

Hinkson Creek
Collaborative Adaptive Management
Stakeholder Committee Meeting
July 24, 2013

Attending: Diane Oerly, Frank Gordon, Jeanine Pagan, Joe Engein, Jonathan Sessions, Karen Miller, Paul Land, Ben Londeree, Paul Mehrle, Jay Turner

Absent: Nathan Odle, Hank Ottinger, Gary Ward, Barbara Hoppe, Don Stamper

There is no quorum for the meeting today.

Welcome and Introductions Shawn:

Approval of the minutes: add to the August agenda

Collaborative Adaptive Management Deliberations (Shawn and Committee):

Shawn opened the meeting. Did everybody get the e-mail with the Bio-Assessment data? We have an opportunity to have a nice sequence of events that could happen at the next three meetings. It is hoped that all members can agree to map out an idea what everybody wants to accomplish.

Joe gave the update: The GIS work is about complete, there are two separate presentations being prepared. One would be a detailed and technical presentation for the Science team. The September meeting of the Stakeholder Committee would be an opportune time for the second, less technical presentation of the summary. The field work really got thrown off kilter because the funding just came through two weeks ago. Rob, Paul Blanchard, Dave Michaelson and Joe Engeln went out with Jason Hubbard and a student who is doing that work. They wanted to make sure we were comfortable with the process which will be completed next summer. We may be able to look at some of the sites we will be visiting using GIS thus gaining a better understanding of the sites we will be visiting on our next field trip (hopefully October). The GIS layer will be made available for access at the county's website.

The other issue involves chemical testing. Do we want to focus on habitat or other chemical data? We have agreed now with the partners the best way to take it through the funding cycle is with proposals. It is best to get this by the end of this calendar year. March is when the City wants to see the proposals.

Ben Londeree suggested another topic for future meeting discussions should be educating the medical field on what to flush and not flush down the toilet. DNR is thinking about doing a program to help more people understand these ramifications. The Science team has discussed these emerging contaminants. What would a research plan look like related to this issue?

The agenda for August will include a review of the nineteen hotspots and other places such as Home Depot by the Science and Action teams. Other loose ends will be taken up as well as a review of the

homework list. The September meeting will have the GIS presentation, and in October, the field trip. To this last subject, what places do we want to see in October? We want to look at sites possible for work projects and have the Science Team give us an overview of the testing.

On another issue, the level spreader project will soon issue bids.

Joe Engeln presented Year 1 Biological Assessment Report:

This is the first of six baseline surveys, one in spring and one each fall for three years by MDNR. The first three sites were not studied in the spring because of the spring fire at Garth and Business Loop. Starting in May, we went into the steepest flash drought recorded according to the state climatologist. In the fall, the stream was not under typical conditions. We don't throw the data out now but will reconsider once we have more data. They will average out all three years (2012-2014) to get a true assessment.

Joe walked us through the document, and we discussed different aspects of each result. More discussion is encouraged when absent stakeholders are able to attend and absorb the report.

The report can be found at

http://www.helpthehinkson.org/documents/HinksonCk_Bioassessment_Year1_Final.pdf

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be August 29, 2013 at 4:00 PM.