

**MRBIR Meeting Agenda as of 7/21/14**

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**July 30, 2014**

**8.30 AM – 4.30 PM Central**

**Meeting Objectives:**

- Learn about federal interagency coordination and needs in the Bakken
- Discuss relevant sections of WRRDA2014 as they apply to Missouri Basin federal agencies
- Updates on: a) recent litigation in the basin; and b) work at Intake.
- Discuss next steps and federal engagement in Missouri River Recovery Program Management Plan
- Hear report from the Tribal-Federal Relations Committee and overview of management of fractionated trust lands.
- Hear reports from Planning Committee teams on sediment; climate collaboration and MR ecosystem functions.
- Update one another about Basin agency programs, projects, and recent activities.

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- 8:30 – 8:40     Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks– MRBIR Chair Mike Thabault, Assistant Regional Director Ecological Services, USFWS Region 6
- Overview of building logistics – National Park Service
- 8:40 – 8:45     Agenda Review, Meeting Guidelines– Sarah Palmer, US Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (IECR), meeting facilitator
- Read Ahead:** 1.1 “MRBIR Agenda V6”
- Background document:** “MRBIR Guidelines v3”
- 8:45 – 8:50     Announcements
- 8:50 – 9:50     Bakken Oil Field – Federal Interagency Coordination, Impacts to Federal Resource Managers and Regulators – Kate Kitchell, BLM Montana Dakotas Associate State Director and Tim La Pointe Chair of Bakken Federal Executive Group (BFEG)
- Goal:** Overview of Exec Group, opportunities for engagement between MRBIR and BFEG
- Read Aheads:** 2.1 “BFEG Fact Sheet Final 8 2 2013”

- 9:50– 10:10 BREAK
- 10:10 – 10:40 Overview of Water Resources and Reform Development Act of 2014 - David Combs, Mary Roth USACE  
**Goal:** Update on USACE implementation guidance related to key sections of the Act. General discussion and general timelines:
- Sec. 1046 - Surplus water storage fees 10-year moratorium
  - Sec. 2009 - Inland Waterways Riverbank Stabilization, Corps must develop specific project recommendations within one year.
  - Sec. 4003 - Missouri River Basin Snowpack Monitoring and Soil Moisture – **Doug Kluck, NOAA**
  - Sec. 4003 - Study of shoreline degradation specific to Reservoir activities/impacts. USACE reimbursement of MRRIC member travel expenses
  - Sec. 6002 - Mandated review of Corps Assets, properties and whether holding of them is necessary to Corps function. This may or may not expedite some taken lands being returned to tribes.
- Read aheads: 3.1 *“Missouri River Basin WRRDA 2014 Summary MRBIR Jul2014”*
- 10:40 –10:55 Update on Ideker Farms Litigation –Jody Farhat, USACE  
**Goal:** Hear and update on the status of the litigation.  
**Executive Discussion** regarding implications for interagency work, identify executive questions, concerns for USACE to bring forward to DOJ.
- 10:55 – 11:10 Update on Intake Project – Chris Fassero, USACE  
**Goal:** Hear an update about the Intake project, its design and anticipated next steps.
- 11:10 – 12:10 Federal Tribal Relations Committee Report and Presentation on Tribal Trust Land Management and the Complications of Managing Fractionated Land - Diane Mann-Klager, BIA  
**Goal:** Learn about the complexities of managing fractionated land in the Basin.  
**Read Aheads:** 4.1 *“Trust Land Management MRBIR”*
- Executive Discussion**
- 12:15 – 1:15 Lunch Break
- 1:15 – 2:15 Missouri River Recovery Program –Management Plan – Mark Harberg, USACE  
**Goal:** Hear about and discuss preliminary findings from Effects Analysis Team; Hypothesis; Cooperating Agency Report; Federal Engagement through ProACT in MRRIC and likely engagement points.
- Executive Discussion**
- 2:15 – 2:30 BREAK
- 2:30 – 2:40 MRBIR Planning Committee Reports – Casey Kruse, USFWS and Planning Committee Chair

- 2:40 – 2:50     Sediment Team Report - Mike Slifer USGS, Topic Team Lead  
**Goal:** Update on the sediment budget and other sediment updates
- 2:50 – 3:10     Climate Collaboration Topic Team Report and Proposal - Doug Kluck, NOAA, Topic Team Lead  
**Goal:** Hear proposal for establishment of a Missouri Basin Federal Climate Collaboration (MBFCC) subcommittee of MRBIR; NIDIS update
- Executive Discussion**
- Read Aheads:** 5.1 *“MRBFCC 2014 04 04 final draft”* and 5.2 *“MORB-Spring2014-Final”*
- 3:10 – 3:30     Missouri River Basin Ecosystem Functions - Verlon Barnes, NRCS, Topic Team Lead  
**Goal:** Update on current work of the Missouri Basin Regional Project; shared vision of MR Basin.
- 3:30– 4:20     Agency Round Robin – MRBIR Executives or designated alternates  
**Goal:** Hear brief updates (~3-5 minutes per agency) from member agencies about matters impacting agency mission and goals in the Missouri River basin.  
**Read Aheads:** 6.1 *“BOR MRBIR read ahead”*
- 4:20 – 4:30     MRBIR Operations – U.S. Institute
- Upcoming Planning Committee activities
  - Winter meeting date
  - Review action items from today
- 4:30             Adjourn - MRBIR Chair Michael Thabault, USFWS