Lewis River Hydroelectric Projects Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting Agenda

Date & Time:	Wednesday, March 13, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	
Place:	City of Woodland Police Department (Council Chambers) 200 East Scott Avenue Woodland, WA 98674	

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Time	Discussion Item
9:00 a.m.	Welcome
	Review Agenda & 2/13/19 Meeting Notes
	Review and Accept Agenda & 2/13/19 Meeting Notes
9:15 a.m.	Land Acquisition Update (Confidential)
	TNC Update (Confidential)
9:30 a.m.	WHMP Report and Plan; Questions/Comments
10:00 a.m.	Study/Work Product Updates
	Woodland School District Property
	Mitigation Funds Update
	Potential Elk Hoof Disease Researcher Tour Discussion
10:30 a.m.	Next Meeting's Agenda
	Note: all meeting notes and the meeting schedule can be located at:
	http://www.pacificorp.com/es/hydro.html
11:00 a.m.	Meeting adjourn

<u>FINAL Meeting Notes</u> Lewis River License Implementation Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting March 13, 2019 City of Woodland, Council Chambers

TCC Representatives Present: (7)

Kendel Emmerson, PacifiCorp Summer Peterman, PacifiCorp Kim McCune, PacifiCorp Peggy Miller, WDFW Eric Holman, WDFW Amanda Froberg, Cowlitz PUD Erik White, Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Calendar:

April 10, 2019	TCC Meeting	Merwin HCC
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Assignments from March 13, 2019	Status
McCune: Write clarifying paragraph in ACC/TCC Annual report to detail	Complete
PacifiCorp matching 10.3.3 contributions.	3/15/19
Emmerson: Add an asterisk indicating, due to the government shutdown the 10.8.2 funds contributed for 2019 are estimates only in the February 13, 2019 meeting notes and will be updated in the final ACC/TCC Annual Report, Section 7.0	Complete
Froberg: Provide copy of PGE presentation on pollinators to TCC.	Complete – 3/20/19
Emmerson: Provide detail to Erik Lesko and ACC regarding Cowlitz Tribe beaver relocation program.	Complete – 3/14/19
Emmerson: Provide the appropriate site access document to Erik White, Cowlitz Tribe.	Complete

Parking Lot Items	Status
Emmerson/McCune: Contact PacifiCorp's properties department to discuss	In program
further TNC detail and report to the TCC at the next meeting.	In progress

Kendel Emmerson (PacifiCorp) called the meeting to order at 9:04am. Emmerson reviewed the agenda and asked the TCC if there were any changes/additions. Add beaver reintroduction discussion that Erik White (Wildlife Biologist, Cowlitz Indian Tribe) will review with the TCC.

The TCC reviewed the February 13, 2019 meeting notes and the meeting notes were approved without change at 9:15am.

Public Comment Opportunity:

None

Land Acquisition Update (CONFIDENTIAL)

Emmerson informed the TCC attendees that PacifiCorp's Shoreline Management Plan was provided to all interested parties. It is likely that the earliest for closing is the last quarter of 2019.

Additional detail around this topic is considered confidential and proprietary and not for public viewing.

Other (CONFIDENTIAL)

TNC – Emmerson informed the TCC attendees that TNC was provided WDFW contact information and has met with Columbia Land Trust to investigate their interest in a conservation easement or buy the land.

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WHMP Report and Plan; Questions/Comments

Cowlitz PUD WHMP 2019 Plan – TCC comments are due by March 15, 2019. The TCC did not have any questions at this time.

Froberg indicated that she will go out to open bid on the Devil's Backbone project around May 1, 2019. The bid tour is tentatively set for May 20, 2019 and the TCC is welcome to attend if they want.

PacifiCorp WHMP 2019 Plan – TCC comments are due by March 18, 2019. The TCC did not have any questions at this time.

Peggy Miller (WDFW) indicated that they are submitting comments on the Utilities WHMP Plans via email by the due dates.

Lewis River Potential Beaver Habitat

Erik White (Cowlitz Tribe) reviewed maps illustrating potential habitat areas in the Lewis River basin for TCC discussion and consideration of beaver relocation. The maps contain Cascade Forest Conservancy data that PacifiCorp input into its GIS database. White indicated that the model identified sites using the following, but not limited to:

- Physical attributes
- Gradient
- Valley width
- Substrate
- Vegetation
- Looking a lower elevation sites but will look at higher elevation as they progress

White proposed to field verify modeled sites identified on project lands.

White mentioned that beaver have already been placed on Forest Service land on the Cowlitz River. Cowlitz Tribe is also talking with DNR and Columbia Land Trust to participate in its relocation program.

The TCC attendees agreed that Cowlitz Tribe should continue its research on PacifiCorp lands to determine beaver habitat suitability. The TCC support the beaver reintroduction program. The Cowlitz Tribe will report scorecard data back to the TCC. The TCC further agreed that the ACC should also be engaged.

Cowlitz Tribe will need to sign a site access agreement before access of PacifiCorp lands. Emmerson will provide the appropriate access document to Erik White.

Woodland School District Property – Emmerson informed the TCC attendees that PacifiCorp acquired another one-acre flowage easement that was added as upland deciduous WHMP lands. McCune will make note in the WHMP Funding, 10.8.2, Easement at \$13.50 per acre funding.

Mitigation Funds 10.3.3 Update

McCune informed the TCC attendees that the Mitigation for Impacts on Wildlife fund (10.8.5.5) balance is \$19,135.89 as of December 31, 2018.

Emmerson wanted to seek input from the TCC as to options of how the funds can best be used on WHMP lands and to establish clear objectives.

The group discussed adding a pollinator species application to transmission right-of-way lands; western bumblebee could be considered and to plant less grasses so the flowers can thrive. Amanda Froberg (Cowlitz PUD) mentioned a PGE presentation that she saw on pollinators and will get a copy to share with the TCC.

The TCC agreed that further research of creating new pollinator habitat is worth investigating. Planting more diversity in grass seed mixes to attract pollinators and deer in some areas should be considered. For the upcoming Hanley-Curry meadow restoration it was suggested that following be planted:

Emmerson indicated that at first frost, the alfalfa turns to mush at the Skookumchuck wildlife area. Eric Holman (WDFW) suggested that experimental plots could be installed at Hanley-Curry to test alfalfa and other vegetation not normally used in the seed mixture. The Hanley-Curry Meadow is scheduled to be restored because of it being very uneven ground and very dense grasses.

Potential Elk Hoof Disease Researcher Tour Discussion

PacifiCorp has not heard back from Bruce Barnes. WDFW suggested PacifiCorp contact Dr. Margaret Wild directly to inquire about her level of interest to tour PacifiCorp lands.

Agenda items for April 10, 2019

- Review March 13, 2019 Meeting Notes
- Land Acquisition Update (Confidential)
- TNC Update (Confidential)
- Pollinator information; Cowlitz PUD
- Study/Work Product Updates
- ➢ Field Tour; Unit 15

Next Scheduled Meeting April 10, 2019 Location: Merwin HCC

Attachments:

• March 13, 2019 Meeting Agenda

Adjourn 10:50am