

**Bear River ECC
Final Meeting Notes
January 18, 2017
Pocatello, Idaho**

ECC Members Present

Mark Stenberg, PacifiCorp
Lynn Van Every, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Jim DeRito, Trout Unlimited
Corey Lyman, US Forest Service
Cary Myler, US Fish and Wildlife Service
David Teuscher, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Ryan Beatty, Bureau of Land Management
Kathy Rinaldi, Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Others Present

Eve Davies, PacifiCorp
Babette Thorpe, Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust
Tom Lucia, Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust
Kelly Conde, Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust

| Commitments Made at the January 18, 2017 Meeting | |
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| All | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project proposals (short forms) for 2017 habitat enhancement projects due Feb. 3 to Stenberg and Hugentobler • Comments on the 2016 draft annual report (posted to the ECC's website) due Feb. 10 to Hugentobler. |
| Stenberg | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule field day at Oneida Canyon property for ECC members. • Continue to work with Paris Relief on water swap and plant sale. • Email Cove springs plan to the ECC. Work with SSLT on an access agreement for construction. • Water right application for broodstock ponds. • Send additional information regarding legal description for Gateway allowed use to Myler • Arrange tour of Cove Reconnect for ECC members. • Check in with Bushman on additional fencing project. Provide update at next meeting. |
| Myler | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an informational copy of the USFWS (Fox) conservation easement to ECC when finalized. |
| Teuscher | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide updated contact information for Bushman to Stenberg. • Report to the ECC on fish stocking and populations at Kackley in February. |
| Lucia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project proposal (short form) for potential land and water project to Stenberg. |
| Hugentobler | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise project ranking form and post to website. • Add Rinaldi to the Funding Subcommittee • Distribute ECC's 2017 Calendar |
| Action items in blue have been carried over. | |

Decisions Made by Email Since Last Meeting

- Voted to increase total Oneida Property acquisition budget to \$315,739.45.

A record of email voting is included in Attachment 1.

Decisions Made at This Meeting

None.

Added to Agenda:

- Review of ECC project ranking form

Welcome - Stenberg

Stenberg reviewed a preliminary water forecast for Bear Lake. Predictions indicate 2017 may be a high water year.

Stenberg asked if anyone had suggestions for improvement in the new year. Rinaldi noted that there are other pools of mitigation funding in southeast Idaho, but there is not a lot of coordination between groups that administer them. She said it could be beneficial to put more effort towards coordinating with other groups and agencies. Teuscher concurred. He added that IDFG has funding available for long term stewardship.

Whitewater Boater Flow Calendar

Stenberg reviewed a draft whitewater boater flow calendar with ECC members. He noted there had been no changes since last meeting.

2016 Annual Report

The draft 2016 Annual Report is now complete and has been posted to the website for ECC review. Comments are due February 10.

ECC's 2017 Calendar

Stenberg reviewed the ECC's 2017 calendar. A copy will be distributed to ECC members by email.

ECC Funding Account Review

Stenberg reviewed ECC funding accounts for:

- Conservation hatchery
- BLM campground maintenance

- Oneida Law Enforcement
- Caribou County Recreation
- Habitat Enhancement
- Land and Water Acquisition

Land and Water Acquisition Fund

Stenberg reported that the balance in this fund, with 2017 funding, is \$1,263,789.50. He said the balance available for grants after obligated funds are subtracted is \$140,221.73.

Habitat Enhancement Fund

Stenberg reported that the balance in this fund, with 2017 funding, is \$645,694.48. He said two new invoices bring the balance to about \$635,000. Stenberg reported that with outstanding obligations, \$325,456.39 is the total estimated funding available for 2017 habitat enhancement projects

Habitat Enhancement Projects

Stenberg said he recently reviewed the habitat enhancement projects. Some project records need information on approval of additional funds, etc. He reviewed open projects and said this will be a regular item on future meeting agendas.

- 2014 Grace Cove Spring projects construction
- 2014 Bonneville cutthroat trout broodstock ponds – Stenberg said this is currently out for bid and he will know costs by the end of January.
- 2014 Cub River Channel Restoration – DeRito has billed for this project. Stenberg will close this out.
- 2015 Davis Screen – DeRito has billed for this project. He said he took out funding to work with State Lands on the road, as that project is not yet moving forward. He said he did some work on an ATV ford. He also noted that the paddle wheel is not moving well at low flows and needs additional work. He estimated that will cost about \$2000. He said State Lands has also required some seeding.
- 2015 Oneida Spawning Channel – The next step for this project is to obtain more survey data. Stenberg said he needs to update the estimate and potentially bring forward an additional funding request.
- 2015 additional funding for Stauffer and Spring Creek fencing – Stenberg said he cannot reach this landowner.
- 2015 Cove Reconnect – Stenberg said he is currently getting bids for this work.
- 2016 Mussler – Stenberg said this project is currently holding for weather.
- Stenberg noted that money was set aside for screen repair during 2015 and 2016. If not billed, Stenberg closes these funds out. ECC members briefly discussed how to work together on fish screen repairs.

