



FCRPS Cultural Resources Sub-Committee (CRSC) Quarterly Meeting Notes December 09-10, 2015

Date: December 09 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time
December 10 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Pacific Time

Place: USACE Northwestern Division Office
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December 9, 2015 – Wednesday

Introductions & Announcements

Katherine Pollock (KP) will be acting Flathead National Forest Archaeologist in Kalispell, MT for the upcoming four month period. Liz Oliver, with BPA, will cover some of Katherine's duties during that time. BPA will backfill Eric Petersen's position with a contractor. Mike Flowers (MF) will be on an extended detail in Asia doing forensic archaeology to recover POW/MIA remains. He'll leave in February for three months. Tara Gauthier will fill in for Mike. Lawr Salo (LS) will help the Corps Sacramento District part time from late February through early May.

FCRPS Executive Briefing

FCRPS Cultural Resource Program managers for the Corps, Reclamation, and BPA reviewed material presented during a briefing for executives from all three agencies in November. Issues discussed with agency executives included under-execution of program funds for Reclamation projects, revising the areas of potential effect for projects administered by the Corps Portland and Walla Walla districts, and the status of fiscal year (FY) 2015 program performance indicators and long term program goals. Executives also discussed planning for the FCRPS Cultural Resource Program Systemwide Meeting, which is scheduled for the fall of 2016. Executives encouraged the program managers to find alternative funding sources/partnerships to pay for the Elders Dinner.

Planning to Meet Commitments

Program Goals and Measures - FY16 Tasks

The CRSC reviewed FY 2016 targets for meeting the six Long Term Program Goals and Measures established in 2010.

1. **Area of Potential Effects (APE)** – Agencies are revising some Corps APEs to include indirect effects. Consultation initiated in FY 2015 will continue in FY 2016.
2. **Inventory** – Survey for archaeological and historic sites will continue at most projects in FY 2016. Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) inventory plans will continue to guide inventory at USACE projects.
3. **Determinations of eligibility** – The agencies met and/or exceeded the long term goal of completing eligibility determinations for 10 high priority sites at each project by the end of FY 2015 with the exception of the Hungry Horse project. Agencies will continue to complete 2-3 eligibility determinations at each project annually.
4. **Mitigation/Treatment (implement one treatment/mitigation annually, and plan for one annually)** – Stabilization planning is ongoing for eight sites at Grand Coulee. Mitigation work is in various planning and/or implementation stages at Corps projects.
5. **Public Information** – Agency staff are developing a traveling exhibit about the program for dam visitors centers. The exhibit will be presented as a poster at the Northwest Anthropological Conference in Tacoma, WA in March 2016.
6. **Relationships Between Program Participants** – A client survey that was implemented for the first time in 2013 was distributed to program participants again in October. Results will be available in April.

Performance Indicators – FY16 Milestones

Agency staff reviewed four FY 2016 FCRPS Cultural Resource Program performance indicators. These are related to developing treatment plans for traditional cultural properties and historic properties of religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes, producing FY 2017 work plans, and processing contracting documents on schedule.

Systemwide PA – FY16 Commitments and Schedule

The FCRPS Cultural Resource programmatic agreement for management of historic properties requires that several deliverables be produced. A draft FY 2015 Annual Report on program accomplishments will be available for review by mid-January, and a final report distributed to program consulting parties by March 31, 2016. In January, planning for the fall 2016 Systemwide Meeting will begin, and TCP (traditional cultural property) Subcommittee meeting will occur via teleconference. The FCRPS Cultural Resource Program Handbook revision is nearly complete. The final document will be posted on the program web site in the spring of 2016. The Systemwide Research Design was completed in October and has been mailed to the region.

Systemwide Meeting – Oct/Nov 2016

The first Systemwide Meeting planning call will be held in January. Once a planning committee is established, primary tasks will be to agree on a meeting date and venue.

Integrated Program Review (“rate case”) FY 2018 – FY 2019 and 5-Yr. Power Budget Development

BPA’s Integrated Program Review (IPR) public process will begin in the spring of 2016. The FCRPS Cultural Resource Program FY 2018-2019 budget will be included, and the program 5-year budget through FY 2022 will be approved. Public meetings will be held in June 2016.

FCRPS Annual Report – FY15 Edition – Deliverables, Format, Schedule

BPA is leading production of the FY 2015 Annual Report on program accomplishments this year. A draft report will be available for review January 22 – February 12. The CRSC and Coop Groups will review the document concurrently, and Agency staff will share the draft document with Coop Group participants. The final report is will be distributed to consulting parties on March 31.

FCRPS Website

The CRSC reviewed discussions about the FCRPS Cultural Resource Program web site that were held in June of 2015. Some content was updated or corrected, and the site was partially redesigned. The CRSC plans to continue improving the site by adding photos and videos, and changing text to ensure the web site is more visible to the cultural resource management community in Google searches.

Presentation: Digital Site Documentation

i-TEN Associates made a presentation about their company’s high definition imaging services. Technology can capture features/images at a distance of 50-60 feet.

Project Round Robin

All projects met or exceeded their FY 2015 performance metrics for survey, evaluation, and resolution of adverse effects. Highlights include completion of several bank stabilization projects, and installation of log booms to limit boat access to some beach areas. FY 2016 contracts are being processed and expected to be executed on time.

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FCRPS Client Survey - Preliminary Results

The FCRPS Cultural Resource Program client survey was implemented for the second time in October 2015. Final results will be compared with those from the 2013 survey and posted on the web site by the end of April. Initial review of the results indicates little change from the 2013 survey.

Status of Program Documents/Initiatives

Compliance Records & Confidential Data Management

An Access database for tracking the compliance process and for managing site information/data was drafted several years ago and needs to be completed. The database could help with future analyses for NEPA documents, annual reporting, conducting background research for 106, etc. BPA plans to contract for completion of the database. There may be a need to hire a data steward or create a web-based system in the future. Concurrent data quality improvement efforts being conducted by the Corps will enhance this effort.

FCRPS Handbook

Reclamation has been addressing comments on the revised FCRPS Cultural Resource Program Handbook. The updated Handbook will be sent to agency managers and legal staff for review, completed, and posted on the program web site in the spring of 2016.

Systemwide Research Design

The SWRD was distributed to program consulting parties in November. A comment matrix was sent to those that requested it. The contractor addressed 90% of the comments in the final version of the SWRD. Comments that were not addressed related to conflicting differences of opinion about the purpose of the document and/or comments that were submitted after the review deadline.

Bibliography

BPA continues to update the bibliography, which will eventually be a complete list of reports produced with joint-FCRPS funding. BPA may convert the Bibliography to Access.

FCRPS Brochure

BPA drafted a brochure that highlights program accomplishments. The current version contains an overview of the program, and shows accomplishments in the 106 process. The brochure highlights end products/actions taken to resolve adverse effects. It is written for the general public, but could accompany the Annual Report or be shared with agency managers.

Traveling Exhibit Mock-Up

A traveling exhibit that highlights the program purpose and some accomplishments has been drafted. Once finalized, it will be shown during the Northwest Anthropological Conference in March, and then at FCRPS dam visitor centers.