

**Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition  
and  
Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program**

Quarterly Meeting- Minutes  
July 25, 2014 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM  
Teleconference

**Attendance:** Elaine Zimmerman – Lincoln County  
Elaine Kabala - Inyo County  
Joshua Hart – Inyo County  
Eileen Christensen – BEC Environmental  
Jennifer Hill - BEC Environmental  
Amy Fanning - Nye County  
Levi Kryder – Nye County  
Joni Eastley – Nye County  
Jim Garza- White Pine County  
Nova Blazej- EPA

**Acronyms:** BOCC – Board of County Commissioners  
DTSC – Department of Toxic Substances Control  
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency  
ESA – Environmental Site Assessment  
GIS – Geographic Information Systems  
NDEP – Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
NHPA- National Historic Preservation Act  
NRHA- Nevada Rural Housing Authority  
RLF- Revolving Loan Fund  
SHPO- State Historic Preservation Office  
UST – Underground Storage Tank

**I. Introductions-** roll call and greetings.

**II. Successes and Challenges over the Past Quarter-** given by Jennifer Hill

- a. Phase I and Phase II ESAs completed- Ely Grade School Phase I, Tonopah FBO building Phase II and McGill Library Phase II have been submitted to EPA for review. Christensen stated they are developing the Sampling and Analysis plan for the Ely Grade School with additional funding.
- b. Status of Institutional Controls- given by Eileen Christensen
  1. Nye County department to be identified to sponsor the presentation of the Institutional Control before the Board of County Commissioners- A bill was introduced and public hearing set for August 19, 2014. Draft Ordinance was sent out for review. Inyo County's draft ordinance will be reviewed by their planning director and essential list of projects will be uploading into GIS. Christensen asked if anyone got the records from TerraSpectra. Fanning didn't receive them and Kabala received only PPG and Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery sites.

c. PPG Bartlett Plant

1. Develop cleanup and reuse plan- Christensen and Kabala visited the project recently and discussed the various attendees. A doctor from the Oakland Children's Research was looking into doing a lab there due to special bacteria only found in Owens Lake. Other possible uses for the property were discussed.
2. Status of DTSC coordination for cleanup and reuse funding- Christensen talked with Mark Long with Inyo County Department of Environmental Health Services and sent him the UST cleanup plan prepared by McGinley & Associates. Christensen or Hill will set up a meeting with key players to discuss necessary cleanup.

**III. Assistance Requested from EPA**

- a. No assistance requested beyond normal Phase I and Phase II ESA review, and Sampling and Analysis approval-Thanks given to Blazej.

**IV. Updates by Task- given by Christensen.**

**a. Task 1: Conduct Inventory, Site Selection and Site approval**

1. No new sites were selected for inclusion in the program during this quarter-no discussion.

**b. Task 2: Quality Assurance and Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs)**

1. Tonopah Airport FBO building – Fanning talked about the RLF application with Nye County. Christensen needs to get the cost estimates together. Fanning confirms twenty percent matching required. Blazej has given direction to talk with archeologist to double check there are no issues with SHPO, due to being a historic site. Blazej explains more in detail about the concerns. Garza talked about BLM working with SHPO in his county. Eastley mentioned Ron James is retired. This could contribute to the challenge with communicating to SHPO directly. Blazej suggests involving EPA in conjunction with correspondence might help. Fanning facilitates a vote from board on moving forward with approving Nye County for the RLF. The first RLF is approved!
2. McGill Library- Garza needed a copy of Phase II ESA. Hill will send it to him. Some asbestos and mold were detected. Garza expresses the concerns with funding this project. The town is an advisory board so ultimately the county will be responsible for the loan and this is not a priority due to budget restraints. Their courthouse and sheriff's office has security issues that need to be addressed first before a community center. Looking for other funding opportunities. Christiansen will follow up Garza about another option.
3. Ely Grade School building- NRHA has been in discussion with the owner. He bought the property at a tax sale and went to school there. He prefers it to be used as a benefit to the community and preserved from the historical stand point- built in the early 1900s. It's being evaluated now for an assisted living facility for seniors. Phase II ESA is being worked into the cost analysis and there is interest in the RLF. Still some concerns with underground tank that will need to be looked at. Garza suggests BEC to stay in contact with the owner through the process as well as NRHA.

- c. **Task 3: Cleanup and Reuse Planning** – noted above.
  - 1. PPG Bartlett Plant
  - 2. Tonopah Airport FBO building
  - 3. Cleanup and Reuse Planning template
- d. **Task 4: Area Wide Planning**
  - 1. Draft undergoing approval by Board of County Commissioners and Board of Supervisors for each County- Has been presented to every county board and approved except Inyo County had a few comments. BEC made the appropriate changes and final approval for Inyo County expected in August.
  - 2. Vote on addition of final Areas Wide Plan to the RDSBC website- Vote taken and all agreed.
- e. **Task 5: Project Management and Planning**
  - 1. Quarterly Report 10 Submitted in March 2014 - Quarterly Report 11 was submitted recently.
  - 2. Budget reallocation – Nye County decided to move \$35,000.00 from personnel to BEC for more Phase II work for the coalition.
- f. **Task 6: Community Outreach**
  - 1. Brownfields Workshop attendance on May 28, 2014-no discussion.
  - 2. Website updates completed June 2014- please review and comment if necessary.
  - 3. Area Wide Plan presented to County Commissioners between May 19 and June 25, 2014. Lincoln County and Inyo County to review and approve plan in July 2014
- g. **Task 7: Institutional Controls** – discussed above.
  - 1. Nye County
  - 2. Inyo County

**V. Financial Status by Task and Cumulative Expenditures to Date**

- a. See attached budget spreadsheet –Fanning explained further regarding the reallocation funds.

**VI. Revolving Loan Fund**

- a. EPA webinar scheduled for July 8, 2014- mentioned.

**VII. Open Discussion-** Fanning expressed thanks to Blazej and BEC for all the support. She also re-announced the second grant was awarded for \$600,000.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

- a. Date, time and venue- October 24, 2014 at 1:30. Fanning states it will be a closing meeting for one grant and kick off meeting for the new grant.

**IX. Actions Items- none mentioned.**