

**Columbia River Regional Forum**  
**System Configuration Team Meeting**  
**August 16, 2018**  
**Final Notes**

## **1. Minutes**

May and June minutes were approved with no additional changes.

## **2. FY 18/19 Project Updates**

Ian Chane, Corps, took SCT through the following changes to FY18:

**Line 7, The Dalles East Fish Ladder Emergency Auxiliary Water Supply**, the valves are now working. There will be some more conversation about commissioning efforts. The facility is working and there may be a claim from the contractor for work done this month. The claim will probably not be filed until next fiscal year.

**Line 43, Bonneville Powerhouse 2 Fish Guidance Efficiency**, the powerhouse fish guide efficiency could be a multi-million dollar fix. Concrete may be the best fix but there are some concerns about time and money. Because this project was supposed to be in closeout, there is currently no funding set aside for it in FY19.

Margie McGill, COE, gave an update on Walla Walla projects:

### **Line 50, Lower Granite JBS Upgrade Post Construction Evaluation,**

The Corps has received proposals back from the contractor and has a better idea of the cost for the remaining modifications. There are still 40 modifications to settle so the number may go up minimally. McGill said probably no more than \$500k unless there are time constraints on building parts. Outstanding modification contracts should be settled in the next few months. There are two outstanding RPS proposals, which would be the driver for any change to the project cost at this point.

One of the modifications was to the expansion joints and that came through higher than the Corps hoped for due to an issue fabricating the material in time. However, the modification has been issued.

Tom Lorz, CRTIFC, wondered about a specific modification. McGill did not have specifics. However, the information should be available at the next FDDRWG meeting.

**Line 21, Lower Granite Spillway PIT Detection**, there are some schedule and cost concerns with the pit tag at Lower Granite. Decisions should be made shortly. A priority is to make sure the design is complete before construction is started. There are still open-ended issues with the design. The Corps is looking at a possible schedule extension. McGill commented, "We're committed to not going into a construction season when we're not going to be successful." Even

sequencing the work will not help the project be completed this year at this point because there are too many big pieces that need to be ironed out before the project can be started.

SCT members wondered why the design is not complete. McGill reported that some requirements changed from Pacific States changed from the initial concept resulting in design changes.

**Line 19, Little Goose Adult Ladder Temperature Mitigation**, the Corps has run out of resources to determine why the pumps are not working the way they should. There is an expert on site today (8/16) to investigate. McGill will report back the findings to SCT. In the event replacement is necessary, it will be an FY 19 award so that the pumps can be purchased and installed prior to when they are needed.

**Other: Damage to the outfall pipe at McNary**, during the flow season there was damage to the outfall pipe at McNary and the walkway and some other stuff needs to be removed. In response, the Corps has delayed some of the McNary projects including sprinkler work and the avian predation project until it can determine what would be smart to do.

Chane wrapped up by saying that he would like to be able to share a finalized list of FY 18 projects at the next SCT meeting. All FY18 funds have to be spent by October 1, 2018.

### **3. FY19 Rankings**

The Pbud for FY19 is \$46 million. Current Willamette needs are \$22.4 million. Lamprey does not have FY19 funding but will pull from FY18 carryover funding.

Representatives of BPA, WA, ID, Umatilla/CRTIFC, NOAA, OR, the Corps, and others ranked FY19 projects. USFWS and the Nez Perce Tribe were not present and will be consulted later for their rankings.

Line 50 Little Goose Adult Ladder PIT Feasibility ranking was deferred until a report comes out.

### **4. Additional Topics and Updates**

Ian Chane, Corps, wrapped up the meeting by saying that he will work on a final budget for FY18 and bring that to the September meeting. He will work on refining FY19 budget estimates.

FY19 rankings are not permanent and can be revised at the next meeting based on the budget, if necessary.

Chane will gather work plans for some of the items in FY19 and bring them to the next meeting.

There has been one staff change of note: Amy Gibbons replaced Joyce Casey as the branch chief of the Corps, since Casey retired.

An unidentified participant brought up a possible FY19 project that coworker Paul suggested. The idea would be to pump water through barges at several tributaries to allow fish to recognize

where they are. The change would only be added to one barge, with another operating as normal. After several years the data would be compared. With some questions about time and cost, it was decided that an unidentified participant would write up a request for SCT to consider.

**Attendance**

Charles Morrill, WA

Tom Lorz, Umatilla/CRTIFC

Trevor Conder, NOAA

Brad Eppard, COE

Ian Chane, COE

Leah Sullivan, BPA

Christine Peterson, BPA

Leslie Bach, NPCC

Scott Bettin, BPA

Russ Kiefer, ID

Shane Scott, PPC

Margie McGill, COE

Derek Fryer, COE

Jen Graham, Warm Springs