

Upper Rio Grande Basin Water Operations Review Executive Committee meeting, April 27, 2001

Bataan Building, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

In attendance:

LTC Midkiff, Corps

Steve Hansen, BOR

Norman Gaume, NMISC

Gail Stockton, Corps

Chris Gorbach, BOR

Leann Towne, BOR

Rhea Graham, NMISC

- The Executive Committee approved the Meeting Notes for the March 9, 2001, Executive Committee meeting held at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These notes will be posted on the website for the project.
- The Executive Committee signed the Memorandum of Agreement for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Albuquerque Area Office, as a Cooperating Agency.
- The Executive Committee signed a letter on special joint agency letterhead providing notice to all who attended public scoping meetings of the availability of the Scoping Summary, both on the website and by hard copy through request to the Project Managers.
- Considerable discussion ensued regarding the work plan development to date, and it was decided that cutting the scope to fit available resources would not occur until more development of the alternatives was completed. The Executive Committee advised the Project Managers that focusing development of alternatives within the limits of existing authorities might reduce the total cost of tasks and analyses within the Work Plan. This comment reflects that the existing authorities of each lead agency do not permit wide flexibility requiring the level of analysis proposed in the individual team Work Plans. Rather than finalize Work Plans for the available budget, the Project Managers were directed to work harder on development of alternatives.
- The Project Managers were directed to ask that the teams work on alternatives development and further analysis of the existing condition as a priority over refining the Work Plans further. However, use of the Work Plans for tracking of schedule and evaluating overlap was expected to continue, reflecting the Project Managers' observation that the integrated Work Plan documentation on Team Link was a big assistance in managing schedules and deliverables.
- Regarding the Steering Committee meeting planned for June 22, 2001, in Santa Fe, the goal will be to have the alternatives development (using the matrix with single-objective alternatives) far enough along to receive input from Steering Committee members. However, it is possible that the development of alternatives

will still be awaiting further digestion by the teams of existing information, given the apparent lack of focus on limitations due to existing authorities.

- The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for June 19, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. at the Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque office.

Approved by the Executive Committee at the June 19, 2001 meeting.