

Meeting Summary
Missouri River Interagency Roundtable Meeting (MRBIR)

January 26, 2012
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, January 26, 2012. Missouri River Basin executives or their alternates, representing 11 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).

Missouri River Flood Response Task Force Update

The Executives received an update regarding the activities of the Missouri River Flood Task Force and discussed possible approaches for integrating some of the activities of the Flood Task Force into operations of MRBIR.

2011 Post-Flood Assessment and Recovery Updates

MRBIR member agencies provided updates regarding post-flood assessment activities and flood recovery updates. Presentations were given by the following agencies:

- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration** - Rapid Response, Doug Kluck; NWS-NOAA Internal Assessment, Doug Kluck
- **Natural Resources Conservation Service** - Post Flood Assessment and Assistance, Verlon Barnes
- **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** - Water Management Technical Review – Summary of Internal and External Review and Update on AOP, Jody Farhat; Status of Levee Repairs, Erik Blechinger; Flood Fight Response Technical Review, Erik Blechinger; Flood Risk Infrastructure Damages Assessment, Erik Blechinger
- **U.S. Geological Survey** - Flood Response Retrospective Report, Mike Slifer

Planning Committee Progress on FY12 Work Plan Topics

MRBIR Executives heard updates from the Planning Committee Topic Teams related to efforts in the FY12 Work Plan.

- **Missouri River Basin Sediment:** Lewis and Clark Lake Sediment Management Study, Paul Boyd, USACE
- **Missouri River Basin Ecosystem Functions:** Missouri River Basin Conservation Effects Assessment Program, Tom Christensen, NRCS; Invasive Species, Joe DiVittorio, BOR
- **Missouri River Basin Climate Collaboration:** National Climate Assessment and 2012 Climate Outlook, Doug Kluck, NOAA
- **Missouri River Basin Federal-Tribal Relations:** Update provided by Dan Fritz, BOR, and Rose Hargrave, USACE

Agreements reached: Executives reaffirmed and agreed to the following:

- To maintain MRBIR as a federal agency forum.
- To have the Planning Committee reassess the topic teams.
- To discuss at the summer MRBIR Meeting the possible integration of MRFTF activities into MRBIR structure.

- To hold the next MRBIR Meeting in July 2012.

Action Items

| Task | Who | Due | Status |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Agency Studies | | | |
| Share Devil's Lake study with MRBIR | NOAA | Prior to next PC call | Complete |
| Statement from MRBIR reaffirming importance of data and information exchange | Planning Committee | Summer 2012 MRBIR Meeting | In progress. Subsequent to the MRBIR meeting the member agencies determined that the statement would come from individual agencies in MRBIR rather than a single statement from MRBIR |
| Information Sharing | | | |
| Sharing of strategies and approaches to g-t-g consultations that are working | MRBIR Agencies | Summer Meeting | |
| Share agency g-t-g consultation policies | MRBIR Agencies | Summer Meeting | |
| Share what basin topics are identified as relevant by the basin tribes | MRBIR Agencies | Summer Meeting | |
| Lessons learned from g-t-g consultations on Summer MRBIR agenda | MRBIR Agencies | Summer Meeting | |
| MRBIR Operations | | | |
| Reassess the topic teams and tasks | Planning Committee | Summer Meeting | Underway |
| Survey for summer meeting preferences | USIECR | Prior to next PC Call | Complete |