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Subject: What committees does HNRTC need?

REPLY REQUESTED BY MONDAY, JANUARY 8

At our November meeting, I agreed to canvas the Council to get some ideas on re-starting our Committee or Work Group process.

I've spoken with some of you and have the bare bones of a brainstorm list. Please look over this initial brainstorm and add any thoughts you have. I need your replies by Monday a.m. Thanks.

"From the Bottom Up" approach: According to our by-laws, we may establish committees as needed. "The purpose and scope of each committee shall be established through a resolution. Committees shall serve as the NRTC's primary forum for the on-going tracking, prioritization, and development of positions on issues of interest to member trustees."

We could reestablish an overall committee structure -- Upland Issues, River Issues, Central Site Issues (including groundwater), Administrative Issues. We could use Committee action to prioritize issues that come before the Council. If the Committee doesn't bring an issue to the Council, the Council would not spend time on it. This would ensure that only the highest priority (according to the committees) issues come before the Council. Committees could develop the issues for Council consideration or could make use of work groups.

"From the Top Down" approach: We don't have a large enough membership to sustain a true Committee structure. We should stick with work groups, which can be established without resolution, that might address things like:

- 100 area PAS
- strategy to develop BTAG (site wide? each project?)
- Tolling agreement (site-wide?)
- "What's Next" - what should be our next area of focus? what data needs to be gathered? what do we need next in the chromium study (DNA strand breakage?)

This approach requires the Council as a whole to set the priorities and make the difficult decisions about issues we will and won't address.

Please add your thoughts on other approaches that might work, other Committees we might need, etc. Thanks.

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