

**Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council
Special Project Proposal Meeting**

Friday, August 12, 2011
Washington State Department of Ecology, Richland, Washington

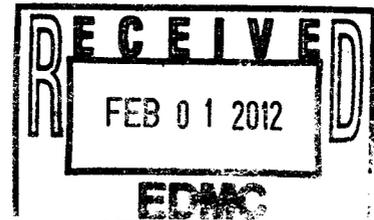
MEETING SUMMARY, v3 - FINAL

Meeting Participants:

Primary Trustees	Alternate Trustees	Others
Barbara Harper, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) - via telephone Dana Ward, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Russ MacRae, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) - via telephone Charlene Andrade, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - via telephone Jack Bell, Nez Perce Tribe Paul Shaffer, State of Oregon Larry Goldstein, State of Washington (Department of Ecology) Wade Riggsbee, Yakama Nation	Joe Bartoszek, FWS Dan Landeen, Nez Perce Tribe John Carleton, State of Washington (Department of Fish and Wildlife) - via telephone Michael Calac, Yakama Nation	Matt Johnson, CTUIR Steve Wisness, YAHS GS (contract support to DOE) Dale Engstrom, State of Oregon - via telephone Jean Hays, State of Washington (Department of Ecology) Brian Barry, Yakama Nation - via telephone Ruth Nicholson, Nicholson Facilitation & Associates, LLC (contractor)

Opening

The purpose of this meeting is to make final Council decisions on which project statements of work (SOWs) to move forward for contracting using Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11) funding. The meeting began at 8:15 am.



#1 Hanford Radioactive Contamination in Biota

The group discussed the need to clarify trustee involvement with this work in terms of working with staff, quarterly meetings, and meetings with Tribal trustees.

Paul Shaffer moved that the Council authorize DOE to expend \$350,000 for MSA to undertake project #1, Hanford Radioactive Contamination in Biota. Larry Goldstein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#5/6 Preliminary Estimate of Damages (PED)

The Council discussed the revised SOW which indicates that IEC would be the lead contractor. The Yakama Nation shared a second PED proposal using Ridolfi, Inc. which it believes would be a complement to the IEC SOW. Group discussion included clarification on how the Yakama Nation SOW is different and not duplicative of the IEC SOW, conflict resolution issues, and concern over the timing of introducing the new Yakama Nation proposal. The group was unable to come to agreement on moving either PED proposal forward. Members of the group acknowledged the importance of working on ways to assess estimates of damage to tribal resources.

#25/27 Hanford NRDA Information Assistance and Facilitation

Jack Bell explained that the new MSA contract includes support of Council work. Given the recent release of information and data, trustee access to HLAN, and the overlap with some of IEC's work, this SOW has been taken off the table for FY11 funding.

#53 Regeneration of Hanford Groundwater Contaminant Plume Maps

Dale Engstrom explained that this project is a Technical Working Group (TWG) concept. The TWG would be involved in both project management and as a source of information. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is the proposed contractor for simplicity in contracting. The money would be passed through FWS with a six percent (6%) administrative fee. FWS would need to identify a technical manager for the project.

Wade Riggsbee moved that the Council authorize DOE to expend an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for USGS to undertake project #53, Regeneration of Hanford Groundwater Contaminant Plume Maps and Calculate Plume Volumes. Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#23 Characterization of Upwelling in the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River

Paul informed the group that this project was on hold for FY11 funding.

#31 Hanford NRDA Information Integration Liaison for Aquatic Resources

The Council discussed the two cost estimates for this work from NOAA (\$84,000) and IEC (\$94,248). The Aquatic TWG is ready to do preliminary analysis of data and needs someone to help do that analysis. The Council identified Charlene Andrade and the chair of the Aquatic TWG as the key people to manage this project. The group liked the idea of developing internal Council capacity through a project like this one.

Jack moved that the Council authorize DOE to expend an amount not to exceed \$84,000 to for NOAA to undertake project #31, Hanford NRDA Information Integration Liaison for Aquatic Resources, a.k.a. Data Jockey. Wade seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#39 Habitat Survey for Native Mussels in the Hanford Reach

There are three possible contractors for this work: MSA, PNNL, and USGS. The approaches and cost estimates differed enough that the Council decided that more work was needed in considering the next steps in clarifying the SOW and making a decision on the best approach to move forward.

#43 Effects of Hexavalent Chromium and Other Stressors on Native Mussels

The Council reviewed the evolution of costs for this work that have gone from \$107,000 to \$309,414. The work could continue into 2013. The group discussed the Council's capacity to manage the project and identified the need for administrative oversight from FWS, Joe Bartoszek as the Council shepherd for the project, and the Aquatic TWG for technical oversight. The Council expressed interest in reviewing interim products as a part of a phased approach to the work.

Paul moved that the Council authorize DOE to expend an amount not to exceed \$310,000 to for USGS to undertake project #43, Effects of Hexavalent Chromium and Other Stressors on Native Mussels. Dana seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Process Note: The study design contains a decision build on whether to proceed with the chronic tests. Therefore, the Council's commitment of full funding for this project (not to exceed \$310,000) is contingent upon this second decision to be made at a future date.

Other Council Business

The Council acknowledged that it needs to execute formal resolutions for seven (7) decisions:

1. Authorizing the expenditure of funds for VSP training
2. Recommending that DOE change a deliverable date for IEC
3. Selecting a Council Vice Chair for FY2012
4. Authorizing the expenditure of funds for project #1, Hanford Radioactive Contamination in Biota
5. Authorizing the expenditure of funds for project #53, Regeneration of Hanford Groundwater Contaminant Plume Maps and Calculate Plume Volumes

6. Authorizing the expenditure of funds for project #31, Hanford NRDA Information Integration Liaison for Aquatic Resources, a.k.a. Data Jockey
7. Authorizing the expenditure of funds for project #43, Effects of Hexavalent Chromium and Other Stressors on Native Mussels

The group discussed the potential need for an additional resolution encouraging DOE to carry over Council funding between FY11 and FY12. Paul made a formal motion that the Council express its appreciation to DOE for its efforts and intention to protect unobligated FY11 funding for Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council use in injury studies to carry over to FY12. Larry seconded the motion. DOE abstained. The remainder of the trustee organizations supported the motion.

September Council Meeting Topics

The group identified the following topics for its September meeting:

1. Recap of the last 12 months of the Council's work
2. Outline work for the next 12 months, including projects and other studies for 2012, deadlines, and shepherds/leads to
3. Major RIFs and documents to review, including strategies to review large volumes of information
4. Introduction to the new Project Coordinator if she is able to attend the meeting
5. Develop annual schedule of Council meetings and conference calls
6. Further work on developing an SOW for a PED, including technical issues and possible elevation to the senior trustees
7. Identification of expert panels
8. Discussion of the McWhorter Ranch purchase
9. A report on IEC activities
10. Review of the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) materials being developed by IEC
11. Invite 1-4 contractors to talk with the Council about their work
12. TWG reports (very brief) that are focused on their work in the coming year, including key issues and timing/scheduling
13. Senior trustee meeting Thursday afternoon

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.