

**Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council  
Regular Meeting - Day 1 of 2**

Tuesday, January 18, 2011, 1:00 - 5:00 pm  
HAMMER, Room 31, Richland, Washington

**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY, v5 - FINAL**

**Meeting Participants:**

Primary Trustees	Alternate Trustees	Others
Barbara Harper, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR)	Rico Cruz, CTUIR - Tuesday only	Matt Johnson, CTUIR - via telephone
Dana Ward, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)	Janis Ward, DOE - Tuesday only	Steve Wisness, YAHS GS (contract support to DOE)
Larry Goldstein, State of Washington (Department of Ecology)	John Carleton, State of Washington (Department of Fish and Wildlife)	Connie Smith, DOE - via telephone - Wednesday only
Jay McConnaughey, Yakama Nation	Joe Bartoszek, FWS	Jean Hays, State of Washington (Department of Ecology)
Russ MacRae, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	Dan Landeen, Nez Perce Tribe	Brian Barry, Yakama Nation - via telephone
Jack Bell, Nez Perce Tribe		Michael Calac, Yakama Nation
Paul Shaffer, State of Oregon		Callie Ridolfi, Ridolfi, Inc. (contract support to Yakama Nation) - Wednesday only
Charlene Andrade, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - via telephone		Jonathan Matthews, Nez Perce Tribe - via telephone - Wednesday only
		Ruth Nicholson, Nicholson Facilitation & Associates, LLC (contractor)
		Mike Donlan, Industrial Economics, Inc. (IEc) (contract support to DOE and HNRTC) - Wednesday only
		Jen Kassakian, IEc (contract support to DOE and HNRTC)
		Bob Unsworth, IEc (contract support to DOE and HNRTC) - Wednesday only



### **Review and adoption of meeting agenda**

Russ MacRae, chair of the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council (Council), opened the meeting. The Council approved the draft agenda.

### **Adopt past meeting and conference call notes**

Barbara Harper, CTUIR, made the motion to adopt the November Council meeting notes. Jay McConnaughey, Yakama Nation, seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections and two abstentions from Jay on behalf of the Yakama Nation and from Larry Goldstein on behalf of the State of Washington.

Jay made the motion to adopt the December Council conference call notes. Jack Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections and one abstention from Jay on behalf of the Yakama Nation

The group asked Dana Ward, DOE, to inquire about the cost and feasibility of providing an independent note taker for Council meetings (Action Item #381). Dana will report on this at the March Council meeting.

### **Guiding Principles for Protection of Natural Resources paper**

This white paper has been known by a number of titles, including the Energy Park white paper and the End States Principles Paper.

The January 27<sup>th</sup> workshop on a Hanford energy park has been postponed due to a request from DOE headquarters. There has been a spot reserved on the workshop agenda for the Council to speak.

John Carleton, State of Washington, volunteered to work on the next iteration of this paper. Trustees are to get their comments on the current version (v3) to John by February 4<sup>th</sup>. He will circulate a new version by February 16<sup>th</sup>. The Council will discuss the new version on its February 23<sup>rd</sup> conference call.

### **DOE Draft NRDA policy**

The draft policy is currently out for stakeholder review. The State of Oregon has already shared its comment letter with the Council. The State of Washington will do so shortly. The CTUIR is also working on a comment letter. Dana will contact DOE headquarters to find out if there is a specific deadline by which comments on the policy should be submitted.

The Council decided to draft a letter to DOE regarding the draft policy on integrating NRDA and remediation. (Action Item #351) The group agreed to get comments to Russ MacRae, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, by February 9<sup>th</sup>. Russ will draft a letter by February 16<sup>th</sup> so it can be discussed on the Council's February 23<sup>rd</sup> conference call.

## **Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ONL) NRDA Settlement**

Russ shared a number of documents with the Council regarding this settlement in an e-mail dated January 7<sup>th</sup>. He reviewed this settlement of an example of three major concepts that might be considered at Hanford:

1. Breaking up the site into smaller pieces for settlement,
2. The use of reasonable, "worst case" assumptions, and
3. Creative solutions for settlement.

The Council agreed that additional case studies and lessons learned should be identified and researched. (Action Items ##350, 363 and #374)

## **Training on Developing Sampling Plans**

Jack introduced Brent Pulsipher, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) who gave an overview of the Visual Sample Plan (VSP) software, a systematic planning software based on Data Quality Objectives (DQO). The software determines the number and location of samples and transects; ensures confident, statistically defensible decisions; and performs statistical and data quality assessment in support of decision making processes. Brent reviewed the features of the software and the training options that could be made available to the Council. He also provided the Council with a 10-page handout.

