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The action item was to review the Charter with your constituencies and return to the next meeting with their approval or recommended changes. Also attached is a public calendar for your information.

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1 **STIPULATIONS**

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3 The Council is more than an advisory group. Its participants
4 represent trustees, each of whom has legal jurisdiction,
5 authority, and responsibility for natural resources.

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7 Participation in the Council is voluntary. If the Council cannot
8 meet the goals and objectives of an individual trustee, that
9 trustee retains the right to pursue alternative action. Each
10 trustee reserves all of its rights, powers, and remedies.

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12 It is the intention of the council to foster free and open
13 discussion. The views of all participants will be treated with
14 respect.

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16 Modifications to the charter must be approved by all signatory
17 trustees.

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19 Nothing in the charter shall be construed as obligating the
20 trustees to expend any funds in excess of appropriations
21 authorized by law.

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23 Withdrawal of any trustee from the Council will not affect the
24 validity of the charter with respect to all other trustees.

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26 Nothing in this charter shall restrict the right of individual
27 trustees or groups of trustees to take whatever action they
28 choose, so long as those action are not presented as actions by
29 the Council.

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32 **DECISION MAKING**

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34 The Trustees will operate by consensus in seeking to determine
35 what formal actions the Council wishes to take. Consensus can be
36 achieved at three levels:

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38 1) unanimous agreement among all Trustees;
39 2) willingness on the part of one or several Trustees to
40 accept a proposed action despite some reluctance; or
41 3) the formal registering of the dissent of one or more
42 Trustees not wishing to block the Council from taking
43 an action.

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45 Trustees may abstain from expressing consent or dissent on an
46 issue before the Council if they have a conflict of interest, if
47 it is not part of their mission or role, or for any other reason.

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49 In those instances where one or more Trustees oppose an action,
50 they can block consensus.

1 In determining consensus, it is the responsibility of each
2 Trustee to explicitly state their position by an agreed deadline.
3 At least two weeks before the expiration of the deadline, all
4 trustees must be given a formal opportunity to record their
5 position. If a Trustee does not state a position by the agreed
6 deadline, it is assumed they abstain. In taking an action, it
7 will be incumbent upon the Council to describe the level of
8 consensus achieved, formal dissent, and members abstaining. If
9 consensus is not achieved, an action by the Council may not be
10 made.

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13 **MEMBERSHIP**

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15 The participants in the Council are the designated
16 representatives of each trustee as that term is defined in
17 40 CFR § 300.5. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is
18 invited to participate. The Council may invite other agencies,
19 groups, and individuals to participate in its discussions.

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Public Involvement Activities and Interactions with Stakeholders

- Feb. 1 Hanford Hazardous Waste Permit proposed modifications public hearing. The TPA agencies are seeking comments on the Hanford Facility Wide RCRA Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Permit. Kennewick, Ecology Office; 1315 W. 4th Ave.; 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. 1-800-321-2008
- Feb. 2 - Hanford Advisory Board meeting, Red Lion Inn, Pasco; 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 3 Call W. Sanderson, 372-3457 for info.
- Feb. 9 - Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council; Portland, OR. Location
Feb. 10 TBD. Call L. Tunnell 946-3684 for info.
- Feb. 16 Native American Working Group of the Dose Reconstruction Project;
tentative Richland, Hanford House, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 1-800-321-2008
- Feb. 16 Stockpile Stewardship and Management EIS pre-scoping workshop.
Washington, D.C. Call L. Thiede 376-1065 for info.
- Feb. 21 TPA meeting on Facility Transition Tentative Agreement; The Dalles,
OR, location TBD, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Call A. Carlson, 376-6032 for
info.

Public Comment Periods

- Jan. 9 - Facility Wide Permit proposed modifications. The TPA agencies are
March 9 seeking public comment on proposed modifications to the Hanford
Facility Wide RCRA Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal
permit. Call A. Carlson for info.
- Feb. 13 - Facility Transition. The TPA agencies will be seeking public comment
March 30 on proposed milestones for Facility Transition under the TPA. Call
A. Carlson for info.

March Public Meetings

- March 2 TPA meeting on Facility Transition Tentative Agreement; Seattle,
Seattle Center, Conf Room H; 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. A. Carlson for info.
- March 9 TPA meeting on Facility Transition Tentative Agreement; Richland,
Columbia Basin College Hawk Union Building, West Dining Room;
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Call A. Carlson for info.
- March 9 Hanford Natural Resource Trustee Council; location TBD. Call
tentative L. Tunnell for info.