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DECISION MEMORANDUM

To: Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Executive Committee (EC)

Through: SNPLMA Partners Working Group (PWG)

Through: Karla Norris Assistant District Manager, SNPLMA Division
/s/ October 13, 2011

From: Jeff Wilbanks, Program Manager Parks, Trails and Natural Areas (PTNA), SNPLMA Division
/s/ October 13, 2011

Subject: Request Revision to the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement (IA) for Adding a Second Local/Regional Government Representative to the Partners Working Group.

Background:

During the June 14-16, 2011 EC Meeting, the executives agreed to add a second local/regional government representative to the PWG to represent the local/regional SNPLMA eligible entities in Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties; and portions of Washoe County (through 2015) and Carson City, Nevada. The EC directed the PWG to develop a recommendation for filling the new representative position.

The PWG currently includes representatives from:

Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Nevada State Office (Chair)
State of Nevada
Local/Regional Government Representative
Rural Nevada (Nevada Association of Counties)
National Park Service
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Forest Service
Bureau of Reclamation

Per the SNPLMA Implementation Agreement (IA), “The PTNA Subgroup will elect one of its non-federal members to serve as the representative for all local/regional governmental entities on the PWG.” Currently, there is one voting local/regional government representative and one alternate/shadow (non-voting) representative severing on the PWG for two year terms. During the first year the shadow representative serves in a learning capacity converting to the voting representative at the beginning of the second year. A new shadow representative rotates annually into the position from the following group in the following order:

City of Las Vegas
Lincoln County
City of North Las Vegas
Southern Nevada Water Authority
Clark County Water Reclamation District (former Sanitation District)
Clark County Regional Flood Control District
Clark County
City of Henderson
White Pine County
(Carson City opted out of the rotation and Washoe County is not eligible)

Issue:

Provide additional SNPLMA eligible local/regional government representation in the PWG by adding a second local/regional PWG membership with voting capability.

Karla Norris, Assistant District Manager, SNPLMA Division, held a series of one-on-one meetings with members of the PWG and the PTNA Subgroup from which she developed the following list of proposals for adding a second local/regional government representative to the PWG.

1. The Clark County Desert Conservation Program (DCP, representing the Multiple Sensitive Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP)) would become a member of the PTNA Subgroup. Both local/regional government representatives would rotate from the membership of the PTNA. Each representative would be a voting member. Members would serve on the PWG for two years instead of one year. One membership would start in even years, and one in odd years, so that the positions would overlap.
2. A representative from Clark County would be one of the local/regional government representatives to the PWG. The other representative would rotate amongst the PTNA members. The selection of the Clark County representative would be made by Clark County, as determined by the County Manager and Board of County Commissioners.
3. Ask the PTNA Subgroup to make a recommendation (through a voting process) to the PWG.
4. One of the local/regional representatives would rotate among the three counties and the other rotate among the remainder of the membership.
5. A representative from the Clark County DCP be a part of the PWG, even though they are not part of the PTNA Subgroup.

6. One of the local/regional government representatives would rotate from the Northern entities and one from Southern entities (could also be described as one rural and one urban representative).
7. The second local/regional government representative would rotate among the non-federal partners from the other sub-groups, i.e., ENLRP, Fuels, MSHCP, etc.

The PWG, following review of the above options, recommended that the non-federal members of the PTNA Subgroup, the PWG Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) representative, and a Clark County DCP representative form a committee to develop a recommendation for the PWG and EC regarding selection of the second local/regional representative.

The PWG provided the following guideline for implementing the second representative position: The two local/regional government representatives will be voting members of the PWG serving for two years each. One member will start in even years and one in odd years, so that the positions overlap. The current alternate/shadow representative position will be eliminated and replaced by the new second voting representative. The new representative term will begin in January of 2012.

Karla facilitated a conference call on October 5, 2011 with nine members of the PTNA Subgroup and a DCP representative. The PWG NACO representative could not be present for the call. As directed by the PWG this group discussed the seven options and developed a recommendation for selection of the second local/regional government representative. The committee eliminated all of the options except options 1, 2 and 5. The committee selected a modification of option #1 which is shown below. The IA will be revised to reflect the recommended changes if approved by the PWG and EC.

Request:

The SNPLMA Division requests that the IA be revised to indicate the following recommended changes:

1. SNPLMA/FLTFA Interagency and Intergovernmental Organizational Units, B. The Partners Working Group: Replace bullet #3 with:
 - Two seats provided by the PTNA Subgroup shall represent all of the local and regional governmental entities in Clark, Lincoln and White Pine Counties, and portions of Washoe County (through 2015) and Carson City, Nevada.
2. SNPLMA/FLTFA Interagency and Intergovernmental Organizational Units, C. SNPLMA/FLTFA Subgroups, Parks, Trails and Natural Areas Subgroup, Paragraph 1, Sentence 3: Replace with:
 - The PTNA Subgroup will provide two of the Subgroup non-federal members to serve as representatives for all of the SNPLMA eligible local/regional governmental entities on the PWG.
 - The Clark County DCP, representing the MSHCP, is authorized to become a limited member of the PTNA Subgroup allowing the DCP to enter the PWG representative rotation following the City of Henderson (see rotation list below). The DCP limited membership does not allow the DCP to score and rank PTNA

project nominations. However, the DCP can attend and participate in any PTNA Subgroup meeting.

- The two local/regional government representatives will rotate from the membership of the PTNA Subgroup (see rotation list below). Each representative will be a voting member of the PWG serving for two years beginning and ending in January. One membership will start in even years, and the other in odd years, creating an overlap between the two positions.

PTNA Subgroup PWG Representative Rotation Order

- City of Las Vegas
- Lincoln County
- City of North Las Vegas
- Southern Nevada Water Authority
- Clark County Water Reclamation District (former Sanitation District)
- Clark County Regional Flood Control District
- Clark County
- City of Henderson
- Desert Conservation Program
- White Pine County

(Carson City opted out of the rotation and Washoe County is not eligible)

- The City of Henderson will be the initial second PTNA Subgroup PWG representative beginning January 2012.
- The incoming representative will start receiving PWG correspondence six months before beginning the position term.

If approved by the EC, the SNPLMA Division will notify all eligible entities of the new rules and post the approved decision memo on the SNPLMA web site. The decision memo will remain on the web site until posting of the revised version of the IA.

Analysis:

The process and procedures identified in this decision memo accomplishes the EC instructions to the PWG for recommending a process to select the second PTNA Subgroup PWG local/regional representative.

Recommendation:

The SNPLMA Division recommends that the EC approve the above requested changes to the IA and allow revision of those changes to the IA.

Action Needed:

PWG members should provide their vote via email and/or voice vote during conference calls or meetings to Raul Morales, Chair of the SNPLMA PWG. Once all votes have been submitted or 14 days have passed the PWG recommendation will be finalized by the PWG Chair.

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 10/31/11
Approve SNPLMA Division Recommendation Date

Approve Alternate Recommendation Date
(Refer to rationale provided below)

Disapprove Date
(Refer to rationale provided below.)

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

Executive Committee Decision: By signature below, indicate the decision made by majority vote on the above recommendation of the PWG.

BY: Amy Lueders, SNPLMA Executive Committee Chair

[Signature] 11/16/11
Approve PWG Recommendation Date

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

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

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