

Rocky Reach Meeting Minutes*

To: Distribution List
From: Michelle Smith
Date: March 26, 2003 (Revised May 2, 2003)
Subject: Rocky Reach Social Sciences Issues
Attendees: Refer to Sign-Up Sheet
Location: Hawley Street Conference Room, Wenatchee, WA
Time: 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Meeting Purpose

To continue development of protection, mitigation, and enhancement (PME) details, costs and priorities.

Social Sciences Working Group Schedule (see handout)

Michelle Smith, Chelan PUD (PUD), began the meeting by reviewing a tentative schedule for the Social Science Working Group and relicensing documents. On the schedule Michelle (PUD) pointed out the Policy-Level Guidance Committee kickoff meeting. The meeting is scheduled and will follow the Full Team meeting on April 24. The intent of the meeting will be to provide an overview of the relicensing process and to assign roles and responsibilities for policy-level agency personnel and their staff.

Michelle (PUD) said that the plan between now and October is to have PME measures outlined and detailed in order to input those into the second draft of the PDEA and to begin development of license articles.

Karin Whitehall, US Forest Service (USFS), mentioned that the June 26 Full Team meeting conflicts with the Entiat Watershed Planning meeting.

Michelle (PUD) mentioned that the PUD would be meeting with Entiat in a series of meetings in early May to discuss the historic perspective and analysis from the Entiat economic report. Michelle (PUD) will coordinate a series of meetings of PUD staff and Commissioners with the Entiat Focus Group. In addition to the meetings to discuss the Entiat economic report, the PUD Commissioners will be taking a fieldtrip to the Entiat Park on April 14. Kris Pomianek (PUD) and Michelle (PUD) will present the park plans for them. Michelle (PUD) noted that 41 trees are being marked to be removed. Chris Hall, WA Department of Wildlife (WDFW), recommended that wildlife interpretive signs be part of the park plan. Michelle (PUD) said that new signs are part of the plan and she would work with WDFW on what they would like included.

Protection, Mitigation, and Enhancement (PME) Worksheet (see handout)

The PME matrix was updated based on comments made at the February 26 Social Sciences Working Group meeting and the group briefly reviewed the minor revisions.

* The minutes were revised on May 2, 2003, to include comments from Susan Knipfer mentioned under the Comments Received on PDEA and LA section, page 2. The revision is indicated in bold italics.

Michelle (PUD) provided the group with a park enhancement cost estimate handout. The handout is focused on Entiat Park, but similar handouts will be done for each PME. She pointed out that in the PME detail column on the matrix for the Entiat Park shows reference to the cost estimate as an attachment. Some projects listed under initial work can be done prior to the new license. Phase 2 projects are items that PUD staff recommended waiting on doing until the park plan is finalized, but could be completed ahead of relicensing as they relate to repair and/or replacement of existing facilities rather than new and/or enhanced park facilities. Michelle (PUD) stated that items relating to erosion, riparian enhancements, and other fish and wildlife related issues would be considered through the park planning process. In addition to referring to the attachments in the PME details column, Chris (WDFW) suggested providing a brief summary of the details for quick reference. Chris (WDFW) felt that the stakeholder concern category is important because it documents that the issue was considered as Project-related or not.

Michelle (PUD) said that she would set up individual meeting to develop PME details.

Comments Received on Draft PDEA and LA

Michelle (PUD) said that the only comments she has received to date on the PDEA were from Entiat Focus Group, WA State Parks and Washington State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC). *The Entiat Focus Group requested that Chelan PUD use its Dec. 31, 2002, letter as its comments on the PDEA.* Chris Hall (WDFW) explained that comments related to the social resources sections would be submitted by WDFW soon. Michelle (PUD) stated that the next working group meeting would be used to review a redline copy of the PDEA with comments incorporated on the social resources sections of the PDEA.

Chelan PUD and the Entiat Focus Group agreed that the socioeconomic issues related to Entiat within the PDEA would be addressed pending completion of an economic study being contracted by the City of Entiat and Entiat School District. General discussion related to all comments and revisions of the PDEA would continue through July.

Other Business

Kris (PUD) reported that the Community Recreation Fund is moving forward and it will be presented to the PUD Commissioners on April 28. The intent is that the projects would be for educational or recreational enhancements along the Project boundary (Rock Island to Wells Dam). Kris (PUD) added that because parts of Douglas County are adjacent to the Project boundary, those areas would be permitted to apply. It's anticipated that as part of the application process, the PUD Commissioners would appoint someone from their District to sit on an advisory committee that would evaluate the projects and applications received. Kris (PUD) said that the money in the fund would have to be tied to something financially within the District. Dividing the funds up by Commission District is also a concept that is being discussed.

Next Meeting

April 23, 2003

Action Items

- ✓ Michelle will schedule a meeting with PUD staff and city of Entiat.
- ✓ Michelle will send a redline copy of the recreation section of the PDEA and updated PME matrix by April 16 to the working group.

Reference materials are posted on the Web site, www.chelanpud.org/rr_relicense. Please contact Rosana Sokolowski, (888) 663-8121, Extension 4175, if hard copies are required.

- ✓ Sign-up Sheet
- ✓ Distribution List
- ✓ Social Sciences WG Tentative Schedule, January – December 2003
- ✓ Social Sciences PME Matrix
- ✓ Entiat Park Enhancement Cost Estimate (draft)