

**MRBIR Meeting
January 24, 2013**

**National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
National Weather Service Training Center
7220 N.W. 101st Terrace
Room 121
Kansas City, MO**

8.30 AM – 4.30 PM Central

Meeting Objectives:

- Update one another about Basin agency programs, projects, and recent activities.
- Report from the Tribal-Federal Relations Committee.
- Report on Missouri River Basin Soil Health Initiative and discuss and decide next steps.
- Discuss and decide if there are next steps regarding the proposal to expand plains snow and basin conditions monitoring.
- Briefings about water management and the 2013 season forecast; the National Integrated Drought Information System; and Asian carp impacts to the ecosystem.
- Report on Missouri River sediment.
- Transition of the MRBIR Chair and Vice-Chair.

NOTE: Please bring your Federal identification with you to facilitate your access into the building.

8:30 – 8:50 Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks– MRBIR Chair Tom Christensen, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

8:50 – 8:55 Agenda Review, Meeting Guidelines, Announcements – Sarah Palmer, US Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (IECR), meeting facilitator

Read Ahead: *MRBIR Proposed Guidelines v3*

8:55 – 9:55 Agency Round Robin – MRBIR Executives or designated alternates
Goal: Here brief updates (~3-5 minutes per agency) from member agencies about matters impacting agency mission and goals in the Missouri River basin.

9:55– 10:15 BREAK

10:15 – 10:55 Updates on Missouri River Water Management –USACE
Goal: Learn about the current status of Missouri River water management; 2013 flow predictions; and status update on surplus water

Water Management and Flow Predictions – Jody Farhat, USACE
~10 minute presentation 5 minute Q&A

Surplus Water, Municipal and Industrial Water Reallocation – Tiffany Vanosdall, USACE
~15 minute presentation 10 minute Q&A

- 10:55 –11:35 Missouri River Basin Tribal Federal Relations Committee Report
- Briefing on November Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Association (GPTCA) Meeting – Cathi Warren (5 minutes)
 - Overview of recent MOA regarding sacred sites – Cathi Warren (5 minutes)
 - Report on committee activities and products:
 - Overview of Tribal-Federal Relations Sharepoint site and activities calendar – Cathi Warren, USACE (5 minutes)
 - Tribal Committee Member Points of Contact and Roles and Responsibilities of Agency Tribal Liaisons – Diane Mann-Klager, BIA (15 minutes)
- Executive Q&A (10 minutes)
- Read Aheads:** *Sacred Sites Memorandum of Understanding*
Tribal Committee Member Points of Contact
- 11:35 – 12:05 Missouri River Basin Climate Collaboration (Part 1)
National Integrated Drought Information System - Chad McNutt, NOAA
- Goal:** Learn about NIDIS, in particular some of its pilot basin programs for drought readiness, the steps involved, outcomes and what is in place now that wasn’t there before.
- Executive Discussion:** Is there something similar that the Missouri Basin should consider doing or that would benefit the basin? What actions are agencies taking in the basin in response to the drought?
- 12:05– 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 – 2:00 Missouri River Basin Climate Collaboration (Part 2)
Expanding Plains Snow and Basin Conditions Monitoring Proposal - Doug Kluck, NOAA and Kevin Grode, USACE
- Goal:** Review ‘draft’ proposal and discuss next steps regarding the proposal.
20 minute presentation 10 minute discussion
- Executive Discussion:** Comments/suggested changes to ‘draft’ proposal. What actions, if any, would MRBIR like to take to advance this proposal?
- Read Ahead:** *3rd Draft - 01-16-2013 - Upper MRB Monitoring Recommendations*
- 2:00 – 2:30 Missouri River Basin Ecosystem Functions - Verlon Barnes, NRCS
- Goal:** Update on MRBIR approved Missouri River Basin Initiative (with focus on soil health) to improve basin conditions to improve water infiltration into soil, improve water-holding capacity of soil, recharge ground water and springs, reduce flooding, reduce impacts of drought, reverse climate change, and create a more sustainable ecosystem.
20 minute presentation, 10 minute discussion
- Executive Discussion:** Comments/suggested changes to ‘draft’ proposal. What actions, if any, would MRBIR like to take to support or advance this proposal?

- 2:30 – 2:50 **BREAK**
- 2:50 – 3:10 Missouri River Basin Sediment – Steve Mietz, NPS
Goal: Update from Sediment Workgroup
10 minute presentation, 10 minute discussion
- Executive Discussion:** Comments/suggested changes major points of sediment position paper
- Read Aheads:**
Major Points for Federal Position Paper on Sediment Management
Sediment Workgroup update table
Final federal position on Sediment Management-Shallow Water Habitat (from 2011)
- 3:10– 3:40 Asian Carp: Latest Prevention and Control Efforts– Leon Carl, USGS
Goal: Provide an overview of the Asian carp issue in the Great Lakes/Mississippi River basins, and highlight Asian carp prevention and control science and technology efforts and progress relevant to the Missouri River Basin. *20 minute presentation, 10 minute discussion*
- Executive Discussion:** What actions, are happening in other agencies? What actions if any, would MRBIR like to take to further coordinate existing efforts? If tributaries are impacted or potentially impacted is government-to-government consultation underway?
- 3:40– 4:00 Recap of MRBIR FY13 Priorities and Goals– Executives or designated alternates
Goals: Review current MRBIR priorities, affirm, revise or sunset MRBIR PC topics and identify new opportunities.
- Read Ahead:** *MRBIR Work Plan v9 updated 1-17-13*
- 4:00 – 4:20 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 summer meeting date and location
 - Possible topics for summer meeting
 - Review action items from today
- Read Ahead:** *2013 Meeting Location Summary*
- 4:20– 4:30 Transition of MRBIR Chair – Tom Christensen, NRCS and David Ponganis, USACE
Incoming Vice-Chair, USFWS
- 4:30 Adjourn - MRBIR Chair David Ponganis, USACE