Dana agreed to find out how long it would take to get a contract to provide VSP training to the Council and its Technical Working Groups (TWGs) and the cost of such training by the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Council conference call. (Action Item #383) The Council will make a decision about pursuing such training at its March meeting.

## **Meeting Wrap Up**

The Council reviewed the Action Item list and updated a number of items. Steve Wisness, YAHS GS contract support to DOE, distributed an updated Gantt chart that reflects new deliverable dates for Phase II work.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

## **Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council Regular Meeting - Day 2 of 2**

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 8:00 - 5:00 pm  
HAMMER, Room 31, Richland, Washington

## **Council Budget**

The Council spent the morning discussing budget issues.

Steve distributed a one-page summary of known expenditures to date. In light of questions concerning quarterly reports, the group agreed that each trustee organization would check to ensure that its quarterly reports and financial updating were all successfully submitted and up to date. (Action Item #384) In light of the fact that the federal government is operating under a continuing resolution which ties Fiscal Year 2011 (FY2011) spending to FY2010 levels, Dana

will verify what the FY2010 level is for the Council, specifically if it is the FY2010 appropriation of \$2.4 million or the Council budget of \$3.2 million which included carryover funds from FY2009. Dana will also check on Brian Barry's statement that there is a \$25 million surplus in the DOE-Richland Operations Office (DOE-RL) FY2011 budget. (Action Item #385)

The senior trustees have directed the Council to develop a single, consolidated budget request for FY2013 based on a scope of work and the staffing and funding resources needed to complete it. The group discussed a possible scope of work in terms of studies for FY2012, including work focused on chromium and baseline. The Aquatic Resources TWG shared its estimate of the studies, workload, and annual budget needed for characterization of chromium contaminant upwelling over a period of years (five-page handout).

Because the group did not make as much progress as hoped, the Council decided to meet from 1:00-5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> to continue work on the FY2013 budget. In preparation for this meeting, Steve will send out a budget spreadsheet by January 21<sup>st</sup>. (Action Item #387) Each trustee organization agreed to fill in the spreadsheet with its budget numbers and return the spreadsheets to Russ by February 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Action Item #388) Russ will consolidate the numbers and distribute the consolidated spreadsheet to the Council on February 4<sup>th</sup> so it can be used as a starting point for meeting discussions on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Technical Working Groups (TWGs)

The Council spent the afternoon discussing TWG issues. TWG chairs had been invited to attend and participate in this portion of the Council meeting. Staff from IEC, the Phase II contractor, also attended. The Council received updates from all of the six of the seven TWGs: Aquatic, Data Management and Quality Assurance (QA), Human Use, Restoration, Source and Pathway, and Terrestrial. There was no update from the Groundwater TWG. Each TWG was asked what support, assistance, and/or direction it needed from the Council. In addition, the Council considered what guidance or direction it might want to give to each of the TWGs.

Highlights of the TWG updates include:

- The Aquatic TWG is considering holding a sturgeon workshop.
- The sturgeon will be transferred to CTUIR with a chain of custody. Barbara will look into documentation and get a memo to Russ by February 23<sup>rd</sup>. (Action Item #392)
- IEC is developing a SharePoint site to store reference materials. The Council noted that it may need to discuss document and data management between the Google and SharePoint sites at some point in the future.
- Concerns remain about access to data at PNNL in light of the data transfer work that is currently underway between PNNL and Mission Support Alliance (MSA).
- There is some confusion where the Groundwater TWG scope ends and the Human Use TWG scope begins.
- The Restoration TWG would like vegetation mapping and monitoring data from PNNL.
- The Council would like briefings from DOE on large remediation removals, such as 100-C-7. Dana will see if DOE can provide a briefing on 100-C-7 at the March Council meeting. (Action Item #389)
- The pocket mouse profile is completed.

The Council also discussed document review processes with IEC staff. The key issues of concern were the level of detail in documents, resolving conflicting comments that IEC may

receive from the TWGs, and balancing the use of IEC time and resources. Dana agreed to check with IEC and DOE Procurement and share a copy of the IEC technical proposal (non-proprietary information) with the Council by February 4<sup>th</sup> . as appropriate. (Action Item #390) After discussion of the document review process, IEC agreed to identify suggested point people and backup point people from the TWGs to shepherd document reviews in light of its list of upcoming deliverables. This will be discussed at the January 20<sup>th</sup> workshop. (Action Item #393) The final contaminants of concern (COC) and species of concern (SOC) profiles will be considered and approved at the March Council meeting.

### **Meeting Wrap Up**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.