Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition Assessment

and

Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program

Quarterly Meeting Agenda December 19, 2014 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

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I. Introductions

II. Successes and Challenges over the Past Quarter

- a. Inclusion of two additional sites for Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESA).
- b. Receipt of comments on the Ely Grade School Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP). Comments were addressed and are pending approval by EPA.
- c. Continued coordination with Inyo County and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to continue assessment and cleanup planning for the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery.

III. Assistance Requested from EPA

- a. Nova Blazej (EPA Region 9) has been invaluable for providing guidance on a variety of grant-related issues this quarter including:
 - 1. Coordinating the approval of the hazardous waste forms for the Church Square parking lot in Bishop, California, and the Nye County Public Works Buildings 1 & 2 sites in Tonopah, Nevada.
 - 2. Providing assistance/guidance in working with Inyo County on the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery Memorandum of Understanding

IV. Updates by Task

a. Task 1: Conduct Inventory, Site Selection, and Site Approval

1. Eligibility evaluation checklists were approved for one site in Nye County (Public Works Buildings 1 & 2), and one site in Inyo County (Church Square parking lot).

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

- 1. Church Square parking lot Phase I to be completed by December 30, 2014.
- 2. Nye County Public Works Buildings 1 & 2 Phase I ESA to be completed by December 30, 2014.

3. Responses to all comments from EPA on Ely Grade School SAP have been submitted.

c. Task 3: Cleanup and Reuse Planning

- 1. Tonopah Airport FBO building.
- 2. Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery.

d. Task 4: Area Wide Planning

1. Area Wide Plan was added to the RDSBC website.

e. Task 5: Project Management and Planning

1. Draft Final Summary Report reviewed and approved by County Commissioners for all five member-Counties. Report to be finalized and submitted to EPA by Nye County.

f. Task 6: Community Outreach

- 1. RDSBC has been contacted by the Nevada Association of Counties and EPA for success stories relevant to specific brownfield projects.
- 2. A final review of the RDSBC website was conducted and revisions were completed.
- 3. Maps showing sites assessed under the 2011 RDSBC Grant were completed; one for each County and a Coalition map were produced.
- 4. Presentation topics submitted for the EPA 2015 Brownfields Conference to be held in Chicago, IL in September 2015.

g. Task 7: Institutional Controls

- 1. Nye County Brownfields Ordinance.
- 2. Invo County Building Permit Checklist.

V. Financial Status by Task and Cumulative Expenditures to Date

a. See attached budget spreadsheet.

VI. Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

- a. Tonopah Airport FBO Building Application for funding has been approved and cleanup funds are being allocated.
 - i. Documents under review for the site include the Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives and Cleanup Plan, and the Sampling and Analysis Plan.
 - ii. State Historic Preservation Office has required a historic review of the site to determine impacts of the demolition of the building on the site.
 - iii. Kautz Environmental has been subcontracted to assist with SHPO required reporting.
 - iv. Historic site review will be finalized pending the completion of Public Works Department redevelopment plans.

b. Discussion on NEPA review for RLF projects.

VII. 6-County Coalition Grant Discussion

- a. New Grant Timeline.
 - i. Cooperative Agreement between EPA and Nye.
 - ii. MOA development and signature by member-counties.
 - iii. Brownfields RFP and negotiations with selected contractor.
- b. Chicago 2015 National Conference and RLF educational opportunities.

VIII. Open Discussion

IX. Next Meeting

a. Date, time and venue

X. Action Items

Coalition Members: Nye County - Esmeralda County - Lincoln County - Inyo County - White Pine County