

Lake 17 Orientation Meeting at Hays, MT Kills At Night Community Center
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Introductions:

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Jay Springer
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Willy Bradley
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Welcome to the public meeting on Lake 17

- 2nd attempt at this project and hoping it comes to fruition
- John Healy is the Tribal champion

Steve with Comments:

- 2nd Round for this project
 - o The First round started back in 2009 the Tribe came to NRCS that there were some concerns that Little Suction Creek diversion dam was in chronic disrepair
 - o Preliminary planning and in 2012 NRCS pulled federal funds together to rehabilitate the Little Suction Creek Diversion and the Lake 17 Dam
 - The engineer's estimate was \$1.6 million
 - Federal share \$900,000
 - Tribe had difficulty allocating \$650,000 for the project
 - o Tried to find in-kind contribution
 - Approached Red-Horse Squadron
 - BIA Transportation
 - Tribal Investment Board
 - The contracts were canceled in 2015
 - o Since 2015 the project has been on hold until NRCS found funds through the national watershed program – Congress allocated \$300 million dollars in the last 2 years toward program

- The Tribal Council was guided that this might be a more appropriate place to apply for planning funds in July 2017 to do a watershed workplan and EA
 - The requirements of the Watershed program are hefty compared to Farm Agency program
 - More community participation and cooperation between agencies
 - The NEPA responsibilities were somewhat overlooked during the Farm Bill program and this project really necessitates an EA
- After a year the allocation was received for planning when NECI was contracted to do the EA
- This is a kick off meeting for the EA process

Question: Do we know the area/areas that the environmental assessment is in?

- The study area is delineated by map and should encompass the effects of the project on the entire Duck Creek watershed and Lake 17 watershed
- Back in 2012 when NRCS was working with FBIC there was a singular minded project of rehabbing what was existing—fix the breach, install new pipe and add a foot to it for dam safety
 - The watershed program has some different requirements as the threshold for future funding of construction is higher
 - Need open community participation process which means starting kind of back at the beginning and test the rehab plans against the No Action plan
 - The process starts by asking the community, do you want to remove the dam diversion, or do you want to remove the diversion and keep the Lake 17 dam, or do you want to rehabilitate both of them
 - Up to NECI to document the findings of the community and along the way the contract is for 12 months so within 9 to 12 months want to take everyone's ideas and converge into a preferred alternative
 - The EA will be centered on that preferred alternative
 - Will also do an economic cost benefit ratio—is the cost worth the benefits?
 - This is a kick off meeting to remind the Council members of the project and let the public know that the process has started
 - We are all partners in this and one of the things to accomplish today is to list community ideas on how to get the best response from the public
 - How do we make sure what is being planned is vetted in the community and isn't the decision of only a select few?
 - Avoid animosity toward the project after completion
 - Looking for ideas on how to advertise and start a public scoping process
 - Hot meal, bulletin boards, ads in the newspapers; whatever it takes for good input

John Healy: in November of 2013 there was a cultural resource report filed; the team on this report had finding in the area and actually shows the area of interest for the project

Gene with BIA:

- Here to help
- Lake 17 is a BIA dam
 - o Most immediate question, “Well if a BIA dam why doesn’t the BIA fix it?”
 - Lake 17 is a low hazard potential dam which means if it fails no one would get hurt or killed by it (or should be hurt/killed)
- BIA has Low and High Hazard Potential Dams
 - o A higher hazard potential dam means someone would likely get hurt
- BIA doesn’t have enough funds (\$12 million dollars per year to fix/rebuild 140 dams)
 - o Focused on the High Hazard dams
- NRCS saying they have money to help fix dam is a Godsend
- There is an unfunded act that is called the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN Act)
 - o BIA is supposed to get \$10 million a year to address low hazard dams
 - No funds have been passed down yet—if the act gets funded then potentially instead of using NRCS funds, BIA funds could potentially be used
 - o Gene has talked to his superiors in Denver and Washington as the Lake 17 dam is a shovel ready project and can advocate for the project to get built
- If the folks in Fort Belknap want to go ahead and rebuild the dam then the money should eventually be available to do so.

