

**NPS Alliance Meeting notes
20 November 2008, DOW
9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Present:

Barb Horn	Holly Huyck	Greg Naugle
Marcella Hutchinson	Bette Blinde	Lucia Machado
Karma Anderson	Joan Carlson [phone]	Jeff Crane
Tracy Yager	Connie O'Neill	Robert Sakata
Loretta Lohman	Matthew Malone	Phil Hegeman
Corona Research	Ed Rumbold	

Survey presentation

Leo Lewis, David Kennerly and Holly Leydendecker of Corona Research presented an overview of the statewide water quality baseline survey conducted in 2007 along with some preliminary finding from a series of follow-up focus groups that concluded the evening of November 20, 2008. The complete survey findings, the instrument, notes of methodology, etc., is available at <http://www.npscolorado.com/Survey.pdf>. The PowerPoint presentation will be posted at <http://www.npscolorado.com/newstuff.htm>. There will certainly be both more information and more discussion when the focus groups are reported on. The intention is to begin a longitudinal series of surveys to assist the state in measuring progress or effects of activities.

Sedimentation load reductions – help wanted

Tammy Allen, who was unable to be present, will be the lead on this effort. The state will be looking at some models and approaches to reduce sediment loads. The grant tracking and report system has two models available and others may be examined. What is needed is a better process from capturing data at the local level. It is probable that the state will post one or more straw men for the Alliance to react to. Two or three members should be part of the core discussion. Holly Huyck has already volunteered to be part of that effort and suggested that the focus should first be on what information the grant tracking system requires.

NPS 2010 Management Plan task force – help wanted

Lucia thinks that the 2010 plan could be as elaborate as the 2000 plan because there have been so many programmatic changes. She plans to develop a detailed outline of proposed chapters with some salient bullets to be posted sometime between mid-December and mid-January. As much as possible the state will provide rough drafts of chapters to give the Alliance something to react to. The Alliance input for each section is likely to be one leader with two or three others providing input for each chapter. Coordination will be handled using email and some dedicated area on npscolorado.com.

The plan is for detailed outline/very rough draft to meet the 20% timeline and then the drafts will be sent back and forth with gaps identified and filled in. *[Loretta examined the use of WIKI for this activity and thinks it is too loose a system to develop a legally required document, she is investigating other options]*. Loretta will provide document editing and beta testing of live links.

NPS Education and Outreach efforts

The NPS Program and SWAP programs at the state both need help and are working to subcontract with an outreach specialist. The scope of work will be extensive for both programs and include needs assessment, optimization of available resources and support for watershed based approaches. Such efforts would include expanding and improving the planning tools, libraries of information, templates, BMP libraries, success stories, lessons learned, and funding strategies and mechanisms available at npscolorado.com. This statewide umbrella effort would enhance ongoing efforts and reduce duplication.

The NPS Outreach Coordinator position statement of work is being reorganized to reflect the increasing importance of electronic communication and the web page to the state program. The web page will be reorganized to reflect changing priorities and to enhance the “virtual NPS community.”

As part of these two outreach efforts, the state NPS program will provide short monthly updates to the NPS Alliance.

Basin outreach success and startup – request for help

Bonie was not present but Tracy in particular thought the filtering matrix was an extremely useful tool that should be polished and retained. Tammy and Randy will be healing up the South Platte, which is the next basin up in priority. This will be somewhat more Division directed because of the nature of the S. Platte and Republican basins. Tracy indicated a particular interest in participating in this. The lower S. Platte and Republican basins have a strong Extension presence that may be helpful.

2010 is a basic standards year and will provide the opportunity to look critically at watershed plans throughout the state to determine where one is needed, which ones need updates, etc.

Funding transparency

Lucia provided a handout detailing NPS program funding for the last three years [attached].

Alliance model

Deferred to March 17th meeting.

Conference and mentoring

Workshop seemed well-attended and received but mentoring was not too great. More discussion on lessons learned will be on March 17th.

Consultation Day, next steps – request for help

Consultation day seemed to be successful but lessons learned will be discussed in March. Next steps are the receipt of proposals. The WQCD wishes to formalize the Alliance input this year and will be developing an evaluation matrix based on the old Council matrix. The proposals will be posted no later than December 5th on a private page of npscolorado.com, along with an electronic version of the evaluation form. Alliance members will be able to review those proposals of interest to them and submit an evaluation of each to the division by early January. Not only will these aid the Division in selecting proposals for funding but they will be provided

to the WQCC as back-up to the proposal selection submission. The Alliance also will meet for a roundtable discussion about proposals on January 14, DOW, 1 p.m.

