

**Bear River ECC
Final Meeting Notes
October 20, 2021
Pocatello, ID**

October 2021 ECC Meeting Participants		
	Name	Organization
x	Mark Stenberg	PacifiCorp
x	Lynn Van Every	Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
x	Jim DeRito	Trout Unlimited
x	Corey Lyman	U.S. Forest Service
x	Jeremy Jirak	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
x	Carson Watkins	Idaho Department of Fish and Game
	Allison Michalski	Greater Yellowstone Coalition
x	Ryan Beatty	Bureau of Land Management
x	Charlie Vincent (remote)	American Whitewater
	Hunter Osborne	Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
	Kirk Rich	Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
	Susan Rosebrough	National Park Service
	Kevin Lewis	Idaho Rivers United
Others Present		
x	Steven Smith	Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
x	Matt Schenk	Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
x	Ryan Hillyard	Idaho Department of Fish and Game
x	Eve Davies (Remote)	PacifiCorp
x	Matt Lucia	Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust
x	Jaime Campbell (Remote)	Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust
x	Matt Coombs	Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust

Commitments Made at the October 20, 2021 Meeting	
Stenberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Dip Creek and Station Creek project proponents for updates. • Contact engineers for an update on Kackley Pond demolition. • Prepare Draft Kackley Plan for ECC review at the December 8 ECC meeting. • Coordinate with Idaho State Parks regarding Paris Restoration Agreement. • Distribute tailrace agreement to ECC members. • Re-post ECC's decision-making flow chart to the Bear River website.
Hillyard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information on fish populations and distribution in Mink Creek. Summarize Twin Lakes data. Consider future sampling. – Likely winter 2021.
Lyman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring photos of Eightmile Creek to next ECC meeting. • Provide an email update on work pending on Egley culvert.
Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Twin Lakes board meeting to discuss mutual interests. Coordinate with DeRito & Watkins. • Provide contact information for Cottonwood Creek project to Stenberg and Campbell (jaime@sagebrushlandtrust.org). • Obtain written confirmation that 2020 Cottonwood Creek project will not go forward.
Beatty and Campbell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on Johnson parcel regarding access to adjoining BLM parcel.
Lucia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information on water rights encumbered on SSLT's Mink Creek projects.
Action items in blue have been carried over.	

Decisions Made at This Meeting

- Approved a \$2,500 firmly capped expenditure from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the Jensen Deed Correction.
- Approved a \$59,184 expenditure from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the *Boa Ogoi* conservation easement.

Email Decisions Made Since Last Meeting

None

Additions to the Agenda

None. Oneida Site Plan was removed from the agenda.

Meeting Notes Approval

Draft August meeting notes were approved without edits.

Calendar Review

A draft 2022 ECC calendar will be prepared for review and approval at the December meeting. A draft 2022 whitewater boater flow calendar will also be prepared for discussion with American Whitewater.

2021 Whitewater Boater Flows

The final 2021 whitewater boater flow took place September 11 and 12. Vincent said 80 to 100 boaters took advantage of the flows. Flows were approximately 1,100 cfs and resulted in a high turnout as other places used by whitewater boaters were dry at that time. Vincent said if additional opportunities for late season releases arise in the future, American Whitewater would be appreciative. Stenberg noted the September flows resulted from a planned outage at Grace but future work on the project is planned to take place in during winter.

Grant Fund Project Updates - Project Sponsors

Davis Diversion Fish Screen and Road Improvements - Beaver are taking hold in this area. Would like to relocate them.

Dip Creek - No update. Stenberg will contact the proponent.

Fish Screen Repairs - Hillyard said fish screen repair work is going forward. IDFG plans to replace the Albert Moser screen next year. DeRito noted that the St. Charles (Transtrom) fish

screen motor isn't running. Hillyard will inquire about it. Stenberg asked about the St. Charles fish screen, which was reported leaking. Hillyard said that screen will be redone.

Screen Tender - Hillyard said IDFG hired a new screen tender this year, a graduate student who will be returning next year.

Kackley Pond Demolition- Stenberg will contact engineers for an update.

Paris Canyon Livestock Water Pipeline - Smith said the timeline for this project may not fit for 319 funding. The proponent is ready to put pipe in. Lyman noted that some new wells are being added for various stock waterers.

Stauffer Creek - Lyman said a 60-acre pivot and underground structure work for pivots is going in now. Work in the creek is scheduled for next year. Next is stream work, troughs, and removal of dams. Lyman said the RFP for stream work is going out now, for work in spring. Stenberg suggested an ECC visit to the project next year.

Oxborough Diversion Design- Hillyard said this project, as well as **Thomas Fork**, is moving along.

Eightmile Creek - Lyman said willows are the only part of bank work left to do. Large trees are in. Proponent is waiting for a permit for remaining work, which will likely take place next year.

Station Creek - Stenberg will contact Bouwes for an update.

Review of ECC Funding - Stenberg

Habitat Fund - Balance is approximately \$375,000 going into next year (i.e., available for 2022 grants).

Land and Water Fund - Balance is approximately \$1.3 million going into next year.

Paris Agreement - Stenberg

Stenberg said he has been meeting with the affected stock waterers and that is going well. Bloomington has a well proposal that will come before the ECC next year. PacifiCorp has cultural resource consultants coming up to do clearances. Van Every said 319 funding for these projects will likely be approved.

Canal - Stenberg said he has a draft removal agreement for the canal, which he will pass along to Lyman. He will then get a BLM agreement to Beatty. Lyman said NEPA will be required for canal removal and the well (together). Lyman will cover this. He said he also needs to brief the Roadless committee and take into account project timing with wildlife. Stenberg said historians

have already been out and are trying to get all State Historic Preservation Office work done this fall. Stenberg said he is using Cirrus for the joint permit application.

Stenberg said he now has a final Paris Creek Restoration Agreement, which will be distributed for signature later in the week. Stenberg will coordinate with Kirk Rich/Idaho State Parks. He will also be sending the agreement with Trout Unlimited which outlines what Trout Unlimited/Matsons are going to do.

The ECC adjourned to closed session for Land and Water Fund updates.

Next ECC Meeting

Next ECC meeting will be held December 8, 2021 at ~~PacificCorp's Grace facility~~ [converted to online only meeting]. December agenda items include:

- Project prioritization
- ECC's 2022 calendar and 2022 whitewater boater flow calendar
- Work on Kackley redesign
- Review of accounts
- Letter of support for RCCCP for land trust.
- Paris update
- Dry Creek update