Senior Leadership Team Meeting Notes
2/1/16
1:00-3:00 p.m. (RA Conference Room)

Shaun McGrath	x	Suzanne Bohan	x	Paul Logan		Darcy O'Connor	x
Deb Thomas	x	Aaron Urdiales	x	Elyana Sutin		Jennifer Schuller	x
Joan Card	x	Paula Smith	x	Martin Hestmark	x	Rick Buhl	x
Alfreda Mitre				Sandy Stavnes	x	Patrice Kortuem	x
		Pat Gilbride	x	Brian Joffe, ORC	x		
Betsy Varcoe, Recorder	x	Jeffrey Martinez				Katherin Hall	x
				Nobe Hattori	x	Lisa McClain-Vanderpool	x

1. Special Topics – Awards Board Report – Sandy and Board members
   - Discussion of External Awards proposal to be presented to RLT.

2. HQ Call
   - Planning outreach to states on lead in water.
   - Acting DA and Mathy Stanislaus met with OSCs in Atlanta.
   - Employee Viewpoint Survey - There will be a GreenSpark announcement offering all staff the chance to add specific EPA questions to the survey. Paula will publish a link on the 8Net. The next survey will be sent to all employees, not just a subset.
   - The 2017 budget will be released 2/9. Compass and interfacing systems will be down 2/5-2/19. Vouchers submitted after 2/3 will not be processed until 2/19.
   - The Clean Power Plan stay has been appealed to the Supreme Court.
   - EPA is involved in developing a response plan to the Zika virus. HHS and CDC are the point agencies. EPA has a role in mosquito control and licensing.
   - The PIV exemption list is growing; closer control should be considered in each region.

3. RA/DRA/Policy Advisor Highlights

   Deb
   - Discussion of a meeting for R8 water leadership with Joel Beauvais on 2/4. Darcy will send the invitation.
   - Will authorize a 2-hour early release today due to weather.
   - An SES candidate from the Bureau of Reclamation has asked whether R8 can provide a 120-day detail. Report any possible GS-15-level assignments to Deb.
   - Will speak at a general bargaining unit meeting on 2/4 on Flint water, Gold King Mine, Administrator's directive on elevation of issues, and inclusion and diversity efforts.
   - Discussion of Administrator's directive on elevation of issues.

   Joan
   - Discussion of Utah DEQ Water Quality request for comments on peer review.
   - HQ will host a meeting at R8 on 2/5 for Animas and San Juan River stakeholders about river monitoring. Will be led by a professional facilitator; three regions, three states and three tribes will be represented. ORD will present research.
   - Three Affiliated Tribes have requested a consultation on the Clean Power Plan, oil and gas rules, and UIC.

- The Director of the Montana Department of Agriculture has requested a meeting with Shaun on pesticides. Rebecca Perrin will coordinate.

4. Calendar Updates/Meeting Prep
   - Shaun, Deb and Joan will be offsite for a retreat on the morning of 2/3 to discuss R8 priorities.

5. Report from Deputies – Discussed their pre-work for the Resource Management meeting on 2/2.

6. Round Robin
   - Aaron – Updates on Wind River, Red Shirt landfill tribal consultation, and meeting with Utah DEQ on US Magnesium site. Will brief Shaun.
   - Suzanne – The EPA, DOJ, NDDH Bakken air workgroup will meet on 2/3. Update on Black Tail Creek, East Helena transfer of property to the school system, and Glencore attorney call.
   - Brian – Paul and Elyana are in Washington D.C. until 2/4. Associate General Counsel Lorie Schmidt will visit R8 next week. Update on Basin mediation call.
   - Paula – Update on social media activities.
   - Sandy – Update on Butte letters.
   - Patrice – Mandatory supervisor training will be offered again on 3/17 and 5/24; check TMS to see which of your staff have signed up. Send Whitney information on your new employees. R8 will coordinate western regional contracting with Regions 7, 9 and 10 next week.
   - Rick – Update on Make-A-Change survey.
   - Darcy – 400-500 attended the regional haze hearing in Salt Lake City last week. Emery County in central Utah has requested an EPA visit. Discussed next steps on reaching out to WY on Sinclair SO2 designation. Update on status of Montana SO2 redesignation. Planning call with Colorado on PFOS sampling plan. Shout out to Matt Duran who did a presentation at the OPRA All Hands on what's happening in IMP.
   - Sandy – Will update Deb on case of arsenic in a private well.
   - Jennifer – OPRA leadership team will attend an offsite retreat on 2/3 on leading through change and transition.

7. **RECAP OF DECISIONS/TASKS**
   - OPRA will send the invitation for R8 water leadership to meet with Joel Beauvais on 2/4.
   - Paula will publish a link on the 8Net to the EVS question opportunity.
   - All - Report to Deb possible GS-15-level assignments for a 120-day detail for Bureau of Reclamation SES candidate.
   - ECEJ will brief Shaun on meeting with Utah DEQ on groundwater.
   - All - Mandatory supervisor training will be offered again on 3/17 and 5/24.
   - All - Send Whitney information on your new employees.
   - EPR will update Deb on private well case.