18/09	12/21/09
312	Develop budget options for 2012 by Jan mtg <i>ACTION: Budget Workgroup (Steve/Callie)</i>	11/18/09	
313	Report on Phase II contracting conflict of interest issues <i>ACTION: Janis</i>	11/19/09	12/21/09
314	Develop white paper on integrating NRDAR into CERCLA response <i>ACTION: Paul et al.</i>	11/17/09	
315	Look into NRDAR training for site managers <i>ACTION: Janis, Matthew</i>	11/19/09	
<b>316</b>	Set up a conference call with Linda J. to discuss Phase II COI <i>ACTION: Dana, Teresa</i>	12/21/09	
<b>317</b>	Check on database transfer options outside the security network <i>ACTION: Dana</i>	12/21/09	

## ATTACHMENT B

### HNRTC Bi-Monthly Meeting Nov 17-19, 2009 Richland, WA Location TBD

#### Draft Agenda

#### Nov. 17

- 10-12 am Tour of potential dedicated meeting spaces
- 1-5 pm Introduction of new Trustee – Russ MacRae  
Administrative business (meeting space, administrative record)  
Review of Project Coordinator resumes

#### Nov. 18

- 9-12 am Discussion – how the HRNTC interfaces with the TWGs  
(use of HNRTC meeting time, flow of information, decisions)  
TWG updates
- 1-5 pm TWG overarching issues  
Plan combined TWG meeting – date, location, agenda  
NRDA structural issues
- Where does restoration belong?
  - Where does human uses and ecosystem services belong?
  - Other issues?

#### Nov. 19

- 8-12 am CERCLA response updates (some combination of the below)
- Plateau ecorisk assessment
  - River corridor RI/FS & risk assessment
  - Central plateau closure
  - 5-yr review
  - Tank closure EIS