Senior Leadership Team Meeting Notes
09/12/16

1:00-3:00 p.m. (RA Conference Room)

Shaun McGrath RA	x	Suzanne Bohan ARA ECEJ	x	Paul Logan RC	x	Pat Gilbride IG	x
Deb Thomas DRA		Brian Joffe DARA ECEJ	x	Chuck Figur Dep RC	x	Jeffrey Martinez CID	
Joan Card Sr Policy Advisor	x	Paula Smith Dir OCPI	x	Martin Hestmark ARA EPR	x		
		Andrew Mutter Dep Dir OCPI	x	Sandy Stavnes DARA EPR	x		
		Darcy O'Connor ARA OPRA	x	Rick Buhl ARA TMS	x		
Betsy Varcoe, Recorder	x	Bert Garcia DARA OPRA	x	Patrice Kortuem DARA TMS	x		

1. Special Topics – None

2. HQ Call
   - A third open house will be held in Flint to discuss data results.
   - Update on contaminated water spill in Region 3.
   - New York State has passed a law requiring that all schools test water for lead.
   - Update on national preparedness articles.
   - Expect that a short-term continuing resolution will be passed.
   - Governors' staffs will be briefed on EPA matters.
   - The Combined Federal Campaign has been launched at HQ.

3. RA/DRA/Policy Advisor Highlights - Calendar Updates/Meeting Prep

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Shaun

- There was great press last week around the NPL listings for Bonita Peak and CFAC Montana.
- OPRA is incorporating OW comments on the NDIC Class II UIC oversight report.
- Darcy will forward to SLT the draft list of action items from the state director meeting.
- The proposed remedy decision on the Solvay site will be public noticed on 9/13. A public meeting will be held on 9/27.
- Update on Dakota Access Pipeline.
- Update on Butte; Shaun will follow up with Tracy Stone Manning.
- Darcy will follow up on the state's role re. thallium in drinking water in WY.
- Update on PFCs in drinking water in Sioux Falls.
- Update on lease – status quo.
- Jim Jones sent

letters to state Ag commissioners on worker protection. OPRA will follow up further with R8 states.

- EPR will brief Shaun on 9/22 on American Fork Canyon.
- On 9/15 will participate in a consultation with MHA Nation re. their refinery project.
- On 9/13 will participate in the quarterly meeting with COGA on air issues.
- On 9/16 will have a call with Sally Ericsson of the Colorado River Future Project.
- On 9/23 will meet in Omaha with Col. Henderson, Army COE. Reviewed issues that might be discussed. Contact Shaun to suggest additional subjects.

Joan

- Cindy Beeler will travel to Ottawa, Canada for 60 days on an Embassy Science Fellowship assignment.
- Joan will travel to the IOGCC meeting in Little Rock AR on 10/2-4.

4. Report from Deputies – At last meeting discussed laboratory priorities. Chris Wardell's congressional report will be made available to staff on the 8net.

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5. Round Robin

- Brian – Rotation of the Awards Board to ECEJ will be discussed at RMC on 9/13.
- Patrice – TMS leadership team will hold a retreat offsite on 9/15 from 11:00-5:00.
- Sandy – Sent the SLT Sharepoint link to SLT. RMC will discuss how to use the site.
- Paul – Discussion of a FOIA case that EPA lost in the 8th Circuit Court.
- Andrew – Working on the 10/14 Feed 5,000 event that R8 is cohosting, and moving forward on R8's next Lead Region assignment.
- Martin – Staff IMT exercise will be held 9/20. HQ will evaluate R8 readiness on 9/22.
- Suzanne – Update on enforcement cases, including the Syngenta multi-region FIFRA settlement, which includes compliance training and outreach work. Air enforcement updates. R8 will send 2 inspectors to assist with oil and gas inspections in R6.
- Darcy – Update on

UT house bills. Dewey Burdock briefing is scheduled for 10/4.

- Rick – Some offices have significant training fund balances; can fund 1st quarter training but must do it by the end of the month or the funds will be swept. Discussion of employees failing to post their timecards. Mario Merida will conduct EEO training on 9/13. Rick's counterparts from Regions 7, 9 and 10 will visit next week to discuss common issues. EVS results will be available soon. Update on Lincoln County grants issue. Bill Daniels will retire at the end of 2016.

6. RECAP OF DECISIONS/TASKS

- Darcy will forward to SLT the draft list of action items from the state director meeting.
- OPRA will follow up on the state's role re. thallium in drinking water in WY.
- OPRA will follow up on South Dakota PFC issue.
- OPRA will follow up with states on agriculture worker protection.

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