

Final AGENDA

Missouri River Association of States and Tribes

October 29-30, 2009 Meeting

AmericInn Hotel, 312 Island Drive, Fort Pierre, South Dakota
(see logistics below)

October 29, 2009

- 8:15 a.m. MoRAST meeting convenes: Welcome, introductions and opening comments – Mary Sexton, MoRAST Chairperson and representatives of Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Association and Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council
- 8:40 a.m. Initial MoRAST business meeting:
Review Agenda – action item
Review and approve minutes – action item
Review and approve Treasurer's report – Kirk Nelson: action item
Executive Director's Report – David Pope
Old Business – status of work by MoRAST related to MRAPS
- 9:40 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. Current conditions, Corps update and 2009/2010 AOP process: Jody Farhat, USACE Chief of Missouri River Basin Water Management, Northwest Division, Omaha, NE.
- 10:20 a.m. Missouri River Ecosystem Restoration Plan update – Randy Sellers, USACE Project Lead and/or Wayne Nelson-Stastny, USFWS Project Lead
- 10:40 a.m. The Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee – A status review and discussion led by MRRIC participants: Jim Riis, Jodee Pring, Paul Lepisto and David Johnson
- 11:00 a.m. Revisions to Federal Principles and Guidelines –Terry Breyman, Associate Director for Natural Resources, Council on Environmental Quality (telephone)
- 11:25 a.m. Update on National Collaborative Water Resources Conference and the need for a potential national water vision: David Pope and/or others
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Missouri River Forum:** introductory comments by Mary Sexton, MoRAST Chairperson and Director, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
- 1:15 p.m. The review of the Pick-Sloan Program and a vision for the future: Mike Hayden, Vice Chairman, MoRAST and Secretary, Kansas Wildlife and Parks

- 1:35 p.m. Status and discussion of the Missouri River authorized Purpose Study (MRAPS) – COL Robert Ruch, Commander and Kayla Eckert-Uptmor, Chief of Planning, Omaha District and David Combs, Chief of Planning, Kansas City District
- 2:20 p.m. The perspective of other federal agencies on Pick Sloan and MRAPS: Mike Thabault, USFWS; Rick Nelson, USBR; Nick Stas, WAPA, and Dan Driscoll, USGS
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:20 p.m. Tribal perspective on Pick-Sloan Program and MRAPS: Tribal representatives
- 3:45 p.m. Review of MoRAST draft recommendations re: issues and questions related to MRAPS: David Pope and others
- 4:00 p.m. Roundtable discussion of the vision, scope and goals of MRAPS and the future of the Missouri River
- 5:00 p.m. Recess for the day
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at the View Restaurant (optional)

October 30, 2009:

- 8:15 a.m. Resume MoRAST business meeting – action items, including any items carried over from the initial business meeting:
- MRAPS – recommendations on scope/issues/questions and/or next steps: action item
- 2009-2010 draft AOP recommendations: action item
- Plans for next MoRAST meeting – March 16, 2010, Nebraska City, NE
- Establish other future meeting dates and locations
- 9:30 a.m. The Honorable Mike Rounds, Governor of South Dakota
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:20 a.m. Reports from Tribes, States, Federal agencies and public comments
- Noon Adjourn meeting

Logistics: Sleeping rooms may or may not still be available at the AmericInn. Call the hotel for reservations at (605)223-2358. The government rate is \$70 or \$80 for rooms with a view on the Missouri River side. <http://www.americinn.com/hotels/SD/FortPierre>