

GB-CESU Conference Call – Agenda

May 11, 2011

1. Ball State University application to join the GB-CESU (letter of intent and other materials sent in previous email)
2. Nevada Department of Agriculture application to join the GB-CESU (letter of intent sent in previous email)
3. Great Basin Consortium (GBC) (<http://environment.unr.edu/gbcesu/about/gbconsortium.html>); 20 Jan 2011 meeting notes attached)
4. Fall 2011 Meeting of the GB-CESU (possibly in conjunction with other GBC members)
5. National CESU education products – suggestions for research highlights

GB-CESU Conference Call – Meeting Notes

Present on Call: Laurie Averil-Murray (USFWS), Colden Baxter (ISU), Paul Doescher (OSU), Kim Dow (BLM), Chris Lauver (NPS), Bruce Peterson (NRCS), Sue Phillips (USGS), Kurt Pregitzer (UI) and Paul Verburg (DRI)

- I. Request for feedback on the Great Basin Consortium draft page:
<http://environment.unr.edu/consortium/index.html>
- II. GB-CESU Annual Meeting for Fall 2011
 - a. Discussed proposal to convene all Great Basin Consortium organizations (i.e., GB-CESU, GB-RMP, GB-LCC, GB-RI, and GB-EP) and whether to hold separate or joint business meetings
 - i. Benefits of joint meeting
 1. Commonality of topics and attendees
 2. Groups can meet during breaks/lunch to address specific issues
 3. Limiting travel for multiple organizational members
 - b. Briefly reviewed draft template for meeting organization in GBC meeting notes
 - c. Agreed to move forward with joint planning committee for joint meeting: Collopy (GB-CESU), J. Chambers (GB-RMP), Mike Pellant (GB-LCC, GB-RI), and R. Narayanan (GB-EP)
- III. National CESU Office requests CESU projects to highlight in education products they are developing
 - a. Looking for successful, long-term and high-profile projects
 - b. Need suggestions for research highlights
 - i. SageSTEP – suggested by Paul Doescher (OSU)
- IV. Discussed Ball State University's request to join the GB-CESU
 - a. Application process listed online; if approved, amendment wouldn't be created until after the new Cooperative Agreement was in place
 - b. Comments
 - i. Chris Lauver (NPS) – NPS has additional research that they like for BSU to conduct and are interested in developing an ongoing relationship with them.
 - ii. Colden Baxter (ISU) – Not sure if the research will extend past Dr. Bernot's involvement. If approved, would recommend revisiting the institution's involvement in the future. No real downside.
 - iii. Paul Verburg (DRI) – Didn't get a sense of how BSU would benefit the GB-CESU
 - iv. Michael Collopy (UNR)

1. BSU can be revisited at the next renewal (every five years).
 2. Will reach out to BSU and stress the importance of broadening their institution being actively involved in the CESU (i.e. conference calls, annual meetings, other collaborative research, etc.).
 3. Will ask them to articulate how they anticipate benefitting the GB-CESU.
 4. Will discuss transitional/logistical issues with them during the shift to the new cooperative agreement
- v. General consensus was to extend an invitation to join the GB-CESU
- V. Nevada Department of Agriculture Application
- a. Received letter of intent, no complete application yet
 - b. Comments
 - i. Paul Verburg (DRI) – Uncomfortable with the application and concerned about cap on overhead. Could potentially open a door for other state agencies to go this route.
 - ii. Michael Collopy (UNR) – It is not clear from the letter what the specific nature of their contribution would be. Suggests that he reach out to Tina Mudd (the agency’s point of contact) for clarification. Has some apprehension about not being open to involving interested state agencies, but understands DRI’s concerns.
 - iii. Paul Verburg (DRI) agrees
 - iv. Kurt Pregitzer (UI) – Supports considering state agencies for membership in the CESU and doesn’t want to see them fall away
 - v. Michael Collopy (UNR) – Will contact NV Dept of Agriculture (T. Mudd) with specific questions to determine intent (i.e. funding vs. outreach)
 - c. Consensus was to entertain a complete application from the NV Dept. of Agriculture
- VI. Revisiting other agencies – proactively reach out for applications
- a. There was support for re-contacting federal agencies (i.e., DoD, USACE) that had previously expressed interest in the GB-CESU and see if there was continued interest.