

Scoping Team Meeting August 15, 2006

Meeting Minutes

Overview: Troy Naperala presented a summary overview of the meeting agenda and noted that ECT and the Army Corp of Engineer had spent the day discussing how they would coordinate studies. The purpose of the 8/15/06 meeting was to give ECT an opportunity to present their draft scope of work and engage the scoping team in discussion. Over the next two months, the scoping team will be responsible for working with URS and the ECT consultant team, to develop a Scope of Work for ultimate approval by the Implementation Team and the Boardman River Dams Committee. The QBS process will continue to be followed as study tasks and responsibilities are being refined and finalized.

Self introductions were made, with the following in attendance:

Scoping Team Members

Mark Johnson
Jack Murray
Peter Zirnhelt

Facilitation Team

Troy Naperala – URS
Russ Knopp – Traverse Management
Resources

Water Studies Institute

Tim Ervin
Jennifer Jay

Implementation Team

Todd Kalish
Brett Fessel

ECT

Scott Parker
Don Tilton

ACOE

Carl Platz

Overview of Draft Scope of Work

Scott Parker (ECT) and Don Tilton (ECT) provided a summary of the draft SOW. They stated that the SOW is intended to be comprehensive and address all concerns and issues expressed by the Boardman Dams Committee. Thus, the SOW includes activities that may be completed by the Corp or other agencies, and also those that will be completed by the ECT team. The study will produce documents consistent with the requirements of the NEPA process. Several alternatives will be evaluated and the Boardman Dams Committee will select the community preferred alternative.

The ECT team will communicate regularly with the community through a variety of media, and will be present at all scheduled Boardman Dam Committee meetings. In addition to providing the community with progress updates the ECT team will be seeking input and information from committee members and other interested parties.

Corps' Interest in Study

The Corp is undertaking a parallel study that will include many similar features as the ECT study, but it will be focused on the Corps federal requirement. ECT and the Corp will share data and other work products so that no duplication of effort occurs. The product produced by the Corp will satisfy federal requirements for the Corps involvement in the project and will focus on habitat improvements that could be realized for each alternative considered. These will be complementary, but parallel studies.

Discussion / Comments on Draft Scope of Work

Comments from those present focused on:

- Prioritization and budgeting issues – with unknown amounts of funding and / or contributions from the Corp the SOW should be prioritized so the critical path tasks can be identified.
- The need for NEPA documentation – NEPA was discussed and explained. ECT will be completing components of the EA and / or EIS as the data and information becomes available during the course of the study.
- The difference between an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process – Concern was expressed that each of these processes had a timeline associated with it and if the consultant team did not get started on the EIS (if it is needed) until the study was completed it could add another 1 – 2 years to the schedule.
- Land owner issues – since property rights issues have been an important consideration throughout this process it was suggested that ECT highlight activities related to this issue in the SOW
- The newly launched sustainability project may present opportunities for collaboration with the WSI on data collection related to the community's vision and values related to the Boardman River and its watershed. Members of the scoping team were asked to volunteer to help determine how and if the projects could complement each other.

ECT will address and incorporate these issues into the next SOW.

Review of Team Responsibilities and Time Line

The Scoping Team membership adopted the following timeline as the recommended approach

- August 21, 2006 – Scoping Team submits comments and questions to ECT regarding SOW.
- August 24, 2006 – ECT prepares and distributes refined draft SOW for Scoping Team review and comment
- September 15, 2006 – ECT and Scoping Team presents final SOW and recommendations to Implementation Team (IT) and Dams Committee (Hagerty Center 4:00 PM– 6:00 PM)
- September 29, 2006 - IT votes on SOW

Timeline for Responding to Comments

Comments received by Monday August 21, 2006 will be incorporated into the August 24, 2006 draft scope of work. Comments received after the August 21, 2006 will be addressed in later versions.

The meeting Adjourned at 5:30 pm. Any member with additional questions or comment should contact Mike Donahue (734.646.4638) or Troy Naperala (troy_naperala@urscorp.com or 231.932.7592.)