Comment: Willy Bradley

- Willy has worked and lived in the area all his life
- In the last few years the Tribe purchased a ranch off the reservation and when working on that ranch with a D4 cat the dam first breached; Willy was going to take the D4 to the site but the boss said no because the Council has \$117 million to build up the dam and use rip-rap and build the dam proper
 - o The dam washed out every year since then which was 20 years ago
- The problem is how long does it take?
 - o The government takes a long time
 - o The dam could take at least 5 years the way the wheels of government work
 - Tribe and BIA pointing fingers
- When he was young, they use to swim horses across the dam/tributary—now days you can jump across it by foot if there is any water coming down
- Lake 17 serves lots of land to the north and east of the reservation and a n important dam
- Cattle can’t use it because they bog in—ranchers lose money on their pasture

Wally Gladstone:

- With NECI and started company in 1997 and the ties are having the opportunity to work on this with Dowl Engineering
 - o Started in Minnesota and came back to Montana 10 years ago and have been working with Fort Belknap almost 10 years
- From NECI standpoint different position

- Done about 2000 projects and 99% of time NECI is working for Tribe in that the Tribe is the boss
 - This project is contracted with the NRCS
 - NECI sits on the side of the Tribe during conflicts and what do the Tribal people want
 - NRCS just wants to help Tribe so good fit for NECI
- This meeting was set up to be a meeting in Bozeman and NECI moved it to Hays to try to get input right from the start

Jay Springer:

- Thanks to everyone for being and participating in the meeting
- Wally & Steve mentioned that looking for continual input from each agency and community member
- The project was developed for irrigation, recreation, and for wildlife habitat

Question:

- Will it be deep enough to plant fish?
 - That is one thing that will be looked at during the EA

Jay:

Background:

- Artificial impoundment
 - Diversion on Suction Creek
 - Canal fills Lake 17 and the development back in the '20s to take water back to Lake 17
 - Has been breached several times and so no longer fills Lake 17
- Look at alternatives how best to solve the problem
 - NRCS has an existing set of plans
- Jay is not as adept with the EA side but that's why there is a team effort
 - Likely look at ways to tweak plans and make things work better
 - Benefit cost analysis to get best bang for the buck
- Constructed in the 1920 by the CCC's
- Done partially for irrigation which was never developed
 - This EA will look at the water quality to see if the water is good enough for irrigation?
 - How can we get water from Point A to Point B without having a bunch of loss?
- Since the breach happened Lake 17 is disappearing
 - This is a low point naturally basin so the CCC dug it out which was a common practice
- In years where there is significant water flow then the lake will still fill up some but not like in years past
- The large island on the south end of the lake is great wildlife habitat
 - Nest success has fallen due to lack of cover and accessibility due to low water
- The Tribal Council & stakeholders contacted the NRCS in 2008 for assistance to repair dam
 - The diversion dam provides an additional 46.1 square miles of drainage to the Lake 17 natural drainage of 18 square miles

- Wanted to avoid further damage so asked for assistance
- There are 2 sets of plans
 - 1 for the diversion dam
 - 1 for the spillway outlet reconstruction on Lake 17
 - The pipe is really undercut
- Want to move forward with the EA to secure the funding so the plans can be constructed
 - One alternative is the do nothing
 - Could pull the dam out and restore to natural conditions
- Want the public and agency input and all their departments
 - Does the Tribe want the dam in there?
 - There is the possibility to have the entire project funded, but might need some in-kind contributions/work as well
 - Want to get things to the 80% design to try to get the funding
- The contract gives 12 months to complete the EA
 - NECI is shooting for 9 months as would like to have done in August which would complete it in time for the next funding cycle
- Community input is very important, and the aggressive schedule can be done because of the background information that was already supplied contained lots of information from the previous project
 - NECI will do a GAP Analysis to see what information pertains and what is still needed and then add that into the EA
- The watershed project plan is a plan of work to develop alternatives to repair the dam
 - Alternatives looking at:
 - Future without a project
 - The dam will breach, and the natural channel will eventually restore itself (doing absolutely nothing)
 - Preferred Alternative is to rehab the dam and diversion
 - Using NRCS Plan
 - Alternative #3 is dam rehabilitation and diversion decommissioned
- Those are just 3 alternatives to give us a baseline
 - Use the alternatives to determine how it will impact things and if the plan is sound
 - Assign values and come up with a Benefit Cost Analysis
- Wanted to have community, be eyes, hears & voices to get people to the project
 - Timing is critical due to the Tribes decision to move forward with Water Compact and Water Rights issue
 - Having a use of the water that is beneficial to the Tribe
- Workflow/Schedule
 - Preliminary Study
 - EA
 - 30% design
 - Want to make sure that we get the project completed by next funding cycle
- Initial EA and initial alternative evaluation will go until April 2019
 - One of the challenges is that with winter Emily & Laura need to see the natural ground conditions

