

# 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**