

## LAKE MEAD ECOSYSTEM MONITORING WORKGROUP

Date: February 27, 2012

Location: SNWA, Molasky Corporate Center

Suite 700, Colorado River Room

100 City Parkway, Las Vegas NV, 89106

### Participants

**Kumud Acharya** (DRI), \***Mickey Chaudhuri** (MWD), **Dan Fischer** (Las Vegas), **Nicholas Gilliland** (NPS), **Debora Herndon** (NDOW), **Pricilla Johnson** (CCWRD), \***Janet Kirsch** (Reclamation), **Dana Larance** (Henderson), \***Maria Lopez** (MWD), **Jennell Miller** (UNLV), **Bryan Moore** (NPS), **Michael Moran** (USGS), **Devon Morgan** (CCWRD), **Randy Paul** (NDEP), **McClain Peterson** (CRC), **Jessie Rinella** (NPS), \***Michael Rosen** (USGS), **Roslyn Ryan** (SNWA), **Scott Schiefer** (Las Vegas), **Jon Sjöberg** (NDOW), \***Bill Taylor** (MWD), **Todd Tietjen** (SNWA), **Warren Turkett** (SNWA), **Kent Turner** (NPS).

\* via conference call.

### Action Items

- ▶ Kent will work with volunteers to refine a draft mission statement for the group based on discussions at today's meeting. If you were not present and wish to work on the statement, please get into contact with Kent via [kent\\_turner@nps.gov](mailto:kent_turner@nps.gov) (or [jennell.miller@unlv.edu](mailto:jennell.miller@unlv.edu)).
- ▶ Jennell will work with members to confirm and finalize the speakers' calendar for upcoming meetings. Various speakers were volunteered or proposed during the meeting. If you proposed a speaker, please follow up ASAP and get in touch with Jennell at [jennell.miller@unlv.edu](mailto:jennell.miller@unlv.edu).
- ▶ Next meeting: **May 24, 2012**, 2:00 pm, SNWA Molasky Corporate Center, Colorado River Room-2. Members will receive draft mission statement/purpose and speaker calendar at least two weeks prior to the meeting for review.

### Summary

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Peggy Roefer opened the meeting and participants introduced themselves. The agenda, which was developed and circulated by Peggy prior to the meeting and represented in the headings below, was reviewed.

#### 2. Elect Chair

Peggy nominated Kent Turner; none opposed, and Kent accepted the position. Jennell Miller will assist Kent in coordination and by documenting meetings of this group.

#### 3. Decide on Meeting Frequency, Duration, and Dates

Following group discussion, the following general decisions were made:

Frequency: Quarterly

Duration: 2h (with flexibility depending on number of speakers and/or presence of an emerging issue)

Days: The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of February, May, August, November (with day exceptions for holidays). For 2012, the remaining meetings are May 24, August 23, and November 15 (to avoid Thanksgiving).

Time: Beginning at 2:00 pm

Location(s): Conference room within the SNWA Molasky Corporate Center or River Mountains Water Treatment Facility, depending on availability.

#### **4. Develop Calendar of Speakers**

The group decided that, in general, each meeting would feature 5-6 presentations of 20-minutes each. Presentations will include programmatic and project results. Programmatic presentations will recur every one-to-two years.

Members volunteered dates to present to correspond with agency reporting dates and/or availability of data and results. Volunteered and proposed topics and speakers were captured and entered into a draft Calendar. Following the meeting, Jennell will coordinate with members to confirm the entries, and then will circulate the final calendar.

The group also supported time on the agenda for agency updates, emerging concerns, opportunities for collaboration, and opportunities/needs for data synthesis and analysis.

#### **5. Develop Workgroup Goals**

The group agreed that the Lake Mead Ecosystem Monitoring Workgroup is meant to fill the void left by the ending of two former meeting groups: (1) parts of BBAMP, and the associated objectives and items of concern that were developed and (2) Water 2025, which had developed ecosystem categories and strategic fundamental objectives. These materials were presented by Peggy Roefer for review by the group. It was noted that the purpose of this workgroup is essentially to serve as a forum for data and information transfer and integration; it is also concerned with synthesis and ways to share resources within the areas of concern identified by the former groups. This workgroup is supportive of agencies working on goals within these areas; it has no funding or authority for fulfillment of these goals itself. Therefore, it was agreed that a mission statement and administrative objectives should be developed. The group brainstormed components of a draft mission statement, which were captured. Kent will work outside of the meeting to refine the statement, with the following volunteers: Jennell Miller, McClain Peterson. The resulting draft will then be distributed to all members for review and approval.