- Feb to April 2019 prepare the draft plan EA
 - o EA & Consultations
 - o Improvements and Alternatives
 - o Flood Conveyance
 - Not as critical because a low hazard dam
 - o Select
- May 2019 – August 2019
 - o Incorporate all comments
 - o Prepare the Final EA
 - Includes public comment periods
 - Review periods
 - Going to have to have quick responses so when asked for information just be aware that the answers, we get back will be incorporated into plan

Engineering Investigations

- Hydrology & Hydraulics study
 - o Lots of preliminary work has been done by NRCS
 - GAP analysis will ensure all the information has been put together
- Improvements to what the plans are
 - o Improving and repairing the dam and outflow
 - Channel conveyance improvements
 - Always have conveyance loss and want to make sure that we lose as little as possible
 - Want to build project that makes it as efficient/useful as possible
 - Diversion and Channel flow
 - Levy, weir
 - o That particular soil type on site is really susceptible to when wet losing integrity
 - o The movement of water isn't as efficient as it could be and get potholing in the first place
 - The material allows for hillsides to sluff and created a pothole that saturated and caused breach of dam
 - o Chimney Piping, sand filters will address those issues
- Over the years 2005, 2006, 2009, 2012
 - o Visual to see what Lake 17 is doing with the diversion
 - o In 2009 there was big rain in the fall and so the lake had filled up as the 41 square mile basin is filling into the Lake 17
 - In 2012 losing capacity
 - o Want to get a sound/robust lake going year-round

Question:

Are they going to dig any of that out to deepen it?

- That might happen, potential alternative, but it will depend on cost
- If there is another dam that has to be constructed to get access to that area to dig out that process can be expensive

- A few alternative spillway sites that could create the borrow to lift the dam up
- Maybe not so much of digging the lake for depth but raising it up
- There is another reservoir down below it to the north

From the fisheries perspective?

- Yes
- Need deeper water year-round to sustain fish
- Another consideration
 - Looking at the waterfowl potential
 - The one area that delivers the water from the Suction Creek diversion is an area potential for wetland improvement area
 - Another option for the alternative

This will create a huge wetland

- There is already a wetland designated north and west of the Lake 17 dam

Sage Grouse area as well

There used to be Walleye in Lake 17

- They were planted

Andy: Some NRCS Staff was doing testing and they said there were pike in the reservoir when doing depth testing

- SteveL Ice augers taking depths of the lake, when full to the crest is about 10 feet deep
- The answer is yes we can make it deep enough to keep a fish population
 - 14 feet is the depth needed for a viable fish population
 - Parts of the lake that could be dug to 14 feet
 - This will increase the cost but is a viable alternative and need to weight the cost with the benefit

The north end of the dam is the deepest end

- Andy & Warren were talking about with the number of dry years there would need to be some deeper holes and there would be lots of interest in having a fish population

Fishing is possible/feasible—there is no limitation on cost at this point

- There is a larger pot of money that can go up to \$20 million without the Secretary approval

Buster:

In the early 90s Buster worked for the Fort Belknap Irrigation project and was a pipe layer

- The overflow pipe, the diversion pipe he put in
- The breach he feels was caused because when working on the dam it was winter time

When the Tribes first approached the NRCS they only wanted to repair the breach, but there was concern that the dam at the lake was not in good condition and so if fixing the diversion, they would need to fix the Lake 17 dam 1st and then would repair the diversion

When everything gets done property and the best benefit of the Tribe, how many acres will it irrigate?

