

PAWG SOCIOECONOMIC TASK GROUP
July 28, 2005

TG Members Present: Tom Burns, Cyd Goodrich, Ron Hogan, Carmel Kail
TG Members Not Present: Marilyn Filkins, Bob Jones, Eric Sechrist, Jana Weber, Judi Adler,
 Mary Byrnes, Laurie Latta, Steve Reynolds
Visitors: Sublette County Sheriff Bardin, County Oversight Committee Chair Robin Clover
Meeting held: At BLM Pinedale Field Office, 10 am – 1:00 pm
Minutes taken by: Carmel Kail

All present discussed the related roles of the SETG and the County Industrial Oversight Committee (CIOC). Agreed that no duplication nor conflicting effort has occurred thus far. By extension, discussed the potential relationship of the Socioeconomic Analyst to be hired and a paid staff person which CIOC is considering. All concluded that monitoring and implementing / planning roles are distinct, and that the County concerns are broader than PAPA-related. The TG endorsed the concept that the CIOC would take up with implementing / planning where we leave off and would be addressing broader County issues. Bardin will be attending the County Commissioners meeting August 2 to discuss the future of the CIOC and requested that representatives of the SETG accompany that group. Carmel and Cyd will attend. Carmel will contact other TG members to see if they might be available to join. Presuming that the Commissioners support the continuation of the CIOC, the CIOC will request that the County's representative on to the Socioeconomic Analyst's Advisory Board be charged with attending both the SETG and the CIOC meetings to assure direct communication flow between the groups. Bardin & Clover left to attend other business.

Discussed potential problems associated with adding new members to the TG. (Lack of shared history could make for long induction / education period associated with time-consuming rehashing.) Carmel will investigate rules on whether or how TG membership is limited.

The June TG meeting minutes were approved.

Tentatively scheduled the next TG meeting for Thursday September 29, pending general concurrence by the rest of the TG via email. Location to be found by Cyd.

A letter from BLM Pinedale Field Office Manager Prill Mecham to the TG was distributed and reviewed.

Carmel asked how to we should proceed on the TG's past recommendation that an Operators/Lessees Council be formed. Ron indicated that as specific TG information / communication needs arise, these might be more easily dealt with via direct telephone or other contact with individual operators/lessees or via asking BLM to call an Operator's Meeting. All agreed that no TG action is needed regarding this at this time.

Following up on recent concerns raised by Steve Reynolds, discussed whether the SETG should continue on as it was formed – as a FACA group. Concluded that we definitely should do so. Recognized that the purview of the PAWG / FACA mandate and charter are somewhat limiting, but that issues beyond these limits will likely be taken up by the CIOC and others.

Discussed the PAPA Shell-Ultra-Anschutz winter drilling proposal PAPA currently in the NEPA scoping process. In view of our monitoring charge, determined that the TG should comment on socioeconomic aspects of the proposal. Decided to recommend that project-specific socioeconomic forecast data and (assuming project approval) monitoring/follow-up data be developed and provided. The TG's demographic survey questionnaire could serve as a starting point. Ron will draft us a comment letter and circulate this to the TG via email for review/approval. The BLM comment submission deadline is Friday August 5.

Tom confirmed that the (week-long) ad in the Casper Star Tribune advertising for a Socioeconomic Analyst began yesterday (at a cost of \$237), but that there is a problem with the website address published. He will follow-up on correcting this. Reiterated that the BLM Wyoming State Office has contacted via email relevant heads of departments at land grant universities in the west. Tom reviewed the costs for Vacancy Announcement classified advertisements in various other publications. Following discussion, the TG agreed to proceed with Sunday-only ads with the Denver Post (\$ 483), the Salt Lake City Tribune (\$ 346), and High Country News (est. \$30) . The Denver and Salt Lake paper ads include website advertising on their own newspaper websites and also on yahoo. Total ad costs will thus total approximately \$1100. Tom will finalize arrangements to have these run. Carmel indicated she had submitted initial paperwork to have the vacancy posted with the Wyoming Job Service and America's Job Bank. Carmel will finalize arrangements for this free service.

Briefly discussed and agreed that TG priority items for the Socioeconomic Analyst should be identified and that supporting to-do lists should be prepared by the TG. (This is a further refinement of the recommendations as presented in the TG report.) These more-specific TG recommendations would be submitted to the SE Advisory Board for their consideration. Because the Analyst may be hired before the next TG meeting, Carmel will solicit input from the TG membership via email regarding priorities. Subsequently, individual TG members may be asked to draft the to-do list for a topic of their specialty. Draft recommendations will be circulated via email to the TG for comment and approval before submission to the SE Advisory Board.

The meeting was adjourned.

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