Senior Leadership Team Meeting Notes
10/11/16

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

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

1. Special Topics – None

2. HQ Call
   - The Administrator is in Africa for a meeting on HFCs.
   - During R5's award ceremony they recognized 200+ employees for their work on Flint.
   - Organizational assessments are due today.
   - Article in *The Washington Post* on regional haze in Shenandoah National Park.
   - Randy Hill will attend the National Conference of American Indians.
   - NEJAC is meeting this week.
   - Communities meeting will be held 10/25-26.
   - Today is National Coming Out Day.
   - CFC Campaign is underway.
   - Cybersecurity – Computer access will be denied for staff who have not completed training.
   - October is Children's Health Month.

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

   Shaun
   - On 10/6, the RA call discussed OW's drinking water action plan; final plan is expected in November. A White House group also is working on a drinking water plan. White paper on the lead and copper rule is expected 10/25.
   - On 10/6, met with General Counsel Avi Garbow, who was very complimentary of R8 ORC.
   - On 10/7, the all hands meeting with Janet McCabe went well. Discussed WY transport and U&O FIP. Janet also met with NOAA scientists on oil and gas. Thanks to Eric Wortman for organizing.
   - Butte update – Negotiations will resume in November. Preparing for 10/17 public meeting; Atlantic Richfield will participate on the panel.
   - Anaconda update – Amicus to be submitted by 11/4. Elyana will update Shaun.
   - On 10/7, the Administrator was briefed on the final EJ 2020; discussed resource implications for Regions. To be rolled out mid-October.
   - Dewey Burdock update.
   - On 10/5, met with Jonathan Bartsch, the consultant on the R8 water reorganization.
   - Update on response to Chairman Fox on the refinery proposal.
   - Pavillion update - Expect presentation from the state on their report at the end of October, and a public meeting following that.
   - Update on Pueblo Superfund conversation with Rick Garcia, HUD.
   - Update on Gasco in Uinta Basin.

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- Overall results for EVS were announced. TMS is evaluating R8 results. The Make A Change group will develop responses.
- Letter from Sen. Tester on Solvay – OPRA is preparing a response on the outreach done.
- Trip to Montana on drought demonstration project has been postponed.

Deb

- Attended part of the presentation by Metro State science students on their impressive research.
- On 10/14, will attend the Feeding the 5,000 Front Range event in Denver.
- On 10/16, will fly to Durango for a 2-day tour of the mines.

Joan

- Attended Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission meeting last week. EPA has a formal MOU with IOGCC; the task force includes Regions 3, 5, 6 and 8. ORD is finalizing a hydraulic fracturing study; information on outreach to states is forthcoming. Discussed produced water initiative being developed by Groundwater Protection Council, IOGCC and Rural Water. Discussed methane information collection efforts. Breakout session on Clean Power Plan. Lynn Helms was recognized as Regulator of the Year. Discussed how permitting decisions are made for GWPC project grants. Mark Rupp discussed the transition and stated that some organizations are preparing transition papers.
- Cindy Beeler is in Canada working on Prime Minister Trudeau's climate agenda.
- Update on helicopter survey to be conducted with BLM.
- Nutrient memo has been shared with states so they can develop criteria.

4. Report from Deputies – Discussed hiring processes, preparations for SSC's visit, background check process. Developing timeline for referral process.

5. Round Robin
   - Brian – Region 8 to submit comments in support of OECA's effort to -work with OGC to ~~will~~ clarify a 2005 Ann Klee memo regarding the General Duty clause.- Update regarding ~~D~~drinking water administrative order ~~was~~ issued to the Crow Reservation last week. UFO reorganization will be effective 10/16.
   - Elyana – Regarding the Clean Water Rule, the 6th Circuit Court adopted EPA administrative record guidance.
   - Bert – Final call for action items following the state director meeting.
   - Sarah – OW is writing guidance on the PFAS/PFOA regulations. Sending violation letter on Pinedale WY this week.
   - Patrice – The Union (both local and national) are reviewing the Montana reorganization. Ben distributed guidance on funding during the continuing resolution, and included a link to the travel policy.
   - Paula – Update on recent news articles. Several OCPI staff will be involved in the Feed the 5,000 event on 10/14.
   - Sandy – Attended a Superfund meeting for state directors in Park City last week.
   - Paul – Regional Counsel met with LEP and DOJ attorneys as well as ORC attorneys. Discussion about 319 funds and mining related work; Shaun to contact OLEM. Update on Hunter lawsuit from Sierra Club on air.

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6. RECAP OF DECISIONS/TASKS
   - ORC will update Shaun on Anaconda.
   - ~~Shaun~~ Sandy will contact OLEM re. 319 funds and mining related work and report back.

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