

**MRBIR Meeting Agenda as of 1/14/14**

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**January 22, 2014**

**8.30 AM – 4.30 PM Central**

**Meeting Objectives:**

- Update one another about Basin agency programs, projects, and recent activities.
- Discuss how FY14 budgets are impacting Missouri River programs.
- Hear a report from Planning Committee on leveraging staff and resources
- Briefing about water management and the 2014 season forecast
- Receive an overview of the Platte River Recovery Program and the treatment of sediment
- Learn about Missouri River Recovery Program focus, Management Plan and Intake
- Learn about Federal Trust Responsibilities from the Tribal-Federal Relations Committee
- Hear an overview of the various Climate Change initiatives and recent Executive Orders.
- Transition of the MRBIR Chair and Vice-Chair

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8:30 – 8:45 Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks– MRBIR Chair David Ponganis and Brigadier General Kem, Northwestern Division, USACE

- Overview of building logistics – National Park Service

8:45 – 8:50 Agenda Review, Meeting Guidelines, Announcements – Sarah Palmer, US Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (IECR), meeting facilitator

**Read Ahead:** *MRBIR Agenda V7*

**Background document:** *MRBIR Guidelines v3*

8:50 – 9:45 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.

9:45 – 10:15 Coordinating Missouri River Activities in FY2014—Update on FY14 Budgets  
**Goal:** Discuss which and how various Missouri River programs are impacted in FY14; travel and conference restrictions; How are the basin agencies addressing these restrictions?

- 10:15– 10:30 BREAK
- 10:30 –11:00 Update on Leveraging Staff and Resources – Lisa Yager, NPS  
**Goal:** Illustrate examples of leveraging resources and generate additional ideas for such opportunities among MRBIR agencies.
- Executive Discussion**
- 11:00 – 11:30 Updates on Missouri River Water Management –Jody Farhat and David Ponganis USACE  
**Goal:** Learn about the current status of Missouri River water management; 2014 flow predictions (Jody Farhat); and water supply update (David Ponganis)  
**Read Ahead:** *MRBIR Water Management Update 1-22-14*
- 11:30 – 12:15 Lunch Break
- 12:15 – 1:15 Missouri River Basin Sediment Featuring:
- Briefing on Platte River Recovery Program and Treatment of Sediment – Dr. Jerry Kenny (proposed) (30 minutes) [public session followed by a brief break]  
**Read Ahead:** *Kenny Biographical Sketch MRBIR 2014*
  - Update on USGS-USACE Project to Quantify Sediment Budget – Mike Slifer, USGS (15 minutes)
- Executive Discussion**
- 1:15 – 1:45 Missouri River Recovery Program –Compliance with Biological Opinion – David Ponganis, USACE  
**Goal:** Learn about the USACE work and focus regarding Bi-Op compliance.  
**Read Aheads:** *2014-01-10\_USACE Action Item #4 Response inc USFWSv5*
- Executive Discussion**
- 1:45– 2:00 BREAK
- 2:00 – 2:30 Update on intent, progress, and next steps of the USACE Missouri River Recovery Management Plan – Mark Harberg, USACE  
**Goal:** Hear about progress on the plan and discuss potential roles of other federal agencies.
- Executive Discussion**
- 2:30 – 2:45 Recovery Program Update on Intake – David Ponganis, USACE and Gary Campbell, BOR  
**Goal:** Brief update on the status of the Intake project.
- 2:45 – 3:00 BREAK

- 3:00 – 3:30     Missouri River Basin Tribal Federal Relations Committee Report – Diane Mann-Klager, BIA  
**Goal:** Briefing on Federal Trust Responsibilities (proposed) (20 minutes)  
Executive Q&A (10 minutes)  
**Read Aheads:** *Federal Trust Responsibility MRBIR 1-22-2014.ppt*
- 3:30 – 3:55     Climate Collaboration Topic Team Report - Doug Kluck, NOAA, Topic Team Lead  
**Goal:** Update on the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) pilot project; NOAA's 2012 Drought Assessment; Implementation of EO's on Climate Change  
**Read Aheads:** *NIDIS Missouri Basin Project Kickoff Meeting Overview; Executive Order 13653: Preparing the United States for the Impacts of Climate Change*
- 3:55 – 4:15     Missouri River Basin Ecosystem Functions - Verlon Barnes, NRCS, Topic Team Lead  
**Goal:** Receive an overview of the current focus of the Missouri Basin Regional Project and a request for pertinent geospatial datasets. Learn more about the ecosystem, including hydrology.
- 4:15– 4:20     Transition of MRBIR Chair –David Ponganis, USACE to Incoming Chair, Michael Thabault, USFWS  
Incoming Vice-Chair Agency: Bureau of Indian Affairs
- 4:20 – 4:30     MRBIR Operations – US Institute
- Upcoming Planning Committee activities
  - Summer meeting date
  - Review action items from today
- 4:30             Adjourn - MRBIR Chair Michael Thabault, USFWS