

NODOS/Sites Project
Cooperating Agency Coordination Meeting
12/15/2020
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Teams

Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Cordova, USBR | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Dekar, USBR | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Schoeberg, FWS | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Davis, USBR | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Agenda

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the USFWS' involvement as a cooperating agency on the Sites Project.

Meeting Summary

Ryan Davis provided presentation of project history/background.

USFWS has accepted Reclamation's invitation to be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the Sites Reservoir Supplemental EIS.

USFWS has special expertise and jurisdiction under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA), Endangered Species Act (ESA), and Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA).

USFWS involvement in the project will include:

- Reviewing Supplemental EIS chapters relevant to USFWS jurisdiction, as discussed (see attached spreadsheet)
- Modeling review/input
- Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report
 - o An MOU was under development for FWS to develop FWCAR but its current status needs investigation. Steve to follow up.

Steve Schoenberg will be the USFWS point of contact for cooperating agency purposes.
Melissa Dekar will be the Reclamation point of contact for Steve.

Action items and timeline

- Steve to follow up on scope of work and funding for Coordination Act Report
 - o 12/15/2020 PM - Steve confirmed by email that there is a new agreement for all USBR projects for 2021-2025 that would include sites that is pending signature.

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- Melissa will send project description when available, possibly vegetation cover information from 404 process to inform the FWCAR
- Melissa will send chapters for review when they are available