

**MRBIR Meeting
July 25, 2012
National Park Service, 601 Riverfront Drive
Bison/Sequoia Room
Omaha, NE
Agenda V9
8.30 AM – 4.30 PM**

Meeting Objectives:

- Hear updates and final report from the Missouri River Flood Response Task Force (MRFTF).
- Discuss and decide on whether to incorporate the MRFTF tribal consultation work group into MRBIR's government to government consultation task group.
- Discuss and decide if there are next steps regarding the proposal to expand plains snow and basin conditions monitoring.
- Hear updates regarding basin activities related to water management; sediment, climate collaboration; and ecosystem functions.
- Discuss agency programmatic outlook for FY13 (and beyond) and identify any opportunities to collaborate across agencies.
- Discuss and reach agreement on MRBIR FY13 (and beyond) priorities and workgroups.

NOTE: The National Park Service Building does not open until 8am. Please bring your Federal identification with you to ease your access to the building.

8:30 – 8:45 Welcome, introductions, agenda review – MRBIR Chair Tom Christensen, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

8:45 – 8:55 Reflections from Tuesday's field trip - MRBIR Executives
Goal: Share any key learnings and new knowledge as a result of the field trip.
Should MRBIR have field trips more regularly?

8:55 – 9:30 Missouri River Flood Response Task Force (MRFTF): Updates and Final Report
Goal: Hear updates and reports regarding key activities of the MRFTF.

- Transition of Task Force Work Groups – Beth Freeman, FEMA (10 minutes)
- Agriculture Lands and Wetlands Reserve Program (WREP) – Craig Derickson, NRCS (10 minutes)
- Levee Status, Silver Jackets, and Re-Activation Plan -David Ponganis, USACE (15 minutes)

9:30 – 10:15 Missouri River Basin Government to Government Engagement

- Tribal Summit on Flood Preparation, Response, and Recovery, Sept 5-6 at Fort Yates, ND – Tim La Pointe BIA (5 minutes)
- Reclamation's Rural Water Program- Dan Fritz, BOR (20 minutes)

What actions, if any, does MRBIR want to take concerning this issue?

- MRFTF Tribal Working Group Proposed Transition to MRBIR- Paul Cloutier, USACE (10 minutes)

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Read Aheads: *Tribal Summit Tribal Leaders Letter 7-03-12; Tribal Flood Summit Agenda Draft 10July2012*

10:15 – 10:30 BREAK

10:30 – 10:50 Updates on Missouri River Water Management and the Implementation of the Independent External Peer Review (IEPR) Recommendations; – Jody Farhat, USACE

Goal: Learn about the current status of Missouri River water management and progress implementing the recommendations from the 2011 IEPR.

20 minute presentation 5 minute Q&A

10:50 – 11:20 Expanding Plains Snow and Basin Conditions Monitoring Proposal - Kevin Grode, USACE

Goal: Learn about and discuss next steps regarding the proposal.

20 minute presentation 10 minute Q&A

What actions, if any, would MRBIR like to take to advance this proposal?

Read Ahead: *Proposal – Missouri River Basin Interagency Expanded Plains Snow and Basin Condition Network*

11:20 – 11:30 Missouri River Basin Climate Collaboration – Doug Kluck, NOAA

Goal: Learn about progress made on basin related climate collaboration activities.

- Status report anticipated outcomes Mo River Basin 2011 Attribution Study
- Hear updates on recent climate collaborative

10 minute presentation, 5 minute discussion

11:30 -12:00 Missouri River Programs Updates – USACE, USFWS

- Impacts from defunding of MRERP and MRAPS - Dave Ponganis, USACE
- Recommendations from MRRIC and broader issues – Mary Roth, Dave Ponganis, USACE
 - Path forward on Independent Science Advisory Panel (ISAP) Recommendations: Steve Fischer, Dave Ponganis, USACE Casey Kruse, USFWS

- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch – *Lunch will be available on site, with executives and PC members chance to network and talk informally.*
- 1:00 – 2:30 Missouri River Basin Ecosystem Functions
Goals: Learn about ecosystem status and current and projected land use trends. Hear about different examples of actions that can restore and support sustainable ecosystem functions and processes in the basin and the mainstem of the Missouri River.
- Introduction and Overview - Tom Christensen, NRCS (5 minutes)
 - Ecosystem Status, National Initiatives, and Foundational Strategies- Verlon Barnes, NRCS (15 minutes)
 - Landscape Initiatives - Tim Griffiths, NRCS (30 minutes)
 - 319 Water Quality Success Stories – *speakers TBD*, EPA and NE or IA State Water Agency (15 minutes)
 - Partnerships and Leveraging - Deb Bogar, Executive Director, National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) (10 minutes)
- Discussion, Q& A, and identification of opportunities to collaborate (15 minutes)
- 2:30– 2:45 BREAK
- 2:45 – 3:00 Missouri River Basin Sediment
Goal: Learn about the recent Missouri Clean Water Commission hearing and the Jameson Island project
- Update about Missouri Clean Water Commission hearing regarding USACE construction methodologies that may impact sediment loads. - Steve Iverson, USACE (10 minutes)
- 3:00 – 3:30 Executive discussion opportunities to collaborate across programs in FY13 – Executives
Goal: Identify opportunities to leverage Missouri River basin activities across agencies in FY13
- Review of draft list of programmatic opportunities to collaborate in FY13
 - Are there areas where interagency collaboration is needed to advance certain MR Basin programs, projects and/or ideas?
- 3:30 – 4:15 Recap of MRBIR Purpose and Discussion of Priorities and Goals for FY13 and Beyond - Executives
Goals: Review current MRBIR priorities, affirm, revise or sunset MRBIR PC topics and identify new opportunities.
- From your agency’s perspective what do you see as the pressing topic(s) that would benefit from MRBIR discussion and focus during the year?
- Read Ahead:** *FINAL MRBIR Work Plan v6 1-20-11*

4:15 – 4:25 MRBIR Operations – US Institute

- Is there interest in a between-meeting information sharing webinar? If so what topics are of interest to the group?
- Input on fall/winter meeting date and location
- Possible topics for fall/winter meeting
- Review action items from today

4:25-4:30 Adjourn - MRBIR Chair Tom Christensen, NRCS