

**Missouri River Basin Interagency Roundtable
Executives Meeting**

August 11, 2011

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Meeting Objectives:

- Exchange information and discuss how to meet the challenges of coordinated responses to 2011 Flood Operations
- Discuss MRBIR goals and progress of topic teams
- Discuss opportunities to improve early notification about opportunities for interagency collaboration.
- Update one another about Basin agency programs, projects and recent activities, including MRERP, MRRIC

9:00 AM – 9:20 AM Welcome, Meeting Objectives, Introductions – Gary Campbell, Chair, Bureau of Reclamation

9:20 AM – 12:00 PM 2011 Flood Operations
GOAL: Learn about flood impacts and agency responses, initial assessment future implications to the Basin.

Break on your own as needed.

1. **2011 Missouri River Floods - preliminary findings of weather and climate events leading to high flows.** Robin Webb and/or David Easterling, Doug Kluck, NOAA [20 minutes]
2. **FEMA Roles, Responsibilities and Coordination with Other Basin Agencies** Ms. Robin Finegan, FEMA Region 8 Administrator, Ms. Beth Freeman, FEMA Region 7 Administrator [20 minutes]
3. **Status of Dam Operations and Releases** – Jody Farhat, USACE [25 minutes]
4. **Tributaries: 2011 Flood Control Dam Operations** – Dan Fritz, BOR [20 minutes]
- **Questions and Answers from Presentations 1 - 4**
5. **Flood impacts on Tribal Lands along Missouri River Tributaries (Big Horn, Yellowstone, Milk Rivers)** – Gene Onacko, BIA [10 minutes]
6. **Flood Impacts on National Park Service Units** – Steve Mietz, NPS [10 minutes]
7. **Overview of Land Damages** - Tom Christensen, NRCS [10 minutes]
8. **Flood Response from USGS** – Mike Slifer, USGS [10 minutes]
- **Questions and Answers from Presentations 5 - 8**

- 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM Break, get lunch and return to room to continue discussion while eating
- 12:30 PM – 1:25 PM 2011 Flood Operations (continued)
- 9. Post-Flood Assessment Framework** - General McMahon, Witt Anderson
USACE [25 minutes]
- 10. Recovery and Mitigation Activities** - Steve Fischer, USACE [20 minutes]
- **Questions and Answers from Presentations 9 - 10**
- 1:25 PM – 2:25 PM Executive Round Robin Discussion - Facilitator - Sarah Palmer
- Where is interagency coordination needed in short term and long term?
 - How can information to the public be coordinated among the agencies?
 - How does the flooding impact agency funding in FY12?
 - Congressional outreach/response
 - Initial reflections on what can be learned from the 2011 floods –the impacts, benefits? Looking forward are there new opportunities as a result of the floods? *Note: this is a preliminary discussion for a lengthier agenda item in the fall/winter MRBIR meeting.*
- 2:25 PM – 2:40 PM BREAK
- 2:40 PM – 3:30 PM Planning Committee Progress on FY11-12 Work Plan Topics
- GOAL:** Hear updates from three of the MRBIR Planning Committee topic teams regarding recent activities and/or the proposed implementation plan and deliverables related to each topic.
- **Overview of topic teams: their purpose and charge** - Dan Fritz BOR [5 minutes]
Read Ahead:
FINAL MRBIR Work Plan v6 1-20-11
MRBIR WorkPlanTopic Teams Overview v3 updated 07-21-2011
 - **Missouri River Basin Climate Collaboration** – Doug Kluck NOAA [10 minutes]

Questions and Discussion [10 minutes]
 - **Missouri River Basin Sediment Overview and status update** – Steve Mietz, NPS [5 minutes]

Update on Lower Missouri River Sediment Monitoring Plan – Mike Slifer, Linda Leake USGS [10 minutes]

Read Ahead:
SedimentSubgroupUpdateTable-Aug2011-v1
Draft-MO-River-Sed_monitoring-proposal-7-22-2011
Missouri River Basin Studies and Programs

Questions and Discussion [5 minutes]

- **Missouri River Basin Ecosystem Functions**
Overview and status update – Verlon Barnes, NRCS [5 minutes]

Read Ahead:

MRBIR Ecosystems Functions Outline 26July2011

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM Interagency Coordination Case Study: “Collaborative Science, Services and Tools to Support Integrated and Adaptive Water Resources Management” MOU signed May 11, 2011 [15 minutes]

Read Ahead:

iprlt 06-11 MOU

Executive Discussion: What opportunities exist to improve early notification about interagency MOUs?

3:45 PM – 4:15 PM Update on the Missouri River Ecosystem Restoration Plan (MRERP) – Randy Sellers, USAC and Wayne Nelson-Stastny, USFWS [15 minutes]

GOAL: Learn about forthcoming MRERP activities:

- Key milestones accomplished
- Plan for FY12
- Funding challenges
- Learn how Cooperating Agency Team (CAT) inputs and MRRIC recommendations regarding MRERP are coordinated.

Read Ahead:

MRERP One Page for Aug11 MRBIR Final (2)

Executive Discussion, Q&A [15 minutes]

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM

MRBIR Operations

- Provide input on Fall/Winter meeting topics, date and location
- Review action items from today
- Debrief – what went well, what to change for future meetings

4:30 PM

Adjourn