

Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council

Thursday, July 7, 2011, 11:00 am - 12:00 noon

CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY, v2 - FINAL

Meeting Participants:

Primary Trustees	Alternate Trustees	Others
Dana Ward, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Janis Ward, DOE Russ MacRae, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Charlene Andrade, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Jack Bell, Nez Perce Tribe Paul Shaffer, State of Oregon Jay McConnaughey, Yakama Nation		Steve Wisness, YAHS GS (contract support to DOE) Brian Barry, Yakama Nation Ruth Nicholson, Nicholson Facilitation & Associates, LLC (contractor)

The purpose of the conference call was to identify and outline topics for the July 19-20-21, 2011 Council meeting. Russ MacRae, Council chair, will not be able to attend the July meeting so Jack Bell, Council vice chair, will preside over the meeting.

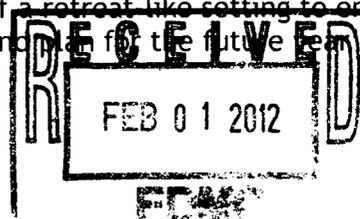
The group agreed on the following topics for the July meeting (in no priority order):

1. **Personnel Issues:**

- a. **Facilitation contract:** A Council recommendation needs to be made regarding the facilitation contract which currently ends on September 30th. Jack suggested putting this item as the last item of business on Thursday morning so that the current facilitator may step out of the room and prepare for the seniors' meeting during that time.
- b. **Project Coordinator selection process:** Russ explained that there are three (3) applicants for the position. The group needs to discuss resumes and qualifications, as well as to identify potential interview questions. This item will be scheduled late in the afternoon on Tuesday or Wednesday to enable Russ to call in for the discussion. (Action Item #319)

2. **Administrative Issues:**

- a. **Vice Chair Nominees:** The new vice chair needs to be in place by September. This can be done early. A vote via formal Resolution could be taken in July or in August.
- b. **Location for September Council meeting:** Traditionally, the September meeting is held outside of the Tri-Cities in more of a retreat-like setting to enable the group to reflect on the past year's progress and plan for the future years activities and



priorities. Steve Wisness and Ruth Nicholson are researching possible locations. (Action Item #397)

- c. **IEc Participation Costs:** The Council needs to discuss the participation cost estimate received from IEC concerning its continued participation in Council and Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings. The current level of contractor participation in these meetings is not sustainable under the current contract.
 - d. **Hanford Forum:** The Council needs to decide if it wishes to designate a representative to participate.
 - e. **Guiding Principles for the Protection of Natural Resources paper:** Approve the cover letter and distribution list for this document. (Action Item #382)
3. **NRDA Integration Project:** DOE will request that Jim Hansen come give a ½ hour presentation to the Council on current Records of Decision (RODs) that are under development. Jim has replaced Nick Ceto who is now retired. This item will also include brief updates on the River Corridor risk assessment and the associated River Component, as well as the CERCLA Five-Year Review. (Action Item #393)
 4. **FY11 Funding Proposals:** The statements of work (SOWs) for these proposals are due to be finalized on the Council's July 12th conference call. There may be a need for time on the agenda to discuss any remaining issues. (Action Item #395)
 5. **Senior Trustee Meeting, July 21:** A decision needs to be made as to whether this will be a face-to-face meeting or a conference call. In addition, the Council needs to identify topics and an agenda for this meeting. A report on Council progress and activities is appropriate. The group discussed the possible advantages of inviting the seniors to attend part of the September meeting in person. Ruth will send an e-mail to the seniors to assess their desire for a face-to-face meeting or a conference call on July 21st.
 6. **Data Issues:** A number of the agenda topics relate to access to data and information. These topics will be scheduled together on Wednesday. Topics include:
 - a. Quality Assurance Management Plan review
 - b. How should the Council do its work in the future? Should certain tasks be delegated outside of the full Council, such as delegation to the TWGs, Data Manager, or Project Coordinator for certain activities related to the Quality Assurance Management Plan?
 - c. Discussion of the Thresholds and Toxicity deliverable and whether or not the timing is right to request that DOE ask IEC to begin work on this deliverable.
 - d. Confirmation of VSP training in September (Action Item #396)
 - e. Presentation from Al Farabee on geospatial mapping (target Wednesday morning pending Al's availability)
 - f. Data access and data sharing with TWGs - there is a lot to talk about on this topic, including the letter to DOE requesting a meeting to address priority TWG data needs
 - g. Draft Data Management Plan

The call ended at 12:10 pm.