The next general Alliance meeting will be March 17th at DOW. Tracy Yager will facilitate and Marcella Hutchinson will work on the agenda with assistance from Loretta.

2006 / 2007 / 2008 - NPS Funding

<i>Watershed Plans</i>	Status
1 -- Lower South Platte – \$96,440 (06 and 07)	Negotiating PIP
2 -- Dolores River - \$26,750 (06)	Contracted
3 -- Lower Gunnison Basin (update) - \$15,134 (06)	Contracted
4 -- Roaring Fork River - \$25,000 (using old grant funds)	Contracted
5 -- Animas River - \$25,000 (using old grant funds)	Contracted
6 -- Lower Arkansas River - \$25,000 (using old grant funds)	Contracted
7 -- Lake Fork (Ark) - \$25,000 (06)	Contracted
8 -- Snake River - \$25,000 (06)	Contracted
9 -- Mancos Valley - \$35,000 (06)	Contracted
10 -- Uncompahgre Valley - \$49,500	Contracted
11 -- NP Selenium Management in LARB - \$501,735 (06,07)	Contracting

<i>Mining</i>	
1 -- DRMS Technical Assistance - \$150,000 (using old grant funds)	Contracted
2 -- Gilson Gulch - \$255,000 (using old grant funds)	Contracting
3 -- Upper Animas Mine Waste - \$142,650 (using old grant funds)	Contracted
4 -- Lefthand OHV Restoration I - \$256,000 (used old grant funds)	Done
5 -- Lefthand OHV Restoration II - \$150,000 (08)	Contracting
6 -- Palmetto Gulch TMD - \$39,766 (used old grant funds)	Almost Done
7 -- Upper Animas Mine Drainage - \$187,440	Contracted
8 -- Trail Creek - \$290,400 (07)	Negotiating PIP
9 -- Porphyry Mountain Mine Waste - \$57,750 (07)	Negotiating PIP
10 -- Dinero Tunnel Bulkhead - \$96,000 (07)	Contracted
11 -- Little Frying Pan - \$172,500 (08)	Negotiating PIP

<i>Agriculture</i>	
1 -- BMP Implementation Program - \$150,000 (used old grant funds)	Almost Done
2 -- Loutzenheizer Piping Project - \$800,000 (02,03,04,05,06,07)	Contracting
3 -- Managing Effluent Return Flows - \$42,250 (08)	Negotiating PIP
4 -- CO Animal Feeding Operations - \$105,100 (06)	Almost Done

Education and Outreach

1 -- NPS Newsletter (06) - \$29,500 (used old grant funds)	Done
2 -- NPS Newsletter (08)	Contracted
3 -- NPS Outreach I&E Coordinator - \$168,148 (06)	Contracted
4 -- CO AWARE - \$182,250 (07)	Contracted
5 -- Understanding Polluted Runoff School Program - \$83,500 (07)	Contracted
6 -- Mini-grants - \$75,000 for 06,07,08	On-going

Urban

1 -- Coal Creek WS plan Implementation - \$72,364 (06and 07)	Contracted
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Stream Restoration

1 -- Straight Creek BMP Implementation - \$277,590 (06)	Contracting
2 -- S. P. Habitat Restoration at Happy Meadows - \$250,000 (07)	Negotiating PIP
3 -- Alamosa River - \$437,337 (07)	Negotiating PIP
4 -- Kerber Creek - \$313,000 (07)	Negotiating PIP
5 -- Hecla Wash Restoration - \$425,000 -- (08)	Negotiating PIP
6 -- Fountain Creek - \$250,000 (08)	Negotiating PIP
7 -- Lower Willow Creek - \$398,770 (08)	Negotiating PIP
8 -- Rio Grande Riparian Corridor - \$250,000 (08)	Negotiating PIP

Silviculture

1 -- CO Silviculture BMP - \$33,605 (07)	Contracted
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NPS Program Support

1 -- Data Sharing Network - \$72,354 (07)	Contracting
2 -- Measurable Results - \$200,000 (07)	Negotiating PIP
3 -- Rapid Restoration Emergency Funds - \$53,000	

Totals 319 Funds:

2006 = \$1,916,132

2007 = \$2,182,827

2008 = 1,868,100