

NM EPSCoR RII 3 (Track 1)
Management Team
Quarterly Meeting
April 11, 2012, 1:00 pm teleconference

In attendance: Karl Benedict, Sam Fernald, Joe Galewsky, Al Rango, Bill Michener, Mary Jo Daniel (note-taker)

Review of NM EPSCoR Strategic Implementation Plan:

Mary Jo presented the changes that had been incorporated based on input from component leads and made minor adjustments based on input from the Management Team. The updated Strategic Plan will be included in annual reporting to NSF as required by the Reverse Site Visit report.

Review of External Advisory Committee Report

The Management Team discussed recommendations in the EAC report and provided input for a response. The report and response will be submitted to NSF and posted on the NM EPSCoR website. Discussion focused on the recommendation to encourage and support publications by graduate students and junior faculty; NM EPSCoR researchers have not generated sufficient numbers of publications. It was noted that NMSU has both a semester course and a summer writing retreat; NM EPSCoR office will provide information about available courses and resources through the list-serve and other communication avenues. Mary Jo is also working on a “sustainability map” as recommended by the EAC. She will circulate a draft to the Management Team; the goal is to identify specific mechanisms that will sustain infrastructure and programmatic investments.

Mary Jo and Bill reviewed administrative issues:

- Expenditures—component leads need to review their budgets to ensure all amounts will be expended as planned OR identify alternatives such as transferring some funds to colleagues who are doing relevant work or support for new faculty. Mary Jo will be contacting component leads to review budgets. We do not want large carry-overs into Year 5 and large unexpended balances will negatively impact our ability to secure new funding.
- Annual Reporting—all data for Year 4 activities must be entered into the reporting portal by **May 7, 2012**. Mary Jo will send out an email reminding component leads of this; Laura Arguelles will provide technical assistance as needed. The state office will enter student posters from the All Hands Meeting and the Tri-State meeting; component leads will just need to verify the data.
- Bill reviewed the process for developing the next RII 4 proposal.
- Upcoming Events
 - April 18-19—Science: Becoming the Messenger Workshop

- June 4-15 –Interdisciplinary Modeling Course; contact Sam Fernald for more information
- May 28- June 15—Environmental Information Management Course; registration will open April 23. Contact Bill Michener for more information.
- June 5-6—NM EPSCoR holds a NM Town Hall (facilitated by NM First) on the impacts of fire, especially the Las Conchas Fire, on water and other resources in NM.
- September 27—NM EPSCoR All Hands Meeting
- September 28—NM Cyberinfrastructure Day

Attendees gave a brief overview of upcoming work:

- Al: making a big push to get RAWS rainfall measurement systems into the field. SNOTEL, SCAN and climate stations all up and running. Continuing with snow-mapping and SRM use data. Planning a workshop for teachers on snow models.
- John: doing lots of field sampling of watersheds (El Rito, Hondo, and Saguache); modeling with GSFlow; collaborating with water quality group on characterizing the meander at VCNP; working with Sam on hydrology for acequias
- Sam: technician installing equipment on Rio Hondo and El Rito; lots of connections with CNH project; working to integrate systems dynamics modeling.