



**Coordinating Team Meeting – January 12, 2017, 2:00 p.m.  
DEQ Boise Regional Office**

**Attendees:** Kati Carberry, Liz Paul, Chris Yarbrough (IDFG), Phil Bandy, Tamsen Binggeli, Christy Meyer, Kathy Peter, Tom Chelstrom, Danie Merriman (IDEQ), Julie Scanlin

**2:00 Welcome, Agenda Review, and Introductions**

November meeting minutes were approved by consensus

**2:10 Finance Update** - \$4780.49. Discussed timing of fiscal year and reports needed. Action Item (AI): Tamsen will set up a meeting with LTTV, Tim Breuer, Carolyn Park, and Mike Homza to discuss the accounting period and fiscal reports.

**2:20 Grant Opportunities Review**

- **Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program.** Through USFWS Foundation that consolidates multiple funders. Deadline 1/31/2017. Need at least five partners. Up to \$50K, must be matched at least 1:1. Grant intent is to get people in touch with nature. Proposed Project: "Habitat Enhancement Plan for Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve". Goals are to develop a multi-cultural volunteer stewardship program that engages youth and adult volunteers to help remove exotics and plant native grasses, shrubs and trees on 22 acres within the Hyatt Hidden Lakes Reserve. The project will cover 18-months, starting July 2017. City of Boise employee Martha Braebach would help write invasive species management plan. Activities include field trips. Participants include volunteers, students with capstone projects, the refugee community, Boys/Girls Club. More than five partners interested already. AI: Liz contact DU about partnership and funding.
- **Partners for Places.** Through Urban Sustainability Director's Network. Deadline 1/31/2017. Must partner with Sustainability Director of either a City or County. The funding goes towards the development of a community-focused sustainability, climate action or comprehensive plan. Will look to develop partners for application in 2018.
- **US Forestry Endowment Healthy Watershed Consortium.** Deadline 2/1/2017. Focus is on accelerating land protection, but also allows funding for watershed analysis that supports protection efforts. Proposed project: "Green Infrastructure Mapping of lower Boise Watershed". GIS project to identify important habitat, existing corridors connecting habitat, or potential corridors. AI: Tamsen approach Ecosystem Sciences Foundation about participating or leading. Possible partners are LTTV and cities (e.g. Eagle), Foothills Initiative. If ESF participates, Tamsen would write proposal. May include pilot project to that uses the mapping to identify and protect land along the river.

## **2:40 BOR Phase II Project Discussion and Selection**

- Reclamation Watershed Group projects. Deadline 2/15/17. Proposal requirements very specific (use of contractors, project specs, permitting requirements). On the ground projects, 2-3 years, \$50K/year, 1:1 match. Requires the Watershed group (BREN) to incorporate. BREN met with interested parties in December, but no mature "shovel ready" project has been identified. Possible projects:
  - Daylighting Cottonwood Creek. Trout Unlimited could write the grant. The project is on City of Boise property, so Boise government needs to approve. Multiple partners may be interested.
  - Streamside restoration of the reach, about 600 feet in length, above Bown Crossing (Ada County property). Need habitat improvement, better recreation access. Possible use as a demo site for multiple treatments.
  - Star River Walk habitat improvement and flood risk reduction. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Flood Control District 10 are interested, but need to agree on design.
  - AI: Liz meeting with TU to discuss their interest. AI: Liz & Tamsen are meeting with local Reclamation lead.

Discussed role for BREN as promoting large projects while implementing smaller enhancements.

- Other source of funding USFWS Technical Assistance. AI: Liz will contact Brandon Miller and Kristen Lohr.

## **3:30 Coordinating Team Member Change**

Rebecca Yzaguirre has resigned from the CT. AI: Kati will start search for replacement, though a replacement is not required per our Governance Procedures.

## **3:40 Review and discuss 2017 Draft Work Plan.**

Discussed and approved with modifications to Outreach.

## **3:50 Putting the Work Plan into Action**

CT approved setting up a Committee to handle administrative and communication activities (content for webpage, Facebook, maintain MailChimp, send email announcements). AI: Tamsen to provide training on Facebook and website access. AI: Everyone - Volunteer for actions on the work plan. AI: Chel volunteered to repeat the Boise River Water Trail presentation (available the first and last week of the month).

## **3:55 LBR 4b Presentation - Tabled**

## **4:10 Member and Public Comment Time**

- Display will be at DEQ SW Quality Workshop 1/31/17 to 2/2/17
- Presentation at Garden City Library "Read Me Treasure Valley" 2/22/2017 6:30 PM. Display will be at library all month.
- End of February - American Fishery Society and Wildlife Society meeting. Chris will check if they are still taking volunteers for presentations.