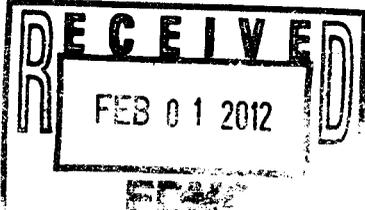


**Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council (HNRTC)  
Conference Call**

Wednesday, February 23, 2011 - 1:00-3:30 pm

**CONFERENCE CALL NOTES - v1 FINAL**

**Meeting Participants:**

Council Trustees	Others
Barbara Harper, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR)	Steve Wisness, YAHS GS, contract support to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
Janis Ward, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)	Brian Barry, Yakama Nation
Joe Bartoszek, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	Michael Calac, Yakama Nation
Russ MacRae, FWS	Rose Dortch, Yakama Nation
Charlene Andrade, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	Russell Jim, Yakama Nation
Jack Bell, Nez Perce Tribe	Natalie Swan, Yakama Nation
Dan Landeen, Nez Perce Tribe	Sherrie Duncan, Ridolfi, Inc, contract support to the Yakama Nation
Paul Shaffer, State of Oregon	Ruth Nicholson, Nicholson Facilitation & Associates, LLC (contract support to HNRTC)
Larry Goldstein, State of Washington	
Jean Hays, State of Washington	
Jay McConnaughey, Yakama Nation	

**Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Request**

The primary focus of this conference call was work on the Fiscal Year 2013 (FY2013) budget request for the Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council (Council) and its work. The group walked through a review of the FY2013 budget request focusing on the "left side" of the budget which primarily reflects Council operations and contracted work. Some of the figures were increased about three percent from the FY2012 budget request in order to account for inflation. Steve Wisness agreed to compile some estimates for Data Management costs.

The group also discussed the possible budget requirements of the 12 studies identified and prioritized at the Council's February 8<sup>th</sup> budget meeting. Cost estimates and budget levels

were offered by FWS, the State of Oregon, the State of Washington, and the Yakama Nation. The group also discussed how to spread study costs across multiple fiscal years.

The group did not work on the “right side” of the budget which contains the participation dollars allocated to each of the trustee organizations for Council, Technical Working Group (TWG), and other related work as the Yakama Nation did not have its numbers ready to share on this call.

With respect to FY2011 and the ongoing Continuing Resolutions, it appears that DOE is looking at scenarios based on funding levels between FY2008 and FY2010. The Council was also curious as to what carryover monies might be available between FY2012 and FY2013.

The group then discussed studies that might be undertaken in FY2013. The group talked about the potential costs of these studies. A number of Council members expressed the belief that the Council could only manage 2-4 studies in a year from a logistical standpoint.

### **Senior Trustee Conference Call**

There will be a conference call for the senior trustees on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 from 3:00-4:00 pm. Russ MacRae will compile the Council's FY2013 budget request as completed to date and distribute it to both Council technical members and senior trustees on March 3, 2011.

### **March Council Meeting**

The group discussed the topics for the March Council meeting will begin at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Topics will include completing the FY2013 budget request, a half-day workshop on the Thresholds and Tests deliverable by the Phase II contractor, and a briefing on the 100-C-7 excavation.

The conference call ended at 3:30 pm.