

GREAT BASIN CESU ANNUAL MEETING
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, BIOTECHNOLOGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO
August 24, 2010, in FA 214
8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Agenda

- 1) Welcome/Introductions**
- 2) Discussion of renewal of GB-CESU**
 - **UNR expression of interest**
 - **White Mountain Research Station**
 - **Utah State University**
 - **Other partner Universities**
- 3) Decision about renewal of GB-CESU (action item)**
- 4) Discussion of changes to organizational structure/operations**
- 5) Assignment of renewal application tasks (action item)**
- 6) Updates on CESU related programs**
- 7) Agency updates**
- 8) University updates**
- 9) CESU projects – How to keep up-to-date information?**
- 10) Other business**

Following is the minutes of the recent CESU meeting and the recommendations of actions to be approved by the committee.

1. The GBCESU executive committee met on August 24, 2010 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. in Reno
2. The following members were in attendance:
Peg Rees (UNLV), Bob Williams and Laurie Averill-Murray (USFWS), Sandra Brewer (BLM), Bruce Roundy (BYU), Jeanne Chambers (RMRS-USFS), Nat Frazer and Eugene Schupp (USU), Paul Doescher (OSU), Angie Evenden (NPS), Carrie Phillips (USAS), Mike Odegard (NRCS), Rang Narayanan and Ron Pardini (UNR).
3. Others in attendance:
Mile Collopy (UNR), Marc Johnson (UNR), Tom Fish (CESU – National Office)
4. Provost Johnson from UNR expressed his commitment to the GBCESU and his interest in UNR continuing to host the CESU upon renewal. He would transfer CESU operations under the VP for Research at UNR to be coordinated by Dr. Mike Collopy and will provide resources as necessary to meet the CESU agreement. Dr. Rang Narayanan will continue to run the CESU for now and assist with the transition to occur upon renewal.
5. Rang read the letter from Frank Powell (WMRS, UC San Diego)
6. Nat Frazer expressed USU's interest and commitment of a position in his college to assist with CESU.
7. There was considerable discussion about the higher expectation of CESU upon renewal in coordinating Great Basin issues beyond the CESU being a funding mechanism.
8. Because there were a number of executive committee members not present at the meeting, it was upfront agreed to that the action items are only recommendations. These recommendations should be sent to all members and seek formal input from everyone. Accordingly, I request that you send your input, if any, on all action items that were decided at this meeting.
 - a. It was moved that the GB-CESU will be renewed and a renewal application will be made.
 - b. UNR will continue to serve as Host Institution if the renewal application is approved and USU will serve as a senior partner. The role and responsibilities will be worked out between UNR and USU and described in the renewal application.
 - c. It was decided that UNR will investigate opportunities and means to help in the coordination of multiple organizations that are involved, some of the functions of which, may be overlapping and duplicative.
 - d. UNR on behalf of the GB-CESU will call a meeting sometime in the first week of November (NOV 1-5) to discuss coordination with GBRMP, GBEP, GBCESU, and GBLCC.
 - e. A facilitator will be identified through the help of Angie Evenden (NPS) to conduct the meeting.
 - f. Nat Frazer, Rang Narayanan and Mike Collopy will get together to identify the role of host institution, senior partner and other expectations of the CESU upon renewal.
 - g. Rang/Collopy will contact federal agencies and universities to get input on a new set of action plans for the renewal application.
 - h. UNR will also describe the new coordinator arrangement through the UNR VP's office and resource commitments in the proposal.
 - i. Tom Fish will request a formal letter from Provost Johnson on UNR's commitment to the CESU upon renewal.
 - j. Rang/Collopy will request an expert directory from all partners and will provide an Excel template.
 - k. Rang/Collopy will compile all the CESU projects by requesting information from all partners.
9. An update of GBRMP(Chambers), GBLCC (Rang and Frazer) and GBEP (Rang)activities were provided.
10. USFWS designated Laurie Averill-Murray to replace Steve Caicco.
11. BLM will decide on who will replace Nora Devoe at a later date.
12. NPS will have a search for a new coordinator to replace Angie Evenden.
13. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm