

Rattlesnake Creek Partnership 12-Year Review Kick-off

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 23, 2012

2:30 – 3:00 PM

SUNFLOWER ROOM- CONFERENCE CALL

MEETING CALLED BY	DWR
ATTENDEES	David Barfield, Chris Beightel, Andrew Lyon, Tara Lanzrath, Jeff Lanterman, Cameron Conant, Darci Paull
	GMD 5: Wes Essmiller, Orrin Feril, Fred Grunder, Darrell Wood, John Janssen, Kent Lamb, Tom Taylor, Kevin Schultz
	USFWS: Dan Severson, Carrie Cordova, Peter Striffler, Megan Estep
	WaterPack: Dennis Dutton, John Mundhenke, Mike Lamb
	KWO: Diane Coe, Susan Stover, Chris Gnau KDA – DOC: Steve Frost

No suggested changes to the agenda
Agenda topics

RATTLESNAKE CREEK PARTNERSHIP MANAGEMENT PROGRAM TIMELINE

DISCUSSION		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -review of the timeline set forth in the 2000 proposal -currently, the Partnership is at the third 4-year implementation review -no comments on the timeline 	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

UPDATES AND EXPECTATIONS

DISCUSSION	
	<p>KDA-DWR (Chris Beightel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -DWR and GMD 5 relationship has improved since the last review -worked together on end gun buyout program and legislation for multi-year flex, water banking, and local enhanced management areas -work on the emergency drought term permits to help ease difficulties caused by the drought -committed to the Partnership and the goals set by the Partnership -stream corridor, groundwater management area and mineral intrusion area -committed to this 4-year review since it is part of the 2000 proposal -after the 12-year review report is completed, DWR expects that the partnership will have some hard work to do in determining the next steps <p>GMD 5 (Darrell Wood, John Janssen, Kent Lamb and Wes Essmiller)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -GMD 5 has spent over \$400,000 to build a model and would like run scenarios to see cause and effect -2011 was a 100-year drought and this will have impacts on the water levels -interested to see what the data shows -AWEP has saved 800 AF and there are still 2 more years of enrollment -continuing to monitor groundwater levels, streamflow and water quality -believes the district is on the right track -the district has shown initiative even if they haven't met goals <p>USFWS (Meg Estep)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -have a senior water right and have been more than patient -not seeing meaningful progress and would like to see more progress -had a wet period in the 2000s that is why conditions aren't worse than they are

-Rattlesnake Creeks is still not flowing like it should

WaterPACK (Dennis Dutton)

-Agree with GMD5

-significant progress has been made with more on the horizon

-significant natural impacts

-working towards goal

CONCLUSIONS	
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PROPOSED 12-YEAR REVIEW TIMELINE

DISCUSSION	
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-next meeting will be March 8th, 2012 2:30 – 4:30

-concern about the June dates on the timeline due to wheat harvest

CONCLUSIONS	
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DWR will review the timeline and offer an updated version for the meeting on March 8th		

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

DISCUSSION	
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-What is the current condition at Quivira?

-flow at Zenith is approximately 14-15cfs

-Big Salt Marsh is full

-currently trying to fill up the Little Salt Marsh for spring migration

-diverted 1000 AF in fall

-several hundred acres are dry

-not able to provide habitat for migratory birds last fall

-David Barfield

-plan to use the 8-year review report as a template for the 12-year review report

-the factual part should be straightforward but there will be significant effort after the factual part to deal with shortcomings in the objectives and goals

-Kevin Schultz

-On what does Mr. Barfield base his statement about being short of the goals?

-David Barfield

-It might be a premature statement since 2012 data has not been fully compiled. It is based on the second 4-year review in 2008 and our preliminary review of the data we've compiled since then.

-GMD 5

-Will the model influence the review?

-David Barfield

-The model can play an important part in the moving forward stage - helping to explore options.

CONCLUSIONS

ACTION ITEMS

PERSON RESPONSIBLE

DEADLINE

-review the 8-year review and bring any information needed to complete the 12-year review to the March 8th meeting
-develop/consider agenda items for the March 8th meeting
Link to management plan and the previous 4-year reviews:
<http://www.ksda.gov/subbasin/content/201/cid/749>