

Sublette County Socio-Economic Roundtable – DRAFT Meeting Summary
May 15, 2006, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Sublette County Library, Pinedale, Wyoming

Attendees:

Roy Allen, BLM-State Office
Matt Anderson, BLM-Pinedale
Betty Fear, PAWG
Kathy Gunderman, BLM-Pinedale
Caleb Hiner, BLM-Pinedale
Diana Hoff, Questar/SETG (meeting beginning only)
Jeffrey Jacquet, Sublette County Socio-Economic Analyst
Carmel Kail, SETG
Laurie Latta, Town of Pinedale
Steve Noffke, Halliburton/SETG
Geoff Sell, Shell/SETG
Dave Smith, Town of Pinedale
Paige Smith, State of Wyoming Governor's Office
Dennis Stenger, BLM-Pinedale
Jim Whinnery, Sublette County Sheriff's Department

Meeting facilitator: Jeff Edelstein

Meeting objectives:

Primary objective: Determine best role for Pinedale Anticline Working Group's (PAWG's) Socio-Economic Task Group (SETG) and its members going forward.

Secondary objectives: Clarify roles of different agencies and groups, explore strategies for socio-economic issues.

Summary of meeting outcomes:

1. People want to go from talking to action.
2. Housing is the most pressing issue – crime and drugs are (at least partially) the results of housing problems.
3. Socio-economic issues must be addressed on a county-wide basis (and LaBarge), not just the PAPA.
4. Meeting participants agreed to move forward to explore the idea of establishing a county-wide committee (towns, county, sheriff) to address socio-economic issues, with a clear mission, plan, and priorities. This could be a new committee or a modification of the SETG or SE Analyst Advisory Committee.
5. A staff position of a county-wide socio-economic “implementer” is needed.

6. Operators in attendance were interested in being involved with socio-economic issues and helping achieve progress.
7. Tentative consensus: SETG should be removed from PAWG, assuming the county-wide committee goes forward.

Meeting discussion points:

- General agreement that the current system with SETG reporting to PAWG is not working.
- BLM is not authorized to address socio-economic issues in any major way – it is willing to help out with information and be a participant in discussions, but cannot be the lead.
- Some activity is already happening around the housing issue, with a meeting planned tentatively for May 24.

Ideas regarding the SETG:

- Website is a useful resource
- Resource for data for various groups
- Have decision-makers in the group (Town councilors, County Commissioners, etc.)
- Have SETG report to someone other than the PAWG
- Needs legitimacy and authority
- Keep flexibility
- Need a clear mission
- There needs to be strong interest from decision-makers to consider the information and recommendations from the SETG – otherwise the SETG is useless.

Moving Forward (filling the gaps):

- Need someone at the county level, who knows the communities, to do the work – taking the data and executing the plan.
- More communication amongst entities.
- Support from decision-makers (Mayor(s), county commissioners, etc.)
- Need a catalyst.

- BLM can help the other parties by providing info on how their system works.
- BLM should provide info to the SETG.
- Need more coalescing between operators, town(s) and county, in order to hammer out the issues.
- County Commissioners will not be interested in the SETG until it is out of PAWG so that it can be broader than PAPA.
- Involve RC & D.
- Have meetings only when necessary for a clear purpose.

Next steps:

