

# MWTP SC – WORKING MEETING NOTES

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October 24, 2024

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## I. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Approve Notes 9/23/24 - **approved**
  - i. Assign Notetaker - **Dwane**
  - ii. Add new agenda topics - **none**
- b. Attendance:
  - i. **Tom, Liz (Blakely), Shane, Simon, Robin, Ken, Kylie, Rob, Dwane**

## II. NEW BUSINESS

- a. SC Chair position transfer
  - i. **Nominated Tom – New Chair**
- b. November 2024 application cycle – what do our future calls for application look like
  - i. **Call for applications to go out Nov 1**
  - ii. **November cycle announcement - DRAFT MWTP Nov24 Cycle Open - PressRelease.docx**
- c. **Hold the May solicitation for any and all applications. Adjust in November 2025 based on May applications – related to \$ left in FY Feasibility Fund (MDT).**
- d. **Tom discussed the scoping mtg for the Missoula to Garrison feasibility Study.**
  - i. Coordination with NGOs was discussed.
- e. **Tom also updated on the Six Mile Feasibility study and consultant selection.**
  - i. Will include the applicant, FWP and USFWS in the scoping meeting.
  - ii. Key players only.
- f. **Simon – public outreach hosting info session at 9-mile community center.**
- g. **MSWP - couple hour workshop with all NGOs. Msla Dec 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>. Info sharing and legislative intent information.**

## III. NB ACTION ITEMS

- a. **No additional comments on press release. Shane will work with Deb and Greg Lemon to send out press release on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. - Done**

## IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **MSWP assessment of Planning Tool and evaluation of preferred method (options) for its utility to meet the needs of a prioritization plan.**
  - i. **Action plan. FHWA working on a guidance document. Policy provisions from WCPP. State wildlife and Transportation action plan.**
  - ii. **More to come – tabled until Spring 25**
- b. **MSWP summary of 12 western states “Partnerships”.**
  - i. Summary of their planning tool and prioritization plans.
  - ii. State agencies roles (financial, role, coordination, etc.)

- iii. Kylie shared documents prior to meeting. 12 western states some sort of action plan in partnership with their F&G and DOT. Including summits/MOU along with priority areas.
- iv. Deb contacted Renee Callahan of Arc Solutions about putting together a detailed summary of western state models for partnering and funding/resource contributions as well as some project examples. Timeline is later November. More to come.
- v. Stick a pin in it and revisit in 6 months to a year.
- c. MSWP update on Conservation Groups of interest in projects for November Cycle.
  - i. None were anticipated in the November cycle (as far as big projects) – from September. No updates.

## V. OB ACTION ITEMS

## VI. UPDATES

- a. D&I Group – Planning Tool
  - i. Working on updates. Next mtg in February. Liz – updating the existing layers, crash and carcass data. Do updates in the summer. Compiling the list. This summer for updates.
- b. Updates to application guidance docs
  - i. Website link has been fixed.
  - ii. Deb working on updated guidance docs - Done
- c. Updates to application forms
  - i. Shane – working through updates. Not sure if we can update or have to redo the form. Don't know if we can remove the project description.
  - ii. Also working on the ability to link documents within the form.
  - iii. May include an update on the website with instructions on how to hyper link documents. Maybe in “tips for applicant” doc. Shane is working on it.
- d. MSWP webinar – Tips for Applicants (document)
  - i. MSWP is working on it. Not on (MSWP) website, but it is available upon request.

## VII. NEXT MEETINGS

- a. November 20, 930-11am
- b. Go/No Go Meeting (Dec/Jan) Dec 20<sup>th</sup> before noon - scheduled
- c. SC Consensus Scoring Meeting (Jan/Feb) Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 1 – 3 - scheduled