- There isn't a good answer yet as the irrigation was never developed, and it is something that will be looked at as a part of the EA
 - Buster saw a plan that said it was irrigating everything from Lake 17 to almost 3-Buttes; then going east all the way up an old old irrigation system that is still there and it went to lands west of us
- The sky is the limit once there is viable water on that land

- Maybe talking about the STIP
 - o 8 irrigation projects over in this area and part of the water compact those are included in that
 - The original irrigation system was part of this
 - Not sure how many acres that was looked at
- STIP is the Southern Tributary Irrigation Project

When the lake is full to the current crest of the spillway it is about 750 acres, which is about 4000-acre feet of water

- Danny said farmers are pretty happy with 12" of water, which would mean about 1,000 acres of irrigation crop land potential depending on loss during delivery

Is there a plan to put satellite ponds off the water for grazing and cattle production/buffalo?

- That is a good idea
- There is the range unit just north that doesn't have any water to it
- Can a guy pipe water from the dam to a satellite pond for stock water?
 - o Might be as good as irrigation
- Future oil & gas production out there might also need water
 - o When he did work for Montana Land and Exploration they drilled 1 well just east of the Lake 17 and they got water out of Lake 17
 - There are not a lot of ponds that have water in the area

Steve: Hoping NECI could grab some water quality samples from Little Suction Creek

- Either by canoe or by ice auger
- Is it too high in salts?

Comment: Hofelts when he was grazing out there had a water line from Snake Butte past Lake 17 and there will cement stockades along that path

- Concrete tanks
- Think the well is north of 3-Buttes and extensive system

Buster here as he has experience with Lake 17 and experience with farming out there and experience with Oil & Gas production and water usage

- His concern with ag and rec. that it is looked at in the plan
- What if the need is 10,000 acre feet instead of 4,000?
 - o For Recreation & grazing
 - o The more water the better

As NECI explores the irrigation potential there will be a water budget completed

- NRCS completed a rough on but that wasn't the goal back in 2012
- They were going to repair the dam and repurpose it for recreation and stock water

Buster: remembers parts of that when he was on the council

Jay:

- TriHydro did the ARMP plant might have good information—just contacted
 - o Dan Pratt has taken over for the prior TriHydro employee Mr. Holcum
- Rochelle use to work with TriHydro
 - o Holcum that did the EA for the ARMP is no longer with TriHydro and with another company called TmWaters
 - Todd Handley and Rochelle can give Jay his contact information
- Jay was given name of Janna White and she was out there also
 - o Looked at the Lake 17 project
 - o The ARMP Project didn't want to mess with the NRCS plan
 - Hopeful funding could be secured to do the project

Gene:

- With NRCS Design the dam remains a Low Hazard Dam because NRCS also did some flood routing if the dam ever failed
- There are no houses that would be in the floodplain and the only thing that would be is the bridge on Highway 66
- If NRCS was to tweak their plan and that bridge becomes inundated, that would elevate Lake 17 Dam to a High hazard dam
 - o BIA would reclassify it as a High Hazard dam and it would kick the dam into a new category that would trigger money for maintenance and for dam safety reasons
 - o That would bring it full time into their system
 - Compared to Low Hazard that BIA doesn't have money for
- When the community outreach is done (which sounds like soon)
 - o Winter is coming it gets dark quicker, people work during the day so not only have public outreach here in Hays, but also at the Agency due to distance, dark, and work
 - Get the best comment response have at least a meeting in Hays and Agency

ARMP with EA process was they did 4 separate location meetings: Hays, Lodgepole, Agency & Dodson

- They brought in dinner and it did help
- Also used Facebook
- Also did surveys for feedback
 - o Hard to get people to show up to meetings and so lots of meetings had little community members
 - o Surveys would be distributed and incentive by giving away a gas card or something to help get feedback
- Mr. Healy: Community Participation plan—1st step would be to figure that out
 - o Next meeting will take all those into consideration
- Maybe use Tribal radio station (88.1 FM)
- Basketball events could provide opportunity to get word out
- Flyers
- Is there a Tribal newsletter?
 - o Facebook
 - o Blaine County & Phillips County

- Blaine County Journal
- Phillips County
- Survey is a good idea and Transportation did a Survey Monkey posted on the Tribal website
- Can we do a meeting in conjunction with a basketball game?

