

NM EPSCoR Track 1 (RII 3) Management Team
February 1, 2013, 9:00 am to 10:30 am
Via GoToMeeting

In attendance: Bill Michener, Karl Benedict, Cliff Dahm, Sam Fernald, Joe Galewsky, Lorie Liebrock, Edward Martinez, Bob Parmenter, Al Rango, John Wilson, Mary Jo Daniel (notes)

Action Items:

All:

- send additional revisions to the data release policy to Mary Jo by February 8
- notify Mary Jo by February 15 if projections indicate funds will not be fully expended by August

Cliff Dahm: provide information to Mary Jo on Aquarius training as soon as possible

Mary Jo: send out current listing of publications to be updated/corrected

Sam Fernald: provide language about how WRRRI can sustain project investments

Al Rango: check with Salim Bawazir to specify the status of climate stations and their relationship to the state climate network

John Wilson: draft language for purchasing departments to justify long-term agreements to sustain equipment; send this to Bill for signature and circulation.

End of Award Timing

Bill explained the NSF EPSCoR policy that RII awards cannot overlap more than 6 months. If funded, we hope to start the next award in July or August of 2013 to allow for start-up funding for newly hired faculty that fall. Therefore, the longest No Cost Time Extension (NCTE) we will be allowed is 4 months. It is essential that all program components have ALL funds expended by December. Funds for equipment and supplies must be spent earlier, no later than April 1, 2013; it is difficult to demonstrate how these purchases can support the project if they are purchased at the tail end.

Data Release Policy

The draft policy was reviewed and discussed. Language was added to clarify that the time period for release begins when a person collects data (downloads it) not when first gathered by a data logger. Generally used instrument data, such as weather data, should be made available as quickly as possible. Any additional modifications to the policy's language must be sent to Mary Jo by February 8.

In order to support students' ability to gather and record data appropriately, EPSCoR will support graduate students to attend the Environmental Information Management course in June. EPSCoR will also support hosting a workshop in Aquarius software; Cliff Dahm will provide more information. EDAC will be offering weekly GoToMeeting sessions in the mechanics of getting data prepared for the data portal. It was reiterated that all data must be submitted to EDAC by July 31, 2013 even if it will not be released until after the award ends. For any new

instrumentation to be installed this spring, researchers should contact EDAC before installation so appropriate documentation is ensured from the outset.

Spending

As discussed earlier, there will not be a one-year NCTE so every component lead must work with their accounting personnel to ensure there is a clear plan for fully spending funds by the end of the award. If it appears funds will not be spent, component leads must contact Mary Jo immediately so funds can be reallocated. The end date for Track 2 is also August 31 and there will be no further time extension. Mary Jo will be contacting leads individually to discuss any large fund balances.

Publications

Several reviewers and some NSF program officers have noted that the number of publications appears very low for the amount of investment. All researchers are encouraged to update publication information previously submitted, especially for items that were initially reported as submitted but not yet published and to encourage all members of their research teams to complete publications.

EAB Report

Based on the EAB report, Sam Fernald will provide some brief language about ways the WRRRI might support long-term sustainability of project outcomes and infrastructure. Al Rango will check with Salim Bawazir to specify the status of climate stations and their relationship to the state climate network. John Wilson will draft language for purchasing departments to justify long-term agreements to sustain equipment; he'll send this to Bill for signature and circulation. Again, the low publication rate was noted.

Events

The state office has funds to support attendance at the Tri-State Meeting at UNLV, March 27-28, "*Climate Change Science for Effective Resource Management and Public Policy in the Western United States.*" This includes travel support for agency personnel and other water managers.

EPSCoR also has funds to support attendance at the WRRRI conference in Las Cruces on March 2-3, "*Acequias and the Future of Resilience in Global Perspective.*"

The NM Geological Society will be holding a one-day meeting on the history of hydrology on the Rio Grande. John Wilson will provide more information.

Around the "Room"

Cliff Dahm reported the Society for Freshwater Science will be holding a special session on extreme climatic events in riverine systems at their annual meeting; several of his students have submitted abstracts.

Bob Parmenter asked about plans for instrumentation at the VCNP after the period of this award. John Wilson said they were pursuing funding to maintain the

meander site indefinitely. Bob said that if they upgraded the meander weather station so that it could be added to the RAWS network, the VCNP could pay the annual fee for this. A letter of transfer of ownership would eventually be needed. The long-term status of the water quality trailer was not specifically addressed.

Edward Martinez plans to continue to work in the VCNP; Bob assured him that new permits would be provided.

Joe Galewsky reported on anticipated publications from his team and is continuing to encourage them to complete this work.

Al Rango and John Wilson discussed installation of Ott Pluvios; the NMSU technician with the expertise has moved to another job. They will work on a solution.