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DECISION MEMORANDUM

To: SNPLMA Executive Committee

Through: SNPLMA Partners Working Group

From: Karla D. Norris, Assistant District Manager, SNPLMA Division

Subject: Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas (PTNA) Subgroup Membership

Karla D. Norris
2/19/15

Background

Currently, the Implementation Agreement defines the membership in the PTNA subgroup as follows:

- Bureau of Land Management, Southern Nevada District Office, SNPLMA ADM (non-voting Chair)
- Bureau of Land Management, Ely District Office (BLM voting member)
- National Park Service
- U.S. Forest Service-Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex
- Clark County, Nevada
- City of Las Vegas, Nevada
- City of Henderson, Nevada
- City of North Las Vegas, Nevada
- Lincoln County, Nevada
- Southern Nevada Water Authority
- Clark County Regional Flood Control District
- Clark County Water Reclamation District (formerly Clark County Sanitation District)
- White Pine County, Nevada
- Carson City, Nevada

Issue

Recently, the National Park Service (NPS) asked to be removed from membership on the subgroup, as they felt that their contribution was no longer necessary.

Analysis

Federal Agencies were originally members of the subgroup for project coordination purposes. Many local and regional projects are in close proximity, adjacent to, or even on federally managed lands. Federal membership on the PTNA subgroup ensured knowledge of projects early enough in the process to coordinate any concerns with partners. However, as of Round 8, there is a requirement that partners coordinate with federal agencies prior to the submission of a project nomination. The process is fully defined in the nomination package requirements, and since Round 8 has worked efficiently.

The SNPLMA Division felt that if one federal partner was removed from the subgroup, the same consideration should be given to all federal partners. The Bureau of Land Management made the decision to remove its voting member from the subgroup. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Forest Service responded that the former subgroup representatives had relocated and they currently had no one to serve as a representative on the subgroup. It should be considered that all federal partners have representation on the PWG and if there are concerns after the consultation process, these can be raised before a funding recommendation is made to the Executive Committee.

In addition, the Clark County Water Reclamation District (CCWRD) has never participated in any PTNA subgroup meetings, and should be notified that they are being removed from membership. They will remain an eligible entity for SNPLMA funding as defined in the legislation.

An electronic mail message was sent to all PTNA subgroup members (including federal partners) outlining the background and issue as defined above and requesting their input on the subject. The majority (11 out of 13, with 2 members not responding) voted to remove the federal members. The proposal to remove the non-participating CCWRD member was made by the SNPLMA Division.

Recommendation

- Remove all federal partners from membership on the PTNA subgroup
- Remove the CCWRD from membership on the PTNA subgroup

Action Needed

Partners Working Group members should vote on the above recommendation via email and/or voice vote during conference calls or meetings with Raul Morales, Chair of the SNPLMA Partners Working Group with a copy to the SNPLMA Division. Once all votes have been submitted or 14 days have passed, the Working Group's decision will be finalized by the Working Group Chair and forwarded to the Executive Committee for final decision.

Partners Working Group Decision

The signature below indicates the decision made by majority vote on the above SNPLMA Division recommendation.

BY: Raul Morales, SNPLMA Partners Working Group Chair

Raul Morales 1/23/15
Approve SNPLMA Division Recommendation Date

Approve Alternate Recommendation Date
(Refer to rationale provided below.)

Disapprove Date
(Refer to rationale provided below.)

If the Partners Working Group (PWG) disagrees with the SNPLMA Division recommendation and/or approves an alternate action, please explain below:

Executive Committee Decision

By Signature, indicate the majority vote decision on the above recommendation of the Partners Working Group (PWG).

BY: Amy Lueders, SNPLMA Executive Committee Chair

Acting Mary Laub 2/24/15
Approve PWG Recommendation Date
Mary Laub, Acting SD

Approve Alternate Action Date
(Refer to rationale provided below.)

Disapprove PWG Recommendation Date
(Refer to rationale provided below.)

If the Executive Committee disagrees with the Partners Working Group recommendation and/or approves an alternate action, please explain below:

The Executive Committee will notify the Partners Working Group of its decision and return the original signed document to the SNPLMA Division to be maintained in the administrative record.