

**Bear River ECC  
Final Meeting Notes  
January 19, 2022  
Online Meeting**

<b>January 2022 ECC Meeting Participants</b>		
	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
x	Mark Stenberg	PacifiCorp
x	Lynn Van Every	Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
x	Jim DeRito	Trout Unlimited
	Corey Lyman	U.S. Forest Service
x	Matt Bringhurst	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	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
<b>Others Present</b>		
	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	PacifiCorp
x	Matt Lucia	Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust
x	Jaime Campbell	Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust
x	Matt Coombs	Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust
	Jennifer Cornell	Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust

<b>Commitments Made at the January 19, 2022 Meeting</b>	
All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comments on the draft 2021 annual report are due February 17, 2022</li> <li>• Project proposals (short forms) for 2022 habitat enhancement projects are due March 4, 2022.</li> <li>• Next ECC meeting will be held Friday, March 25, 2022.</li> </ul>
Stenberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Dip Creek proponent for an update.</li> <li>• Share land and water conservation fund summary spreadsheet with DeRito and others.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Prepare draft Kackley Plan for ECC review, estimated first of the year.</a></li> </ul>
Hillyard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Provide information on fish populations and distribution in Mink Creek. Summarize Twin Lakes data. Consider future sampling. – By March or April 2022</a></li> </ul>
Lyman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Bring photos of Eightmile Creek to next ECC meeting.</a></li> </ul>
Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Provide contact information for Cottonwood Creek project to Stenberg and Campbell (jaime@sagebrushlandtrust.org).</a></li> </ul>
Lucia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Provide information on water rights encumbered on SSLT's Mink Creek projects.</a></li> </ul>
Hugentobler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reschedule March ECC meeting</li> </ul>
Action items in <a href="#">blue</a> have been carried over.	

**Decisions Made by Email Since Last ECC Meeting**

None

**Decisions Made at This Meeting**

None

**Items Added to the Agenda**

- Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust’s (SSLT) stewardship coordinator position
- PacifiCorp Dry Canyon project update

Review and prioritization of potential 2022 land and water conservation projects with SSLT was removed from the agenda.

**Review of Previous Meeting Notes and Action Items**

December meeting notes were approved without edits. Action items carried over appear in blue in the commitments table, above.

**ECC Calendar Review**

- Draft Bear River 2021 Annual Report was distributed to the ECC for review January 17, 2022. ECC comments are due by February 17, 2022.
- The March ECC meeting will be rescheduled due to external conflicts on its original date.
- Field review of projects may require more than one day this year.

**Review of ECC Funds**

**Land and Water Conservation Fund**

\$1.73 million Balance carried over  
 \$2,769.10 Estimated 2021 interest  
\$446,700.00 Estimated 2022 Funding  
 \$2,180,158.75 TOTAL  
\$898,574.00 Obligated  
 \$1.28 million Estimated available in fund

**Habitat Enhancement Fund**

\$513,677.84 Balance carried over  
 \$821.88 Estimated 2021 Interest  
\$237,474.00 Estimated 2022 Funding  
 \$751,973.72 TOTAL  
 \$413,000.00 Obligated  
 \$338,000.00 Estimated available for 2022 habitat enhancement projects

## **Habitat Enhancement Project Updates**

**Mussler** - An update is needed for this 2016 project. Should be closed out if project is not going forward.

**Kackley Pond Demolition** - Project is still open.

**Bear Creek Station Creek** - Approximately \$5,000 remaining in budget, possibly for maintenance in spring.

**Kackley Spring** - Approximately \$11,000 remaining in budget. This will be used to water plantings for another year and some touchup.

**Paris** - Project on hold pending agreement.

**Davis Diversion improvements** - Still in the works, with a little more to do in spring.

**Dip Creek** - Update is needed.

**Kackley Demolition Design Support** - Cirrus (consultant) is helping with permits.

**Paris Canyon Pipeline** - Invoice for this work has been submitted.

**Bartschi** - First pivot is in. Wiring for the second pivot will go in this year. Have been looking for contractors to remove the dam. Consider an ECC site visit in the fall.

**Oxborrow & Thomas Fork** - Contractor has been out and is preparing estimates.

## **Paris Creek Restoration Agreement - Stenberg**

Signatures from State Parks and National Park Service are both still pending. They may choose to send a letter stating they don't oppose the agreement but have no resource affected/reason to sign. Stenberg is working with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe to obtain their signature.

**Next steps:** 1) Removal agreement with the U.S. Forest Service and 2) Request to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for decommissioning.

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

**Attachment 1: 2022 ECC Calendar**

<b>Bear River ECC 2022 Calendar of Activities</b>	
Jan 3 (Mon)	Email news release announcing availability of 2022 grant funds
Jan 17 (Mon)	2021 Annual Report to ECC for 30-day review
Jan 19 (Wed)	Regular ECC Meeting
Feb 17 (Thurs)	2021 Annual Report – end of 30-day review – ECC comments due
Feb 21 (Mon)	Print-ready copy of 2021 Annual Report
Feb 28 (Mon)	2021 Annual Report due to FERC (electronic filing)
Mar 4 (Fri)	2022 grant funding proposals – Short forms due from ECC sponsors to Stenberg & Hugentobler.
Mar 25 (Fri)	Regular ECC meeting. Includes preliminary review of proposals.
Mar 26 & 27 (Sat/Sun)	Whitewater Boater Flow #1
April 8 (Fri)	2022 grant fund proposals – Long forms due from ECC sponsors to Stenberg & Hugentobler.
Apr 9 & 10 (Sat/Sun)	Whitewater Boater Flow #2
Apr 20 (Wed)	Funding Subcommittee – Review and rank 2022 habitat enhancement applications.
Apr 29 – May 1 (Fri/Sat/Sun)	Whitewater Boater Flow #3
May 14 & 15 (Sat/Sun)	Whitewater Boater Flow #4
May 18 (Wed)	Regular ECC Meeting – ECC votes on Funding Subcommittee recommendations. Recommendations go to PacifiCorp for review/approval.
Jun 15 (Wed)	Field review of projects (if desired/needed)
Aug 17 (Wed)	Regular ECC Meeting
Oct 19 (Wed)	Regular ECC Meeting
Dec 7 (Wed)	Regular ECC Meeting