

WRTT Conference Call Minutes

January 16, 2007
Tuesday 1:30 PM (MDT)

National : MCRTT : ARTT

Reminder: Applied Science Cooperative Agreements for Fiscal Year 2007

- December 15 – March 2 Proposals. The proposal application must be received by March 2, 2007.
- March 30 First Review Complete (**WRTT Review/Ranking**)
- April 30 Second Review Complete
- May 15 OSM CLT Decision
- July 1, 2007 Award Distribution

Notify Duane Matt at dmatt@osmre.gov or (303) 844-1400 x1421 if you would like to be included in the proposal review and ranking process that will occur from March 2nd – March 30th. Last year there were 63 total proposals that required review and ranking.

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Annual WRTT Meeting – Salt Lake City, Utah: April 23-26, 2007

The Annual Meeting will be held in downtown Salt Lake City at the Radisson. A block of rooms is being reserved.

Draft Agenda

Tuesday April 24th

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| 8:00 – 8:15 | Opening Remarks (Paul) |
| 8:15 – 8:30 | Technical Training and Assistance (Lou) |
| 8:30 – 9:30 | NTTT and WRTT websites (Paul) |
| | <i>Break</i> |
| 10:00 – 10:45 | Matt, Presentation |
| 10:45 – 11:30 | Jass, Presentation |
| | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 12:30 – 1:15 | Strand, Presentation |
| 1:15 – 2:00 | Boehms, Presentation |
| 2:00 – 2:45 | Gainer, Presentation |
| | <i>Break</i> |
| 3:15 – 4:00 | Calle, Presentation |
| 4:00 – 4:45 | Fortner, Presentation |

Wednesday April 25th

8:00 – 8:15 Opening Remarks (Paul)
8:15 – 9:00 Deutsch, Presentation
9:00 – 9:45 D. Clark, Presentation
Break
10:15 – 11:00 McDannel, Presentation
11:00 – 11:45 Brown, Presentation
Lunch
1:00 – 1:45 Kirkham, Presentation
1:45 – 2:15 Bob Welsh (Mobile Computing Tools/Applications)
2:15 – 2:45 Alan Wilhelm (ArcGIS Tools/Applications)
Break
3:00 – 4:00 WRTT Operations (ALL)
4:00 – 4:30 Team Leader Election

Thursday April 26th

Field Trip: Kennecott Copper Mine (morning)

Conferences/Workshops/Forums

Feb 25-28: SME Annual Meeting and Exhibition & CMA's 109th National Western Mining Conference, Inc, Denver, CO

May 15-17: Northern Latitudes Mining Reclamation Workshop, Juneau, AK

June 2-7: American Society for Mining and Reclamation (ASMR) Conference, Gillette WY-- 30 Years of SMCRA and Beyond

June 18-22: ESRI 2007 User Conference, San Diego, CA

WRTT Member Reports/Information

Alaska: Russ Kirkham. [Chuitna project SMCRA permit coming in for review.](#)
[Companies continue to explore as demand continues.](#)

Colorado: Sandy Brown. [Conducting areal inspections.](#) [Processing Phase I bond release for Seneca Mine.](#)

Montana: Angela McDannel. [Some auger highwall mining is being conducted.](#) [Survey grade RTK unit being applied at several mines to establish a universal coordinate system for area that has local coordinate systems.](#) [New vegetation specialist has been hired.](#)

New Mexico: David Clark. Permit application for Carizzo project expected. Dave will distribute information regarding a native seed harvester. This type of technology may be very valuable in developing seed mixtures for reclamation.

North Dakota: Jim Deutsch. Guy Welch will participate as the WRTT representative for ND. Falkirk mine added approximately 5000 acres to the permit application. Bond release applications have been submitted and will be evaluated in the spring.

Utah: Amber Fortner. Several GOB vent holes are being reviewed for adequacy as part of the ventilation system.

Wyoming: Marcelo Calle. Hydrology group is taking a closer look at the surface water / ground water relationship component for bond release. Staff has also been busy evaluating the GIS component of applications as part of the WDEQ enterprise GIS environment through the use of ArcGIS Server and ArcSDE.

ABQ Field Office: Willis Gainer. No Report.

Casper Field Office: Alan Boehms. No Report.

Denver Field Division: Howard Strand. A revised reclamation schedule is being pursued at Centralia Mine.

Western Region Program Support Division: Karen Jass. Mines teams are acquiring digital data for volumetric calculations. Mine teams working on reclamation schedules for Centralia and McKinley Mines.

Technical Assistance & Training

- (1) Black Mesa EIS Public Meetings (Northern Arizona Meetings)
- (2) Alaska Chuitna Mine. Groundwater flow model review. (Seattle Meeting)
- (3) Montana AML, Anaconda Mine in Central Montana
- (4) Additional Needs?? None identified.

Hardware & Software

- (1) OSM Western Region is pursuing the acquisition of a down-hole camera for hydrologic investigations.
- (2) TIPS software distributions. GMS v6.0, and Arc9.2 Workstation and Desktop.