



## REGIONAL TECHNICAL TEAM MEETING JUNE MEETING SUMMARY

**Date:** Wednesday, 10 June 2020

**Time:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Location:** Webinar

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**Members Present:** Jeremy Cram, Joe Lange, John Arterburn, Justin Yeager, Kate Terrell, Keely Murdoch, Steve Fortney, Tom Kahler, Carlos Polivka, Catherine Willard, Brandon Rogers, and Tracy Hillman (Chair)

**Others Present:** Greer Maier/UCSRB, Ryan Niemeyer/UCSRB, Pete Teigen/UCSRB, and Alan Schmidt/CAC

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Tracy Hillman welcomed everyone to the meeting and participants introduced themselves.

Members present reviewed and approved the draft agenda. April meeting notes were reviewed and approved. There were no carry-over action items. Tracy reviewed the list of future agenda topics. One addition was a topic on beavers. Based on a conversation with Jeremy Cram, Tracy suggested that the RTT convene a workshop on beavers. The workshop would address when and how to use beavers in restoration. The group agreed to add that as an action item.

**Action Item:**

- Greer Maier, Tracy Hillman, and Jeremy Cram will organize a workshop on beavers and restoration.

### UCSRB and RTT Updates

#### Prioritization

Greer Maier gave a brief update on the prioritization process. She said we are currently in Step 2 of the process and have completed the prioritization of life stages and development of the reach network, which forms the basis for the Step 2 evaluation. The RTT's Prioritization Workgroup (PWG) met in May and early June and approved the final draft life stage priorities and updated the reach network. They are currently working to frame up the habitat requirements by life stages and the rating criteria used to evaluate habitat and identify potential limiting factors. UCSRB staff have been compiling Reach Assessment and Level II survey data and known projects into a master GIS layer at the reach scale. The PWG is still looking for input on the habitat requirements by life stage if RTT members would like to comment. This worksheet and all prioritization work products are now available on the new Prioritization webpage: <https://www.ucsrb.org/prioritization/>. Meeting notes and the updated strategy document are also now on that page.

The UCSRB, on behalf of the Prioritization Workgroup, will convene more watershed prioritization workshops at the end of June/early July to discuss draft results of the habitat evaluation and draft

actions in high priority reaches. The Doodle polls for those meetings were sent to PWG and others. If you would like to participate, please contact Greer for the link to the Doodle. ([greer.maier@ucsr.org](mailto:greer.maier@ucsr.org)).

Lastly, Greer provided an update on the UW GIS class project. The group has completed their evaluation of floodplains, incision, and stage-0 restoration potential using LiDAR and other GIS layers. Their final presentation is available if members are interested. Greer will see if the students can present their work at a future RTT or Prioritization Work Group meeting.

### **RTT Presence at CAC Meetings**

The CAC meetings are virtual this year so RTT members can participate. Jeremy Cram agreed to represent the RTT in both the Chelan County and Okanogan County meetings.

- Okanogan County CAC meeting is 23 June
- Chelan County CAC meeting is 25 June

### **SRFB Scoring**

Tracy Hillman noted conflicts of interest for scoring. Brandon Rogers and Keely Murdoch recused themselves from scoring and discussing the Chewuch RM 4 proposal and Brandon recused himself from scoring and discussing the Alder Creek proposal. Jeremy Cram recused himself from scoring and discussing the lower Methow predation proposal and the monitoring proposal. John Crandall recused himself from scoring and discussing the lower Methow predation proposal.

The RTT scored projects submitted to the SRFB grant round from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.

### **Next Meeting**

The next RTT meeting will be on 8 July.

#### ***Agenda Items for Future Meetings:***

- Columbia River Treaty – Shane Bickford
- River Health - Joe Wheaton
- Beaver Workshop- NEW
- UW GIS Class Presentation- NEW