Food is the one great way to get people there

- Direct calling also works
 - Danny had some of the best results with direct calling
 - Maybe make a phone tree

Andy:

- There were some Agency meetings that were scheduled and are due to be done the 1st or 2nd week of December
 - Tribal Council meeting that were gone through with Delina to have Quarterly meeting/Community meetings with council reporting (financial....)
- This takes some time but an executive summary that could be distributed at the Agency meetings
 - This could be put on the agenda and a truncated version could be shown to try to get more people as there would be a good turnout
- Andy is thinking either the week of the 3rd or the week of the 10th

Emily:

- Good Discussion and community input already which is the point project and of the meeting and required by the NEPA process and needed for this EA document
 - NRCS has to comply with NEPA due to being federal funds
- The NRCS, Tribe and BIA has done some great work on this in the past
 - It has been 9 or 10 years so going to need to go back out and look at the existing conditions again
 - Wildlife, wetlands, species all change over time
 - Preliminary studies to get out in the field and see what is out there
- THPO and BIA has already done quite a bit on the cultural side
 - The cultural survey report has been done which has lots of good information
 - Any new alternatives will ensure that the cultural has been done
- T&E Species
 - Blackfooted Ferret
 - Piping Plover
 - Sage Grouse

Andy: Acronym that NRCS uses

- SOC Species of Concern
 - Burrowing Owl
- Burrowing Owls are sensitive and there are state sensitive and federal sensitive
 - Sage Grouse are State Sensitive

Do surveys to see what kind of T&E species are out there

- If raising the water level of the dam that could affect nesting birds

Socioeconomic Issues Related to Alternative

- Irrigation Issues, water rights will all be looked at
- Also recreation
 - o What can we do in terms of fishing access and things like that

Laura:

- On the original design did the NRCS ever see the original dam plan as the BOR has made good documents, maps from similar time frames
 - o Andy: Built in CCC days
 - Mentioned Earlier NRCE might have some of that information as they are the engineering firm handling the Tribe's water rights
 - As they've been working with the Tribe for decade

Andy:

- Use to be an irrigation project
- His grandfather 89 years old use to put up Hay out in Duck Creek
 - o Now you'd be called a fool that you can raise hay in that area as it is a barren wasteland
- Do we know when he drifted away from hay production
 - o The information with the NRCE firm should have a lot of that data
 - Crystal might have that information as the only current irrigation project is on the Milk River
 - These were all irrigation projects so there must be records with the BIA or someone else
- If we start shifting focus from the original dam purpose and into the irrigation purpose
 - o In the proposed settlement the PIA is established for the Lake 17 irrigation area
 - PIA = Practicable Irrigatable Acres

Steve:

- Challenge: we can show the existing conditions and the effect the diversion has now
 - o The engineering is close to 100% as it was reviewed to the Washington level
- All that in front of us makes for a strong plan but it is fragile unless we test it against what the ecological site description and ecology of the area before the dam was built
 - o Without that it would be difficult to establish the benefits of the project unless you know what the ecological site description of the area was before it was artificially manipulated
- Right now, we're looking at \$2 million dollars or \$2.5 million to dig out areas for fish and need to come up with \$2.5 million worth of benefits to do anything
 - o Not going to be able to do that with what is out there now
 - Need to go back in time and say this is what was there, and these are the benefits that can be achieved and sustained
 - NRCS does that for range management; ecological site descriptions
 - o Soils and site conditions can support

- This will take some time and the community meets with 3 large pictorials of what the place looked like prior to artificial manipulation; this is what it would look like with just the lake and without the diversion and this is what it would look like if it was rehabbed to look like with the CCC built it to be
 - This provides a robust cross section for the EA
 - It would be fully vetted that way
 - Don't want to go into this project singular minded where we will rehab and forget everything else
 - Then a community member says they don't agree— Steve doesn't want that to happen

The Various alternatives

- There will be a benefits analysis and cost and such
 - A preferred alternative can be selected
 - It doesn't have to be the best alternative but can be the most popular
 - The engineering muscle should be mostly put into the irrigation potential for water budget and PIA Analysis

Steve:

- Only reason for stepping a few steps back would be because there might not be much room to go other than develop irrigation potential
- Don't want to throw anything out but raising the dam and raising the Hazard classification is likely not the route NRCS wants to go
 - If want to be 14 feet deep it would likely go by excavating
- The higher classification of the dam would greatly increase the cost of constructing the dam
- What's out there now and rehabbing that seems to be a strong worthwhile contender
 - Make sure that's part of the EA
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Jeff:

