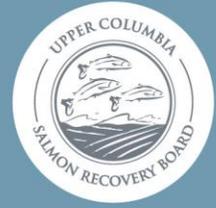


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Meeting Summary

Okanogan County Citizen Advisory Committee
Project Presentation Meeting
Tuesday, July 17, 2018 ~ 5:30 to 7:30 PM
Twisp River Bank, Twisp, WA

- Committee Members: Bob Monetta, Louis Sukovaty, Will Keller, Sam Israel, John Bartella
- UCSRB Staff: Coordinator/Pete Teigen, Staff Support/Greer Maier
- RTT: John Arterburn (CCT, RTT)
- Attendees: Heidi Anderson & Julie Giralou (MC); Chris Johnson & Brian Fisher (MSRF); Kristen Kirby (CCFEG);

Bob Monetta, acting chair, convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Regional Updates: Funding for the SRFB process will remain the same as last year (approximately \$1.85 million). Tributary Committee has aligned their process to coincide with this process which provides valuable match for most project. Pete mentioned the growing concern among sponsor, CAC members, and RTT members about the number of proposals submitted (25 full proposals) and the desire from many to lessen that number so proposals can receive more attention and consideration. CAC members will be instrumental in any changes or improvements to the current process and will be asked to participate at the 2018 debrief, if not before.

Committee Logistics

Bylaws: Pete discussed the need to rank projects tonight because there will not be a quorum next week at the joint meeting. Only three members will be able to go to the joint meeting next week. Bob Monetta, acting chair, asked that the RTT rank projects a week earlier so that CAC members can review those and rank projects at the presentation meeting again next year. The Okanogan CAC generally aligned with the RTT on projects. Bob also asked for the spreadsheet that they can use to rank projects.

Pete will assemble the scores from the CAC members and bring them to the joint CAC meeting. The four members in attendance at that meeting will consider the scores of members not present at the meeting.

Will Keller made a motion to change the quorum to four members and John seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the CAC.

Action: Pete will send out the scoring spreadsheet and members of the CAC will fill it out and send it back to Pete to bring to the joint meeting next week.

Conflict of Interests: Bob asked about any potential conflicts of interests. None were noted at this time.

Q&A with RTT Representative

John Arterburn, RTT member, gave an overview of the Methow Ecosystem Diagnosis and Treatment (EDT) model results that are now online and can be used by the CAC in scoring. John went through the results of the scoring and the notes from the scoring meeting. Questions from the CAC are detailed below:

Q: Will the top ranked projects use up all the SRFB allocation?

A: Yes unless other funds (e.g. BPA, etc.) come to the table

Q: Beaver Creek- have there been past projects in Beaver Creek for design at this site?

A: There have been multiple assessments and restoration projects (including one at this same site). The blow-out of the road upstream because of the fire caused the issue that this project is meant to address. There is potential for additional material to move downstream.

Q: What is the RTT scoring criteria?

A: John explained the various criteria and how they are scored.

The CAC discussed a few projects in Chelan County that are near the funding line.

Action: Pete will send out the scoring criteria link to the CAC.

Sponsor Presentation Questions

Projects	Questions	Sponsor Responses
MC Hancock Springs Restoration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What is the maximum depth of the existing channel</i> 2. <i>What size fish are using?</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Probably a few deeper pools but the average depth is about one foot.</i> 2. <i>Juvenile salmon and steelhead, adult salmon and steelhead, and subadult bull trout</i>
Burns-Garrity Perennial Side Channel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Where will all the fill go?</i> 2. <i>What is the current use of the WDFW land?</i> 3. <i>How will this be used in the winter? Will it be connected?</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>It is about 3,500 cubic yards. WDFW will allow it to be spread on site which will save money.</i> 2. <i>Not a lot of use on the site. There is some hunter use and some boater access.</i> 3. <i>It will be accessible during winter flows.</i>
Twisp River Floodplain Left Bank Alcove	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Is this on private land?</i> 2. <i>Are there any legal incentives to keep the cows out of the stream?</i> 3. <i>How does the new SMP affect this property?</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Yes on the Christensen property</i> 2. <i>No, in Okanogan county there are no laws that keep cattle out of the stream.</i> 3. <i>Not at all.</i>
Methow Beaver Project – Beaver and Anadromy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>How many beavers would this relocated?</i> 2. <i>How many do you have at</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>It varies but 10-15 on average.</i> 2. <i>2 now and 4-6 more after</i>

	<i>the hatchery?</i>	<i>we respond to some additional requests for help.</i>
Upper Beaver Feasibility & Design	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Wouldn't the original diversion be taken out by this as well?</i> 2. <i>Was it a slide?</i> 3. <i>Is there any responsibility by the FS to fix the problem they caused?</i> 4. <i>What kind of participation are you getting from the landowners?</i> 5. <i>Part of the design would be to figure out how to make sure this doesn't happen again?</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Yes. The water was higher than it was in the 1970's. The project was in the way of the flood.</i> 2. <i>The Volsted culvert plugged with debris from the fire (no slide) and behind it formed a pond that failed and took out the road prism.</i> 3. <i>The Forest Service has not indicated they will help fix the problem.</i> 4. <i>We are getting good participation from the landowners.</i> 5. <i>There is stranded capacity on the opposite side of the road and we can use this capacity to accommodate future flooding. That will be part of the design discussion. MSRF is also talking with the landowner on the right side of the channel and there is potential there in those discussions.</i>
Methow Watershed Riparian Stewardship Program II	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What happened on the Twisp River property to the riparian?</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>It was a success. MSRF is trying to model this project after the Yakama Nation program which has funding they can use over multiple years. This is not the case with SRFB funding or other funding sources which don't have mechanisms to implement beyond initial construction or planting. MSRF can't meet the permit requirements without this investment.</i>
Upper Methow Goat Creek Conservation Easement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Is there any restoration work in Goat Creek going on?</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Only work on the upper part of Goat Creek on USFS land.</i>

Follow-Up- Bob asked if anyone was interested in being Chairman. No one indicated they were and the group felt that Craig is a good chair. ***Sam Israel made a motion to make Craig the chair again. John seconded the motion. Bob said that he would continue as vice-chair. Sam made a motion to support that and Will seconded it.*** The group discussed their scoring criteria and how heavily to weight the RTT scores. Pete mentioned that the CAC scoring criteria valued RTT score at 60 pts out of 150 and reiterated the importance of the CAC voice in scoring the projects in addition the need for the group to explain their rationale for any decisions that move those ranks around from the RTT.

Bob reviewed the scoring criteria.

Adjourn

Bob adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.