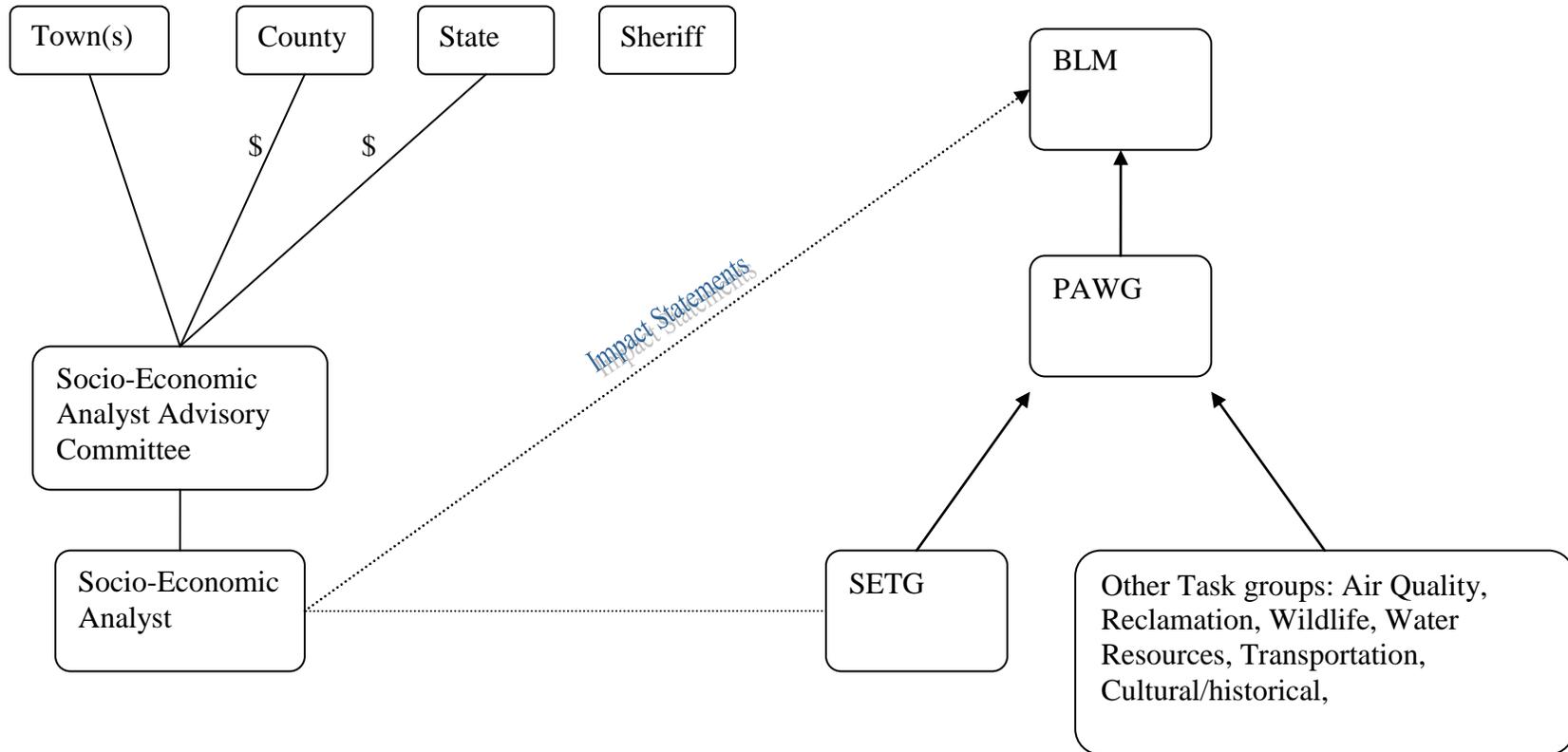
1. First, get new Pinedale Council seated.
2. Arrange presentation to Pinedale Council by Jeffrey Jacquet (***Dave*** will bring this up at the first new Council meeting to arrange to take place ASAP).
3. Do outreach to other communities (including LaBarge). Message: this group met on May 15, is exploring putting together a county-wide group and hiring a socio-economic implementer, we want to meet again in late June to flesh out and determine whether to move forward. Late June meeting participants: Town Councils, County, Sheriff, BLM, operators. ***Laurie*** will do as part of her outreach about the upcoming housing meeting.
4. Do outreach to operators – are you willing to be involved? (***Laurie and Dennis*** will do at the housing meeting).
5. If the county-wide committee goes forward and there is a revised role for the SETG, then at the appropriate time, BLM will report to the SETG on that progress (***Dennis***).
6. After step #5, SETG will meet and consider a recommendation to the PAWG to remove the SETG from under the PAWG. PAWG would then consider recommendation for transmittal to BLM (***SETG and PAWG***).

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.
Meeting Summary prepared by Jeff Edelstein

Appendix: Organizational Structures:

The following two pages show the current structure of the primary parties involved with socio-economic activities and the proposed structure discussed by the meeting participants.

Current Structure of Socio-Economic Activities



Proposed Structure of Socio-Economic Activities
Italicized boxes represent proposed new elements
Connections/relationships between elements need to be determined

