

White River Planning Advisory Council Meeting
January 26, 2021
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Meeting Notes

Attendees:

David Graf, Forrest Nelson, Deirdre Macnab, Rusty Lloyd, Rosaly Coombs, Walt Proctor, Kendra Young, Mario Sullivan, Travis Day, Stu Massey, Colton Brown, Linda Masters, Ian Wilson, Brett Harvey, Chris Collins, John Leary, Shawn Welder, Alden Vanden Brink, Mike Dillon, Callie Hendrickson

Accomplishments of the group were noted by Callie

- 1) Great public input
- 2) Utilizing that input you developed Mission Statement and Big Goals
- 3) MS and Goals used to develop SOW and request funding (pending)
- 4) Draft Job description for Coordinator
- 5) Riparian Health and Diversion Structure Assessment teams are taking steps to be ready to conduct assessments Summer 2021

Update on the Riparian Health Assessment efforts and next steps – Mario Sullivan

- Mario noted the work he has done and continues to do regarding pulling the necessary information together to help determine what locations would be best to conduct riparian health assessments. He confirmed that many studies have been done and he is using that information to help make the selection of assessment locations.
- Mario as met with the team once and BLM is seeking training assistance which would be provided for the evaluation team as well as landowners.
- Mario plans to have a power point presentation put together and out to the PAC at least a week in advance of the meeting so PAC members can review and provide feedback.

Team Members:

- 1) Linda Masters - Extension
- 2) Chris Collins - Landowner
- 3) USFS – Clay Ramey
- 4) BLM – John Kaminsky
- 5) TU – Ian Wilson
- 6) REW – John Leary
- 7) David Graf - CPW

Update on the Diversion Structure Assessment efforts and next steps – Kendra Young

- Kendra has talked with three groups that have already completed or are in the process of completing diversion assessments with their Integrated Water Management Plans. The three include the Yampa, Rio Grande, and Middle Colorado.
- She has drafted a diversion structure inventory assessment and will be sharing it with the committee to work on in the next week. The sections of the assessment include: Riparian assessment, cost estimates, background, comments, ranking system, and pictures.

Team Members:

- 1) NRCS - Kendra* & Kendall
- 2) CPW - David input (Tory or Bailey??)
- 3) TU - Ian Wilson
- 4) REW - John Leary
- 5) Landowners - Forrest Nelson, Gary Moyer, Chris Collins (need verified)

Review & Discuss Job Description/Announcement for Coordinator Position – Callie

- Callie thanked those who had provide input on the job description earlier and asked if there were any further comments/input on latest version.
- David noted to consider including the Basin Roundtable as a resource on task #1 and noted task 3 & 4 will need clarified regarding the coordination between the diversion structure and riparian health assessments once the committees and PAC determine that.
- The question was asked if this would be an hourly position. Callie noted it is currently written as hourly but it would be put out as a request for proposal and a negotiated contract.

PAC Next Steps

- Callie asked PAC members to send her a quick email regarding their willingness to continue on the PAC since the Districts had asked for only a one year commitment.
- The group said they would like to have a meeting in March to hear an update from the committees. The District will send out a Doodle Poll to determine a date.