

DRAFT Meeting Summary
Missouri River Interagency Roundtable Meeting (MRBIR)

August 11, 2011
Denver, Colorado

Executive Summary

The Missouri River Interagency Roundtable, chaired by Gary Campbell, Bureau of Reclamation, met at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Denver, CO, August 11, 2011. Missouri River Basin executives or their alternates, representing 12 federal agencies, attended the meeting along with Planning Committee members and staff. The meeting was facilitated by Sarah Palmer of the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (U.S. Institute).

2011 Flood Operations

MRBIR member agencies exchanged information and discussed how to meet the challenges of coordinated responses to 2011 Flood Operations. Presentations were given by the following agencies:

- **Bureau of Indian Affairs** - Flood impacts on Tribal Lands along Missouri River Tributaries (Big Horn, Yellowstone, Milk Rivers), Gene Onacko
- **Bureau of Reclamation** - Tributaries: 2011 Flood Control Dam Operations, Dan Fritz
- **Federal Emergency Management Agency** – FEMA Roles, Responsibilities and Coordination with Other Basin Agencies, Doug Gore
- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration** - 2011 Missouri River Floods - preliminary findings of weather and climate events leading to high flows, Robin Webb
- **National Park Service** - Flood Impacts on National Park Service Units, Steve Mietz
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service** - Overview of Land Damages, Tom Christensen
- **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** - Status of Dam Operations and Releases, Jody Farhat; Post-Flood Assessment Framework, Witt Anderson; Recovery and Mitigation Activities, Steve Fischer
- **U.S. Geological Survey** - Flood Response from USGS, Mike Slifer

Interagency Coordination

The MRBIR Executives engaged in a discussion regarding interagency coordination during the flood response and continued opportunities for collaboration regarding flood operations and recovery. The questions addressed included:

- Where is interagency coordination needed in short term and long term?
- How can information to the public be coordinated among the agencies?
- Initial reflections on what can be learned from the 2011 floods –the impacts, benefits?

There was substantive discussion regarding creation of an Interagency Task Force to assist with interagency coordination during flood events and post-flood event recovery.

Agreements Reached

- To task the Planning Committee (PC) with developing a broader proposal on the Interagency Task Force to be finalized by August 29
- To task the MRBIR Executives with reviewing and responding to a letter of commitment from Brigadier General McMahon, USACE, by mid-September

- To hold a video teleconference to continue discussion on the Interagency Task Force and interagency collaboration in mid-October (October 12)
- To task the MRBIR Chair to draft a letter of support for the Missouri River Basin Climate Collaborative Network
- To hold the next MRBIR meeting the week of January 24 in Denver, CO

Action Items

Interagency Task Force	Who	Due	Status
Draft a proposal and framework for the interagency task force to be reviewed by MRBIR Executives	Planning Committee	August 29, 2011	Completed
Letter of commitment from Brigadier General McMahon to MRBIR Executives	B.G. McMahon	September 1, 2011	Completed
MRBIR Executives consult with agency leadership and provide letter of commitment to the task force to USACE POC	MRBIR Executives	September 16, 2011	Underway
Missouri River Basin Climate Collaborative Network			
Draft a letter of support for the network	MRBIR Chair	September 2, 2011	
Lower Missouri River Sediment Monitoring Plan			
Response to the questions posed in the sediment monitoring table	MRBIR Executives	Prior to January 2012 Meeting	
MRBIR Operations			
Send MRBIR-relevant links and documents to Bridget Radcliff (radcliff@ecr.gov) for posting to MRBIR website	Planning Committee Members	Ongoing	
Survey MRBIR members (executives and planning committee representatives) to determine availability to meet week of October 12 for video teleconference	USIECR	September 15, 2011	Completed
Post meeting presentations and draft summary executive summary on the MRBIR website	USIECR	September 29, 2011	
Survey MRBIR members (executives and planning committee representatives) to determine availability to meet week of January 24 for winter MRBIR meeting	USIECR	September 30, 2011	