

MRBIR Meeting
January 26, 2012
Crowne Plaza DIA – Breckenridge Room
Denver, CO
Agenda
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Meeting Objectives:

- Discuss the Missouri River Flood Response Task Force and how it relates to MRBIR
- Update one another regarding the 2011 Post-Flood Assessments
- Update one another about Basin agency programs, projects and recent activities, including MRRIC
- Discuss MRBIR goals and progress of topic teams
- Transition of the MRBIR Chair and Vice-Chair
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9:00 – 9:20 Welcome, introductions, agenda review – Gary Campbell, Bureau of Reclamation

9:20 – 10:00 Missouri River Flood Response Task Force Update – Task Force Co-Chairs: USACE, FEMA, NRCS – *Tom Christensen, Dave Ponganis*

10 minute presentation 30 minutes discussion

Executive Discussion Questions:

- Overall impressions of Task Force.
 - Opportunities, strengths, strategic gaps
 - What did we learn about mobilizing resources?
- Is the level and approach to federal engagement in the Task Force working?

- Overview of Task Force Work Groups and relationship to MRBIR Topic Teams
 - What work groups or aspects of the Task Force do we want to keep poised for future needs? Which of these might overlap with MRBIR priorities e.g., sediment ecosystem functions?

10:00 – 10:10 BREAK

10:10 – 11:45 2011 Post-Flood Assessment and Recovery Updates

USACE:

- Water Management Technical Review – summary of internal and external review and Update on AOP (20 minutes) *Jody Farhat*
- Status of levee repairs (10 minutes) – *Erik Blechinger*
- Flood Fight Response Technical Review (10 minutes) - *Erik Blechinger*
- Flood Risk Infrastructure Damages Assessment (10 minutes) -*Erik Blechinger*

Missouri River Basin Interagency Roundtable

NOAA: (15 minutes)

- Rapid Response – *Doug Kluck*
- NWS-NOAA Internal Assessment – *Doug Kluck*

NRCS: (10 minutes)

- Post flood assessment and assistance - *Verlon Barnes*

USGS: (5 minutes)

- Flood Response Retrospective Report – *Mike Slifer*

Executive Q & A (15 minutes)

Read Ahead: *USGS Flood Report Memo*

11:45 – 12:15 Missouri River Recovery Program 2012 Work Plan, including MRERP in FY12- *Steve Fischer, USACE*
10 minute presentation, 20 minute discussion

Executive Discussion:

- How might the agencies partner and work to address impacts (positive or negative) of signed legislation and proposed legislation on MR programs and agencies?
- Information sharing - is there other legislation (enacted or proposed) that impacts other agency MR programs?

Read Ahead: *MRBIR Legislative Update – 26 Jan 2012 v4*

12:15 – 1:15 Lunch

1:15 – 1:45 Summary of Independent Science Advisory Report Recommendations and Findings- *Steve Fischer, USACE; Henry Maddux, USFWS*
10 minute presentation, 20 minute discussion

1:45– 2:00 BREAK

2:00 – 3:15 Updates on Planning Committee Progress on FY12 Work Plan Topics

Missouri River Basin Sediment Featuring:

Lewis and Clark Lake Sediment Management Study. Findings and discussion of up and downstream impacts of flow and sediment transport including current state of knowledge about of how the 2011 flood has redistributed sediment in river and floodplain. Paul Boyd, Hydraulic Engineer USACE
30 minute overview presentation, 15 minutes Q&A

Missouri River Basin Ecosystem Functions Featuring:

Missouri River Basin Conservation Effects Assessment Program – Tom Christensen, NRCS

(10 minute overview presentation, 5 minutes Q&A)

Invasive species update - Joe Divittorio Bureau of Reclamation

(10 minute overview presentation, 5 minutes Q&A)

3:15 – 3:50

Missouri River Basin Climate Collaboration- Doug Kluck, NOAA

- Update on National Climate Assessment – research needs in MR basin
- Synopsis of 2012 Climate Outlook

30 minute presentation, 5 minute Q&A

Read Ahead: *Climate Links with Information about the Missouri Basin*

3:50 – 4:00

Missouri River Basin Updates on Federal-Tribal Relations

- Overview of topic team and MRFRTF Tribal Group – *Rose Hargrave USACE, Dan Fritz Bureau of Reclamation*

Executive Discussion:

- How do we use these positives to energize this MRBIR Topic Team?
- Should this Topic Team be incorporated into the Task Force Tribal Group?

4:00 – 4:45

Agency updates on Missouri River Basin projects/activities/ recent MRRIC recommendations/ Federal budget updates/How are agencies approaching reduction in travel funding for 2013?

4:45 – 5:00

MRBIR Operations

- Transfer of MRBIR leadership: 2012 chairmanship is NRCS, and 2012 vice –chair is USACE
- Input on spring/summer meeting date and location - NRCS
- Review action items from today

5:00

Adjourn - NRCS