



MEETING SUMMARY
HANFORD ADVISORY BOARD
BUDGETS AND CONTRACTS COMMITTEE (BCC)
DATE: October 17, 2019
Richland, WA

| |
|---------------------------------------|
| TOPICS IN THIS MEETING SUMMARY |
|---------------------------------------|

| | |
|--|---|
| Opening | 2 |
| HAB Advice #300, Fiscal Year Fiscal Year 2021 Cleanup Priorities..... | 2 |
| FY2022 Hanford Cleanup Priorities..... | 4 |
| Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) Meeting..... | 5 |
| Committee Business and Wrap Up..... | 5 |
| Document Attachments | 5 |
| Attendees | 5 |

| |
|---|
| <p><i>The following meeting summary represents topics and presentations covered during the Hanford Advisory Board Budgets and Contracts Committee (BCC) on October 17, 2019 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Richland, WA. This event took place at Washington State University. This is only a summary of the issues and actions discussed at this meeting. The following represents a summary of the topics corresponding with the meeting agenda and may not represent the fullness of represented ideas or opinions, and should not be used as a substitute for actual public involvement or public comment on any particular topic unless specifically identified as such.</i></p> |
|---|

Opening

Ruth Nicholson, Facilitator welcomed everyone and acknowledged there were attendees on the phone.

Tom Galioto, Budgets and Contracts Committee (BCC) Chair, welcomed committee members. He stated there are primarily three topics for discussion. Tom reviewed the agenda with members.

Previous Month(s) Meeting Minutes

The November 2018 meeting minutes were not approved and are still under review.

Announcements

Tom Galioto made an open call for announcements and updates. Tom stated the Committee of the Whole (COTW) was great, and he believed there was great discussion afterwards. He also noted he liked the Hanford Site Five-year plan and the efforts made to create it.

HAB Advice #300, Fiscal Year Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Cleanup Priorities

Tom Galioto provided members with a presentation of his draft FY 2021 cleanup priorities. Tom reviewed the previous Hanford Advisory Board (HAB/Board) advice #300 and explained his draft in relation to the advice. The following are key topics the HAB requested advice #300 on:

- TPA milestones to be completed (or to have significant progress made) in FY2021
- Priorities and planned accomplishments in FY2021
- Compliant budget level
- Cleanup activity risk process used at Hanford
- Detailed project priority info Project Baseline Structure (PBS), Analytical Building Blocks (ABB)
- Complete table tying specific priority projects to TPA milestones/FY budget needs

Tom Galioto also provided members with a table listing 21 items of which are the budget priority item assessments. He then reviewed what DOE did and did not provide back to the HAB in regards to the advice #300:

DID Provide:

- Willingness to provide briefings on HAB topic requests at appropriate times
- Request that HAB in future provide integrated priority list of projects reflecting HAB priorities
- Analytical Building Blocks (High Level Summary of Integrated Priority List)

DID NOT Provide:

- No other HAB-requested information was provided
- No TPA milestone info
- No compliant/target budget level info
- No identification of PBS work packages to HAB-priority tasks
- No risk process info
- No tabulated info
- No identification of an effective means to involve the public in the budget development process

Tom went through a chart that showed FY2021 Budget Priority Assessment vs ABB list. A list of 21 priorities were provided, numbering the priorities from Tom's interpretation of Department of Energy's (DOE) perspective. Tom's purpose of the chart provided was to answer the following question: Did the HAB priorities issued in advice #300 get the attention and was that fed into the priorities for the budget submittal?

Tom reviewed where the HAB will go from here, stating the four following options:

- Accept DOE response as-is, take no further action on it, and focus instead on preparing the FY2022 Budget Priority Advice
- Issue Advice on remaining needed information as stated above
- Issue Advice on how the Board would like DOE to more meaningfully/effectively involve the public in the FY2022 Budget process and all future processes. [Ref Advice #302]
- Formally request a November Leadership Workshop with HAB/TPA Agency representatives to establish an improved approach to public engagement in the budget process

Agency Perspective

DOE

Jim Lynch, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of River Protection (ORP) and Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO) stated this is difficult because the concern is placed at a high level for policy. However, Jim acknowledged this was a good exercise but there is also interpretation that goes behind this as well.

Committee Member Questions (Q), Responses (R), and Comments (C):

Note: This section reflects individual questions, comments, and agency responses.

Jim Lynch opened up conversation to members, asking members to share their thoughts were on the 5 year plan.

Q: "When will we know what items have dropped below the line for 2021?"

