

Reclamation PAWG Task Group
Wednesday, October 27, 2004
Meeting Started at 6:00 pm

Members Present:

Gary Long, BLM
Dessa Dale BLM
Chris Land
Douglas Vickrey
Marilyn Filkins
Adrienne Peterson
Dan Stroud
Lani Matthews

Members Absent:

Cathy Purves
Kevin Williams
Amy Ramage
Kenny Decker
Gary Daane

Gary Long from the State Office of the BLM opened the meeting with an introduction to the Charter, Appendix C and the federal regs that govern these public meetings. He handed out member lists, Appendix C, the Charter, the federal regs, the Task group charges and the minutes of the PAWG August 11th mgtn, the Per Diem forms for those that traveled more than 50 miles.

Discussion by Doug and Marilyn questioned what type or to what extent on the monitoring. They were asking for guidance on how to choose the monitoring or a standard base line to start with. Lani said that what she had read in the Appendix C lead her to believe that it was flexible, however, she had a question on when setting funds for this monitoring, for what timeline. Dessa and Gary responded that that should be a question for the PAWG group but that the time line would be fairly long. It was suggested that they aim for a minimum of 2 years of funding, but should try to acquire funds for a longer period of time. It was also stressed that they could choose whatever area interested them as long as it did not go against federal regulations. Chris Land stated that he was very interested in the visual impacts of the reclamation; i.e. fencing, topsoil and soil piles, reserve pits, size of area, etc. He wanted to know if BLM had standards for visual impacts and could they look at that aspect of reclamation. Gary Long stated that BLM did have guidance on standards for visual resource impacts, and that if group wanted, they could look at if those mitigation measures were adequate. Discussion began on if this area was part of reclamation.

Doug asked again on how you monitor something if you don't know what the base is. Marilyn wanted to clarify if the group needed to come up with a specific monitoring and reclamation plan, or just how it was going to be done. Again it was discussed that it was very flexible. It was stated that the companies already have a reclamation plan by Gary

and Dessa that states what is required. It was also stated that for noxious weeds there is a no tolerance policy. All of the companies have to follow the Oil and Gas regulations. Lani asked on if the group should be focusing on state and private land owner's reclamation. Dessa stated that BLM did not administer policy to state or private lands. Chris mentioned that if anyone was interested, there was a web page that talked about surface rights that the private land owners had. He did not have the web address at that time. Chris stressed again that he was concerned with the pits and pad and stated that he felt that reclamation began before the abandonment of the site. It was requested that perhaps a field trip would be very beneficial. It was stated that if a meeting were to be set up that it would have to be put in the federal register. However, Gary stated that a few members getting together for information sake is not a meeting. It was then decided to choose the leader and record taker. Lani Matthews nominated herself to take meeting notes. It was seconded by the group. Doug Vickrey nominated Dan Stroud for group leader. It was accepted and seconded. Dan and the group were informed of the November 4th PAWG meeting. Dan will be submitting the list of group members, as well as several questions that the group had. It was asked if Dessa could find out the process of possibly moving meeting times on one or two set meeting dates. It was also requested that Dessa give a basic presentation of Reclamation in Oil and Natural Gas Fields. Doug asked on clarification on who does the monitoring. Gary stated it could be a company, a contractor, University students, volunteers, the group, etc. The group asked for Dessa to provide several sources of information: A list of operators in the Anticline field and contacts, the old Anticline EIS section on reclamation and possible comments, federal onshore orders, acronym list and a map showing the anticline boundaries. Dessa needed to ask Carol Kruse on how many people constituted an official meeting, when the Feb. PAWG meeting was, and on changing times on set dates. The meeting was adjourned at 2000.

Certified as accurate:

Dan O. Stroud

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