

Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project Implementation Phase

Project Coordination Team (PCT) Meeting Minutes Meeting at the USACE Chatfield Project Office April 17, 2019

Attendees:

Kayla Eckert-Uptmor-US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Civil Works Branch Chief (Call-In)
Eric McKinney-USACE Project Manager
Lauren Ris-Deputy Director, Colorado Water Conservation Board
Scott Roush-Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW)
Rick McCloud-Centennial Water and Sanitation District
Randy Ray- Central Colorado Water Conservancy District (Call-In)
Charly Hoehn-General Manager, Chatfield Reservoir Mitigation Company (CRMC)

1. Agenda Items:
 - USACE
 - CDNR Updates
 - Colorado Parks and Wildlife Updates
 - Water Providers Updates
 - Path Forward on offsite mitigation

2. USACE Updates:
 - a. USACE completed design reviews and approval of the Marina Design package as well as the floating facility.
 - b. USACE completed review and approval of the Marcy Gulch Memorandum.
 - c. USACE is finalizing the review for the Denver Water Pump Station design. Scheduled review period ends on 19 April, to begin closeout of existing comments and final approval memo routing.
 - d. USACE awarded a contract on March 6th for the Chatfield Intake Bulkhead Gate Enclosure. Pre-construction meeting to be conducted on 18 April 2019.
 - e. USACE is finalizing the approval memo for the Schmidt Property Mineral Report.
 - f. USACE received as-built drawings as of 30 January for the North Boat Ramp, Plum Creek, Eagle Cover, and Massey draw for their review before inclusion in the OMRR&R manuals. The OMRR&R manuals are scheduled to be submitted for USACE review mid-summer.

3. Colorado Department of Natural Resources:
 - a. There is a pending purchase agreement for 500 AF of water to the Dominion Water and Sanitation District. The agreement is a few months away from being completed.
 - b. CDNR stated that the public has been very complementary of the tree thinning and the favorable results in regards to numbers and types of birds observed at Chatfield.
 - c. Charly Hoehn stated that the bulk of trees removed were repurposed as mulch by a company named A1 Organics. Additionally, the rainy and wet spring should be favorable for the large quantities of vegetation that was and will be planted this year.
 - d. Lauren Ris stated that the CDNR is still exploring options and developing a solution for off-site mitigation requirements, and reaffirmed that there is no "silver bullet", stating they are disappointed on the USACE decision to not allow a designee for the acquisition of off-site mitigation lands.

- e. Lauren Ris also informed USACE that the CDNR had mailed a letter to the Omaha District Commander Colonel John Hudson dated 12 April, requesting clarification on the designee memorandum sent to the CDNR as a result of the 5 February meeting in Omaha. The memorandum requests to view the USACE legal analysis determining that the CDNR could not utilize a designee for the acquisition of off-site mitigation lands, and asks who is the approval authority for making that determination. A response to this memo and answers to those questions is an open action item for USACE.
 - f. Lauren Ris asked an additional question regarding the off-site mitigation process as defined in the Compensatory Mitigation Plan. How long does the process take, what needs to be provided, what happens, and who reviews? Clearly detailing this process for off-site mitigation credit is a USACE action item.
 - g. Lauren Ris asked the question at what point does the CDNR get credit for off-site EFUs? Clearly explaining this is an open action item.
4. Colorado Parks and Wildlife Updates:
- a. Scott Roush stated that he was getting ready for the upcoming season and expects 1.7 million visitors to the park this year, and looking at planting of vegetation to continue.
5. Water Providers Updates:
- a. Rick McLoud asked USACE how long does the CDNR have to own off-site mitigation lands and how is that defined? Is it 5 minutes or is there a set time period? This is an open action item, and part of the previous questions on environmental mitigation credit.
 - b. Rick McLoud also asked how tables 6.4 and 6.5 of the WSA play in to the ability to store water in April 2020, and what specific federal legislation states in regard to the CDNR's ability to use a designee to acquire off-site mitigation lands. These questions will be addressed in the USACE response to the memo dated 12 April 2019.
6. Other Items:
- a. An invitation has been extended to Charly Hoehn and Tim Feehan to attend the June and subsequent August 2019 PCT Meetings.
 - b. The next PCT meeting is scheduled for 12 June 2019 at 10 MST. The August PCT meeting has not currently been scheduled, but a tentative date in mid-August 2019 will be scheduled shortly.

Outstanding USACE Actions Items:

- Approval memo for the Schmidt Property Mineral Report –COMPLETE
- Response to the memorandum dated April 12 2019 regarding clarification on the designee memo – OPEN
- How long does the off-site environmental mitigation credit process take, what needs to be provided, what happens, and who reviews? How long does CDNR have to maintain ownership in fee of those lands? Clearly detailing this process for off-site mitigation and providing to CDNR- OPEN
- When does CDNR get credited for off-site mitigation? - OPEN