Chasing the Irrigation benefit

- Original water compact and see how Tribes received that and the intent of that project then track over time when they decided to stop haying out there and why they didn't continue trying to develop the irrigation
 - Suction creek is intermittent, so you get a 1 time shot at that water

Andy:

- Prior to this being built out there it was when the reservation was very young, and lands were allotted and the government wanted Indians to be farmers and ranchers
 - An attempt to help them be farmers and ranchers

Steve:

- There are standards on how to apply value to ecological benefits
- This will supply values for things like piping plover or irrigation use

- NRCS is going to support what the Tribe chooses
- By saying to go back it is because the project is more likely to show more benefits by taking a snapshot back in time
 - The history of this project shows that the irrigation should have been done in the first place

Gene:

- Water Resources department in Billings and 3 of them deal with water rights and irrigation and there are several records
 - BIA might be a good source for historical records for water rights and irrigation

Andy:

- There is only 1 existing BIA irrigation project going on right now by the Milk River and all the other projects were managed by the BIA
 - The project on Lake 17 was a historical irrigation project managed by the BIA so there must be a record of that
 - Don't know all the history but at some point decision was made to not do irrigation projects anymore
 - Gene not sure what records they might have at the Agency

Gene:

- Who is going to be the signatory on the EA?
 - The NRCS is
 - That is the reason for the contractual relationship with NECI
 - If the funding came through the WIIN Act then the BIA would have to formally adopt the EA and the signatory would switch

Steve:

- NRCS doesn't have below the dam to look at the gravity irrigation potential
 - There isn't LiDAR
 - NECI could purchase 5m IFSAR and that level of planning should probably suffice
 - Otherwise it is just a USGS Quad and the contour is probably too coarse

Wally:

- There are grants in place to try to get LiDAR done for the entire reservation, but this is a long shot

A big part will be between the water quality and quantity allow, what kind of gravity flow can we achieve

Jay:

- Thanks for people coming and stress this is a public project
- Wally:

- Already working closely with BIA on other projects and they were included on the list to come to this meeting would make it easier to let the BIA adopt this EA if need be
- Buster is willing to help spread the word in the area about community involvement and his wife works at the Post Office and she'd also be able to help spread the word
 - Pull Buster in as he is willing to help organize

Steve:

- Gravity irrigation potential below the dam
- Talk with folks who have grazing leases below the dam and discuss gravity feeding a stock water pipeline to acreage below the dam
- Terry Buck was constantly looking for ways to distribute water to range units vandalism and power were issues, but there may be the potential to gravity feed and avoid those issues
- BLM uses units like that to get water to their land

Andy:

- There are lots of farmers and ranchers that are excited about this project for the very reason of being able to get water on their land—just this year some have had trouble with water
 - They would be part of the stakeholders list?
 - Danny Pratt: Rancher's Group and get them contacted
 - Need someone who really understand the leases and what water would do to the value of that

Wes:

- A rancher irrigates about 30 acres and he'll get a ton per acre of just grass—when it was working he'd get 2 cuts of alfalfa and he'd be able to get 2 ton per acre, but this was 20 years ago and there is a potential and loss without having water

Jay:

- Feel free to call NECI and more hearing will be arranged
 - Very start of the public outreach

Andy:

- Excited about project & thanks Steve; lots of people who aren't here now that have put hard work into this project and so he feels strongly about seeing this come to fruition as it will have a very beneficial impact to the community and Tribe

Comment:

Blake Stiffarm: Anything in mind about how things will be weighted in term of benefit of agriculture vs benefit of recreation vs irrigation?

- It would be important to get that information to the public too so they know
- Jay: it will be explored and that is a valid point
- Steve: Recreational benefits—not sure if a permitted area for hunting or what-not but that would need to be captured

- Wally: Great question and the Tribal Council will look at that also and weigh the benefits will come out in the process of the EA
 - o What does the community want to see?
 - o Danny Pratt: Can't always give it a flat value and need to determine what is the highest priority

Bruce:

- Thanks to everyone for coming; Community project and tell friends to come as the more input

Laura:

- Anticipate talking with most everyone soon especially land department
- Excited about the irrigation project

Jay:

- Great project and already starting to get some organization and thought process for moving forward