

**Terrestrial Resources Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**January 23, 2019**  
**Noxon Emergency Services Building**  
**10:00 a.m. (MST)**

**Attendees**

Designated TRTAC Representatives

Avista Corp. – Nate Hall  
Elk Creek Watershed Council – Judy Hutchins  
Green Mountain Conservation District – Terry Hightower  
Noxon-Cabinet Shoreline Coalition – Richard Reich  
U.S. Forest Service – Les Raynor

Other Attendees

Avista – Jason Pignanelli, Eric Oldenburg; Avista Grant Writer – Susan Drumheller; Glen Megara – Sanders County Commissioner

**Introduction**

Nate Hall welcomed those in attendance and invited participants to introduce themselves. The purpose of today’s meeting is to review the draft 2019 Annual Implementation Plans (AIPs), make any necessary corrections, and recommend forwarding them for Management Committee's (MC) review and approval at their upcoming meeting in March.

**Agenda**

There were no additions or revisions to the proposed agenda. Hall explained the draft 2019 AIP budget sheets carryover and 2019 expenditures may change between now and the MC meeting, as Avista is still in the process of closing out the 2018 books.

Maps with all permit and recreation site locations are available for review on the back table. Also on the table are copies of the Lower Clark Fork Recreation Site and Facility Inspections and the 2018 Clark Fork Recreation Site Visitation report, Lake Pend Oreille Boater’s Guide, as well as the Avista 2019 calendar and 2018 newsletter.

**TRTAC 2019 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS**

**Appendix G: Implementation of the Land Use Management Plan (LUMP)**

1. Administration of the Land Use Management Plan (LUMP)
  - a. Five-year update of the LUMP
  - b. Jason provided a brief overview of two new property use applications and will follow up with the group for decisions regarding these applications at a later date.
2. Managing Aquatic Invasive Plants on Noxon and Cabinet Gorge Reservoirs
3. Monitoring Associated with the Land Use Management Plan (LUMP)
4. Enforcement Associated with the Land Use Management Plan (LUMP)
  - a. Hall and Pignanelli provided information on the types of trespass violations Avista encounters and how we approach those violations.

*With no further discussion, the TRTAC approved forwarding Appendix G as presented to the MC for review and approval.*

#### **Appendix H: Implementation of Recreation Resource Management Plan (RRMP)**

1. RRMP Administration and Resource Integration
2. RRMP Recreation Facility Development
  - a. Pignanelli explained individual projects within the 2019 Recreation Resource Facility Development Plan to the group and Hall described nuances associated with two of the “Annual Activity” projects.
3. RRMP Monitoring
4. Operation and Maintenance of Recreation Facilities
  - a. Hall noted that Avista and the U.S. Forest Service need to get together to renew the 5-year funding for operation and maintenance prior to the 2019 recreation season.
5. Interpretation and Education Program

*With no further discussion, the TRTAC approved forwarding Appendix H as presented to the MC for review and approval*

#### **Appendix I: Aesthetics Management Plan**

- There are no project plans associated with this PM&E.
- Pignanelli explained the Aesthetics Management Plan and 2019 plans.
- Hall explained that some view shed classifications may change due to vegetation growth. Avista will likely make recommendations to the TRTAC in this regard in the future.

*With no further discussion, the TRTAC approved forwarding Appendix I as presented to the MC for review and approval.*

#### **Appendix J: Wildlife, Botanical and Wetland Management Plan**

- There are no project plans associated with this PM&E
- Hall explained that the primary activity under the PM&E is updating the spreadsheet and ensure the MC is reviewing ownership on a regular basis.
- Bald Eagle, peregrine falcon, and loon observations can be tracked through this PM&E.

*With no further discussion, the TRTAC approved forwarding Appendix J as presented to the MC for review and approval.*

#### **Appendix K: Wildlife Habitat Acquisition, Enhancement, and Management Program**

1. Operation and Maintenance of Acquired Property and Contingency Fund
  - a. Hall explained the plans for improvement at the Trestle Creek day-use area and how timber receipt dollars will help to fund this work, continuing work at the Twin Creek site, South Fork Bull River site, on other Avista-owned lands.
2. Habitat Acquisition and Conservation and Contingency Fund

*With no further discussion, the TRTAC approved forwarding Appendix K as presented to the MC for review and approval.*

### **Appendix L: Black Cottonwood Habitat Protection and Enhancement**

- There are no project plans associated with this PM&E
- Hall explained that primary protection is provided through implementation of the LUMP.
- Additional exclosures will be constructed at the Herford site this spring.

*With no further discussion, the TRTAC approved forwarding Appendix L as presented to the MC for review and approval.*

### **Appendix M: Wetlands Protection and Enhancement Program**

- There are no project plans associated with this PM&E
- Hall explained that we will be looking at wetland enhancement opportunities at the Twin Creek property.

*With no further discussion, the TRTAC approved forwarding Appendix M as presented to the MC for review and approval.*

### **Appendix P: Forest Habitat Protection and Enhancement**

- There are no project plans associated with this PM&E but Pignanelli outlined the objectives and tasks associated with Appendix P and Hall explained how any revenue generated through timber management remains within the Clark Fork Settlement Agreement.

*With no further discussion, the TRTAC approved forwarding Appendix P as presented to the MC for review and approval.*

### **Appendix Q: Reservoir Island Protection**

- There are no project plans associated with this PM&E
- Hall explained that this PM&E was developed in recognition of the importance in protecting the Avista owned island habitat along the project area.
- There is no budget associated with this PM&E for 2019, as the activities are covered under the implementation of the LUMP.

*With no further discussion, the TRTAC approved forwarding Appendix Q as presented to the MC for review and approval.*

### **Appendix S: Erosion Fund and Shoreline Stabilization Guidelines**

- There are no project plans associated with this PM&E
- In 2019, work efforts will focus on addressing erosion concerns identified by the CRMG; and utilize engineering assistance to help evaluate erosion control proposals received by Avista from adjacent landowners.
- Provide technical assistance for an erosion project proposed by an adjacent landowner in the Vermilion Point area.

*With no further discussion, the TRTAC approved forwarding Appendix S as presented to the MC for review and approval.*

**Next Meeting**

The next TRTAC meeting will be held on August 22 at 10:00 a.m. in Noxon. Hall thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The TRTAC meeting ended at 1:15 p.m. (MST).