

# UCSRB Board Conference Call Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 7, 2004  
3:00pm to 4:00pm

Call In Number: (517) 267-1044  
Participant's Code: 330347

**Board Members Present:** Paul Ward, Yakama Nation  
Ron Walter, Chelan County  
Joe Peone, Colville Tribe  
Mary Hunt, Douglas County  
Craig Vejraska, Okanogan County

**Others present:** Denny Rohr, UCSRB Facilitator; Dick Nason, UCSRB Staff Coordinator; Bob Bugert, GSRO; Bob Rose, Yakama Nation; Lee Carlson, Yakama Nation; Mike Kaputa, Chelan County and Sandy Cox, Okanogan County

Paul called the meeting to order at 3:06pm

## Action Items:

1. **Dick and Sandy** to meet on Monday and create a contractor/contract assessment with recommendations for the UCSRB Board
2. **Dick** to send out an email to the UCSRB Board with the above information by Wednesday, May 12, 2004
3. **Denny** to set up Board conference call for Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm to address the contractor assessments and recommendations that are to be submitted by **Dick**
4. **Sandy** to send out an email to all of the Board members and find out what available dates they have, compile and choose a meeting date when the majority of Board members can attend

## Agenda:

1. **Discussion and update regarding the GSRO Quarterly Review May 6, 2004 (Bob Bugert)**
  - Quarterly review accomplished its purpose it is allowing us to identify issues before we get down the road too far
  - Recommendations:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Write (document) – Feds and State acknowledged that there was a lot of work put into the deliverables to date and the documents are very complete but off target It is the opinion of the State and Feds that efforts need to be refocused more on public outreach and work to get the assurances from the State and Feds for the constituents
    - More effort on the above and less effort on a large document that may not get read
    - Feds are very willing to give the assurances

- Bottom line is that we only have about a million bucks to work with – so our choices are either to pay for consultants to create a fancy document or invest the dollars into public outreach and assurances
- Subbasin plans are very good documents and can be used as the foundation for the recovery plan
- **Ron** thought that **Mary's** idea of advertising is okay but he feels that each county probably will have a different way to go about public outreach – Chelan is probably going to use current groups, very important to realize that each county and possibly each watershed will have a unique approach
- **Bob Bugert** felt that **Ron** is correct regarding individualized approaches to outreach and assurances will probably need to be negotiated per County or even per Watershed not per region (too big)
- **Bob Bugert** felt that it will take a full year to create assurances
- **Craig** stated that subbasin plans right now have good-sized holes in them, no socioeconomic information and it will need to be beefed up before the SBP plans can be used for the recovery plan foundation
- **Denny** asked if further discussion on collective way to attack public outreach (how do we kick this in gear) will be needed
- **Ron** mentioned that Chelan County has an idea/draft plan on how they want to proceed
- **Bob Bugert** recommends that the UCSRB Board direct the Staff to put the contracts with the consultants on hold until after May 20<sup>th</sup> when Staff meets – then Staff can give the writers re-direction
- **Ron** proposed that contracts be placed on hold, where appropriate, and issue no further contracts until Staff meets on May 20, 2004
- **Joe** – asked if any of the money was going to be reallocated (answer was no)
- **Dick** stated that in the beginning Staff took a shot on creating what the GSRO wanted and so in the next few weeks we need to work closely with the GSRO and the Feds to identify what is needed – Staff thought that we were hitting the mark and it sounds like we overshot the Biological mark, if we already have the biology then let's move on – but we need to work closely with **Bob Bugert** to insure this
- **Paul** recommended that **Dick** and **Sandy** get together and identify what the status is with each contract, decide what is needed for each contract, give the Board the update and the Board will schedule another con/call and discuss the contractor assessment
- **Bob Bugert** committed to distributing the Quarterly Review meeting minutes by next Thursday - they will include the comments and details of what the GSRO is looking for
- **Mary** voiced that up to this time there has been no public outreach
- **Ron** stated that they just got their SBP document yesterday and there is a difference in a document that has been developed with the public's involvement and a document that has been reviewed by the public
- **Bob Bugert** said that once the ISRP has reviewed the SBP plans – it will be a huge foundation for the recovery plan
- **Denny** suggested that we schedule an additional con/call for next Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>
- **Ron** suggested that the Board con/call be scheduled for Monday or Tuesday of the following week (late afternoon)

- It was decided to hold the Board conference call at 4pm on Monday May 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Denny** confirmed that the agenda on the May 17<sup>th</sup> conference call will be to address the contractor assessments and recommendations submitted by **Dick**
- **Paul** mentioned that the Board is having a difficult time setting up a May Board meeting
- **Sandy** to send out an email to all of the Board and find out what available dates they have, compile and choose a meeting date when the majority of Board members can attend
- **Dick** to give the board an update on 5 contractors (status and recommendations) via email on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup>
- **Dick** feels that we will need to get specific direction from GSRO before moving any further
- **Mike** mentioned that we still need to compare what is in our current contract vs. the revised WDFW contract

2. **Brief update on Lead Entity Endorsement Letter discussed at last UCSRB Board Meeting (Dick Nason)**

- Because the expectation of this letter going out immediately was established at the last Board meeting, **Dick** wanted to advise the Board of **Julie Dagnon's** opinion on when to send this letter
- It is **Julie's** opinion that this letter does not need to be sent out at this time, July would be more appropriate, when it will accompany the lists (right now it would be out of context if sent in)
- **Mike** agreed with **Julie's** perspective on this issue
- Letter to be sent out sometime in July when deemed appropriate

Call ended 3:40pm