

MWCC Steering Committee Meeting

Attending: Mike McLane, Steve Merritt, Gary Weiner, Kathleen Williams, Bill Milton, Amy Miller, Jen Boyer, Carole Mackin, Karen Filipovich

Topics:

May 26, 2005 meeting

Fall Meeting

Directory Guidelines

Protocol for Steering Committee

Training

Agency Round Table Meeting

May 26, 2005:

Most major details are set from logistics:

-LEP panel questions:

(Get questions for panel)—re-prep panelists at lunch (Karen)

AV needs: MACD has a power point set-up)

- Moderated session Congressional Reps first gives everyone an opportunity to discuss how they are using LEP.
- Steve will have date for program evaluation by May 26.
- Congressional People: Burns natural resources (Betsy Allan); Kathleen has email addresses. Steve will make calls, will touch base with Sarah.
- Glen working on remarks.

MACD Meeting on June 2:

11-11:30: Council will talk at 11:40 on Thursday, June 2 in Great Falls. Bill Milton and Alan Rollo will do the update for MWCC. Any suggestions from Steve on special topics would be helpful. It is a tight schedule—10 minutes a topic. Steve will give agenda to steering committee. Bill needs directories to hand out.

Agency Round Table Meeting:

June 16 is the date in Helena in Governor's conference room. Discussion points are agencies priorities that affect watershed efforts. Call Dave White on status of the inter-agency workgroup. Attendance will be limited. Alan will follow up with Mike Volesky and Governor's office.

Criteria for Being Included in Directory

Original Criteria:

- One group per watershed
- Group that was inclusive in participation
- Working on natural resources issues within watershed boundaries
- Not an environmental group who had dealt with litigation

New Criteria:

- Inclusive in participation

- Inclusive in decision-making (is this representing diverse interest or all people in area has opportunity to decide)
- Have a real natural resource interest
- Working toward solving the problem or working on the interest
- Working collaboratively
- Work in a watershed context

Need to keep these criteria broad so we can incorporate differences

Dynamics of brochure—needs to be generic enough and supplement with web site.

Number of groups in a watershed is a funding issue, not a directory issue?

See Colorado Watershed Assembly criteria if we get to the funding.

Incorporate MWCC members on web site—everybody who seems to be a part of it.

Need to put a piece on MWCC publication about council

What is the role of the brochure with just MWCC overview?

Task: Rehaul criteria and distribute for further discussion. (Karen)

Fall Meeting; Bozeman or Livingston

Where; what watershed groups, what panel and focus?

Ideas:

-Groups looking at: Shields (2); Upper Yellowstone; Boulder; Greater Gallatin, Madison, Boulder.

-Agenda would include presentation of these groups.

-Theme: Using less common partners to get work done. Example, working with university, TNC, Sonoran, Water Quality Districts.

-Theme: Despite \$, staff, experience—can't get job done.

-Theme: Development and land use issues; grappling with popularity

- Make sure to leave enough time for agency participation and updates.

Bozeman: Jen, Sue, Karen, Kathleen, Amy (Yellowstone)

Emerson may be a good place. Campus or Museum of Rockies downstairs.

Preference for October 5; October 6 as backup:

Sue will check on museum by May 20.

Committee will meet for coffee and logistics on June 15—1-3—at Jennifer Boyer's house, including arranging a block of lodging (Jen will check into Holiday Inn)

Training Events:

Alan trying to fill more technical training needs. Approached River Network and ICL to do a multiple day training. We need to ensure we are capturing needs of all groups.

Need: True training needs for all players; how are we capturing these needs and accomplishing needs.

There will be a training at the retreat. Can we assess training needs at the retreat, then have it worked out by fall meeting.

- LEP folks want quickbooks training. Grant group sees basic contract management needs. (BSPPA will do quickbooks and contract management this fall in October).

Task: Alan builds survey. Karen, Steve, and Sue will put it out. Karen's shop compiles in late June.

Steering Committee Structure and Composition:

How often do we meet?

Minimum of 4 times.

Where can we meet?

Defer to chairs on location. Bozeman is the location for next two years.

Who Should be an Active Participant?

Co-chairs

Retired co-chairs for at least first year

Committee Representation (chair or rep)

Rep to state technical committee

Key Agencies: DNRC, DEQ, FWP, NRCS

Water Quality District/Local Government

MACD

MT Watercourse

MT Wetland Council

(Is everyone staying on committee or not? Do we need to recruit anyone else?)

Set Dates:

Task: The next steering committee meeting will be in Helena on June 16. The fall steering committee meeting will be October 20 in the morning in a location to be announced (probably Livingston).