R (Greg Jones): "That is one of the big challenges. We are in FY2020, and we don't have a budget yet. FY2019 was the first year in 23 years where we had a budget on the first day of the fiscal year. In the two years prior, we got our budget on April 24 and March 23, respectively and we had a swing of about \$300 million for the Richland Office. The point is, we are not necessarily trying to push back. We are in a Continuing Resolution. It is a very difficult process for us to tell you exactly what we are going to do because we are in the flow of figuring out what the budget is that we have. The budget we receive depends on if the scope was met that year. We're not trying to be obstinate, but it is a difficult game to play when we get what Congress gives."

R: "There are times when we are working through the year, and we run into technical issues which we work with the agencies on and will bring some of those issues to the Board. One of the highlights to the 5 year plan is we did try to include the FY19 budget with those priorities as well as the carry over items that slipped into the next year. If this tool is useful, we can move this along as the baseline. This is an effort to show what projections were done and what had to slip and carry over."

C: “The budget is always changing. It is a political process and it is not based on needs or priorities. If we continually show what is not getting done versus being more positive and showing what is doing done. This may give us more influence to get more budget to get more done.”

C: “A combination of the options is how we need to move forward. We need to accept the bullet point number one, the as-is. I also think I agree with number 3 working with the Public Involvement and Communications Committee (PIC) since we have struggled on the public engagement level. If we put numbers aside and showed them our priorities and ask the public what they think then this could move us along in having a conversation much earlier. I think we can move forward in a positive way.”

Next Steps:

Tom Galioto will have a call with Jeff Burright, PIC chair, to discuss the FY2022 budget priority advice development process.

FY2022 Hanford Cleanup Priorities

Tom Galioto introduced the FY2022 Hanford Cleanup Priorities. Tom reviewed the recommendations for process improvement and public involvement. Tom highlighted the following points:

- Not be excessively intrusive into normal DOE process
- Involve public to participate and contribute early in the process in order to be most effective
- Provide target and compliant-level budgets to assure transparency on what can be expected to be accomplished each FY
- Be designed to rebuild trust and cooperation between DOE and the public
- Involve representatives on the Issue Management team from every HAB committee, to assure coordination of needs properly
- Be planned to assure issuance of formal HAB Budget Priority advice to DOE no later than April each year

Committee Member Questions (Q), Responses (R), and Comments (C):

Note: This section reflects individual questions, comments, and agency responses.

C: “The earlier of submittal is better, specifically if we can get this submitted before April.”

C: “We should start with this discussion with the PIC in November and then the meeting in December so we can come to an agreement by January. I would suggest recruiting members from each committee so the message comes across more collaboratively.”

C: “We will be aiming for February approval on this advice. We would like the integrated priority list from DOE as soon as possible.”

C: “It might be a better turnout from the public if you talk about the priorities and not the budget.”

Next steps:

The Hanford Site Five-year plan will be used as a basis going forward. BCC plans on having a call with the PIC as the first step.

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) Meeting

Tom Galioto introduced the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) meeting topic.

Susan Leckband provided an overview of the drafted topic, stating the draft recommendation was submitted in the last EM SSAB meeting. The recommendation was a subset of the budget advice that Tom Galioto authored and she translated some of the language so that it could be applicable to all of the sites. The hope is to start the process earlier and engage with the public.

Jim Lynch stated the EM SSAB will have a meeting at the end of October. The Board will discuss the draft recommendation and it will be a thumbs up or thumbs down vote at the full Board in December.

Committee Business and Wrap Up

Tom Galioto introduced the Committee Business and Wrap Up.

Tom suggested having a joint conference call with PIC in November before the December meeting to overlook the plan with the BCC.

BCC 3-month work plan

Item added to the work plan:

- Create joint advice with the PIC committee on budget priorities

Document Attachments

There were no attachments.

Attendees

BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES:

| | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Tom Galioto, Member | Susan Leckband, Member | Shelley Cimon, Member |
| Emmitt Jackson, Member | Mohamed Osman, Member | Dan Solitz, Member |

OTHERS:

| | | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| JoLynn Garcia, DOE-ORP | Jim Lynch, DOE-ORP | Gregory Jones, DOE-RL |
| Anne Knaap, Ecology | Theresa Bergman, CHPRC (Phone) | Lindsay Strasser, North Wind (Phone) |
| Jen Colborn, MSA (Phone) | Abi Zilar, North Wind (Phone) | Curtis James Black (Phone) |
| Ruth Nicholson (Facilitator), ProSidian | Ashley Herring, ProSidian Facilitation Team | |
