



**FINAL MEETING SUMMARY**

**HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD  
BUDGET AND CONTRACTS COMMITTEE**

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*Richland, WA*

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## **Opening**

Jerry Peltier, Budget and Contracts Committee (BCC), welcomed committee members and introductions were made.

## **Agency Response to Master Acquisition Plan Advice (HAB Advice #289)**

Jerry noted that the Board did receive a response from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on the Board's Master Acquisition Plan Advice (HAB Advice #288)<sup>1</sup>. Jerry said that BCC may move forward with advice at the March 2017 Board meeting.

### *Committee Questions and Responses<sup>2</sup>*

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C. The Hanford Advisory Board (HAB or Board) will know which advice points were accepted or not from DOE, when the Request for Proposals (RFP) is released. I want to insert a statement about the completeness of an area on the Hanford Site before it is determined acceptable for land use processes, per the Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) milestones. That statement should go into the Board's advice in response to the RFP.

## **Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Budget and FY 2019 Budget Request Letter**

Jerry provided BCC members with an update on the path forward for the draft budget advice in response to HAB advice #288<sup>3</sup>. Prior discussions in the River and Plateau Committee (RAP) and the Tank Waste Committee (TWC) meetings led to a consensus to transform the advice into a letter. The letter will be attached to HAB advice #288 when submitted to TPA agencies. Jerry announced that Susan Leckband will draft the letter and send to all committees for feedback. BCC will finalize the letter prior to the December Board meeting.

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**Attachment 2:** Transcribed flipchart notes

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C. One reason to modify the original advice into a letter is because Doug Shoop, Site Deputy Manager, plans to address topics the Board is most concerned about in his presentation at the December Board meeting.

*C. [DOE-RL] Doug's presentation will speak to the Board's advice about short-term projects.*

Q. Is Mr. Shoop planning to address areas of disconnect between DOE and priorities stated by the Board?

*R. [DOE-RL] Board members can ask questions during the Q & A portion if they feel that their questions were not answered during the presentation. There are certain things that are not yet determined, like shipping Transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.*

*C. Mr. Shoop should be briefed that Board members may ask him questions about priority items the Board listed in their advice that are not addressed in his presentation.*

C. Long-term priorities were not discussed in the agency response. Is there an opportunity for Mr. Shoop to talk about the end state of long-term cleanup?

*C. [DOE-RL] I will inform Mr. Shoop of the Board's interest in end state long-term cleanup.*

C. DOE is not issuing a Lifecycle Cost Report (LCR) in 2017.

*R. [DOE-ORP] DOE-ORP is skipping the 2017 LCR, per the agreement between TPA agencies. There is ongoing work on the Hanford Site that was not going to be included in the LCR.*

Q. What is the implication for schedule delays and how it affects end state criteria? This is a valuable discussion to have as a Committee of the Whole.

*R. The LCR does not discuss technical issues like end state criteria; it displays the cleanup schedule. Maybe the Board should take a different approach and write advice to DOE that outlines areas of consideration that should be addressed in the LCR but are currently not.*

*R. [DOE-ORP] DOE has long-term stewardship to 2090.*

Q. Is the delay in the Vit-plant schedule addressed in the LCR?

C. I have submitted specific comments regarding how LCRs do not explain costs, delays or the benefits of cleanup acceleration. Those comments do not get included for some reason.

*R. The Board could write advice about how to improve future LCRs.*

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C. The budget advice has a paragraph on end state criteria that ties into the LCR. A correct LCR should explain the end state of every project on the Hanford Site.

*R. [DOE-ORP] DOE does not have Records of Decision or end states for all components of the cleanup project yet. TPA milestones will not be included if end states have not been determined yet.*

C. The Board will receive the FY 2018/2019 budget from DOE in March. The goal will be to develop advice by June 2017, leaving DOE time to consider the HAB's advice. There will be administration changes that can change the budget. The Board can address potential impacts to the budget as needed.

### **Committee Business**

#### *BCC 3-Month Work Plan<sup>24</sup>*

BCC plans to have a committee call in November to finalize the draft letter for the upcoming budget cycle and discuss potential advice about LCR content.

The Board will present the draft letter, attached to HAB advice #288, at the December Board meeting.

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**Attachment 4:** BCC 3-Month Work Plan

**Attendees**

Board members and alternates:

Don Bouchey	Ken Niles (phone)
Mike Korenko	Jerry Peltier

Others:

Kris Holmes, DOE-RL (phone)	Samantha Herman, EnviroIssues
Dieter Bohrmann, North Wind/DOE-ORP	Ryan Orth, EnviroIssues
Dawn McDonald, DOE-ORP	Dana Gribble, MSA