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CRCIP AMT Final Meeting Notes
October 7, 2014

The CRCIP Adaptive Management Team held its final scheduled meeting from 8:00 am – 14:00 pm on October 7, 2014, at the Portland District Corps office. The following AMT members participated in person:

Greg Smith, USACE	Shyam Nair, E2	Steve Bartell, Cardno ENTRIX
Greta Smith, USACE	Patty Snow, DLCD	Kathy Roberts, FWS
Jessica Stokke, USACE	Paula Calvert, ODEQ	Rick Mraz, WA Ecology
Perry Lund, WA Ecology		

Review of AM Decisions

Steve Bartell briefly highlighted the major decisions related to each of the monitoring actions (MA-1 through MA-6, crab, smelt, sturgeon, and sediments) included in the CRCIP AEM Program. The AMT agreed that the requirements of the AEM Program had been met.

Recognition and Appreciation by USACE Leadership

The District Commander, Colonel Jose Aguilar, expressed his appreciation on behalf of the USACE for the successful completion of the CRCIP AEM Program. He presented awards to the participating agencies and importantly, requested that a press release be prepared to publicize the Program's accomplishments. Jessica Stokke will also follow up on the possibility of additional publication (e.g., journal article, book) of the CRCIP AEM Program.

Annual Report and Epilogue

The combined 2013 annual report and final Project report has been drafted, as well as reviewed and revised by the primary authors (Bartell, Stokke, Nair, and Smith). However, an Epilogue will be drafted and appended prior to distribution of the report to the AMT. Former and current members of the AMT will be asked to participate in crafting the Epilogue by identifying key topics to include, as well as by providing points of view, perspectives on the overall process and outcomes. Consistent with the overall AEM Program philosophy, the Epilogue will strive to present a consensus summary of the Program. The resulting draft Epilogue will be added to the annual and final report and submitted to the AMT for review.

Visit to Mitigation Sites

The majority of the meeting was devoted to visits to each of three mitigation sites: Chumbley in Woodland, WA; Cottonwood Island near the Port of Kalama, WA; and the Webb Mitigation site near Clatskanie, OR. Perry Lund provided some interesting historical background concerning the selection of the Chumbley and Cottonwood Island sites. The AMT members were able to view first-hand the accomplishments in restoring native vegetation and enhancing wetlands and other habitats (e.g., vernal springs) at the mitigation sites. Several Columbian white-tailed deer (a

species listed under the Endangered Species Act) were observed in the Webb mitigation site. Mowing to control invasive plant species remains an ongoing activity at Chumbley and Cottonwood Island. Management actions are being planned for repairing berms damaged by nutria at the Webb site.

Adjourn

The AMT members adjourned informally at 4:15 pm PDT following the conclusion of the visit to the Webb mitigation site.