

Missouri River Basin Interagency Roundtable Executive Meeting: Day 1 February 15, 2023



Executive Summary

The Missouri River Basin Interagency Roundtable (MRBIR), chaired by Brent Esplin, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), met at the Spillway House at the Hoover Dam in Boulder City, Nevada, on February 15, 2023. Missouri River Basin Executives or their alternates, representing 14 Federal agencies, attended the meeting along with Planning Committee members and agency staff. The meeting was facilitated by Marci DuPraw and Mitch Chrismer of the National Center for Environmental Conflict Resolution (National Center). Elyse Magen (National Center) prepared the meeting notes.

This Executive meeting was atypical as it was held outside of the Missouri River Basin and brought in outside speakers with experience working in the Colorado River Basin. The purpose of this meeting setup was to help MRBIR better understand how Colorado River Basin representatives have been dealing with severe drought in their region, and then take these lessons learned back to the Missouri River Basin. The Colorado River briefings included a presentation on: (i) the law of the Colorado River and related agreements; (ii) basin State perspectives; (iii) Reclamation's regional perspectives on responding to the drought; and (iv) a discussion on Colorado River lessons and MRBIR next steps.

Since the last in-person meeting in September 2022, MRBIR has sunset a Subcommittee on cultural resource protection and started up a new committee on drought resiliency. Details of both efforts are included in the summary report.