Ranking Form

Stenberg asked subcommittee members to review the project ranking form and bring any comments to the February ECC meeting. He said he thinks changes were made at last ranking meeting but he does not have a record of them.

Davies suggested adding a narrative on how each project was ranked and why. Stenberg noted that sometimes ranking is affected by budgetary concerns. Lyman said he wants to maintain flexibility, but the subcommittee should all be in agreement if some secondary approach is taken to ranking. Teuscher discussed the relative importance of tributary projects vs mainstem projects and the group agreed to add a couplet to separate the two types of projects. A revised form will be posted to the website.

Attachment 1: Record of Email Voting

Bear River ECC
Record of Email Voting: Oneida Canyon Stewardship Funding Increase
Query by Stenberg, January 4, 2017

From: Stenberg, Mark [<mailto:Mark.Stenberg@pacificorp.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 9:32 AM
To: Blaine Newman <blaine_newman@blm.gov>; cary_myler@fws.gov; Charlie Vincent <charliev@xmission.com>; Hunter Osborne (hosborne@sbtribes.com) <hosborne@sbtribes.com>; James DeRito <JDeRito@tu.org>; Kathy Rinaldi <krinaldi@greateryellowstone.org>; Kevin Lewis <kevin@idahorivers.org>; Kirk Rich (krich@idpr.idaho.gov) <krich@idpr.idaho.gov>; Lee W. Mabey (lmabey@fs.fed.us) <lmabey@fs.fed.us>; Lynn Van Every <Lynn.Vanevery@deq.idaho.gov>; Miriam Hugentobler <miriam.hugentobler@gmail.com>; Susan Rosebrough@nps.gov; Teuscher,David <david.teuscher@idfg.idaho.gov>
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Subject: Oneida Canyon Stewardship Funding Increase - Email Vote

Hello ECC Members and Alternates,

At our December 7, 2016, ECC meeting we reviewed and discussed the calculation of the long-term stewardship payment for the Oneida Canyon Property. I had not put a notice on the agenda to approve a change in budget in the PSR from \$30k to \$38.5k. This change would result in an overall increase in approved project costs by \$3.2k. See excerpt from draft land trust notes below. I'll send you a separate email in a couple minutes with an update on the balance of the L&W Fund.

Request for Oneida Canyon Stewardship Funding Increase – Stenberg

Stenberg reviewed the Oneida Canyon stewardship cost spreadsheet with the ECC. He noted that the ECC approved stewardship funding in the amount of \$30,000 from the Project Scoping Report. However, the actual one-time land stewardship payment for this project turned out to be \$38,500. Stenberg asked for ECC approval for the funding increase. The group had consensus but Stenberg will it send out for email vote.

Please see updated acquisition cost spreadsheet below with additional column added since December that shows all of the final costs and the \$38,500 for long term stewardship. Total budget change is from \$312,528.50 to \$315,739.45.

Please respond to both Miriam and I. Thank you.

Mark Stenberg, MBA
PacifiCorp – Renewable Resources
Hydro License Program Manager – Idaho
208 547-7305

| Projected Budget for Acquisition: | Wendell Smith Property/Oneida Canyon | | | Status |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| | ECC Approved From PSR | ECC Approved 10/19/2016 | Final Costs Revised 1/4/2016 | |
| Acres | 328.7 | 328.7 | 358 | |
| Acquisition Cost/Acre (land cost only) | \$675.00 | \$675.00 | \$619.76 | |
| Other Funding Sources | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| ECC Acquisition Funding | \$221,872.50 | \$221,872.50 | \$221,872.50 | Complete |
| Dedicated Stewardship Fund | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$38,500.00 | To be funded |
| Appraisal | \$10,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | N/A |
| Survey & Legal Description Phase 1 | \$5,000.00 | \$4,000.00 | \$3,998.50 | Complete |
| Survey & Legal Description Phase 2 | \$0.00 | \$39,756.00 | \$39,688.22 | Complete |
| Title Report | \$500.00 | \$1,000.00 | | under closing costs |
| Level One Assessment | \$2,500.00 | \$3,900.00 | \$3,900.00 | Complete |
| Mineral Report | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$0.00 | N/A |
| Baseline Resources Inventory | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | Complete |
| Legal Costs | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$1,125.00 | Complete |
| Closing Costs (recording, escrow, Misc | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$988.47 | Complete |
| | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$666.76 | Complete |
| TOTAL ESTIMATE | \$281,872.50 | \$312,528.50 | \$315,739.45 | |

**Bear River ECC
Record of Email Voting
Oneida Canyon Stewardship Funding Increase
Vote Called by Stenberg, January 4, 2017**

| | Name | Organization |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------|
| yes | Lyman | USFS |
| yes | DeRito | Trout Unlimited |
| yes | Van Every | IDEQ |
| yes | Lewis | Idaho Rivers United |
| | Rich | Idaho Parks and Rec |
| yes | Teuscher | Idaho Fish and Game |
| yes | Newman | BLM |
| | Osborne | Sho-Ban Tribes |
| | Rosebrough | National Park Service |
| | Vincent | American Whitewater |
| yes | Rinaldi | Greater Yellowstone |
| yes | Stenberg | PacifiCorp |
| yes | Myler | USFWS |