

KS Wetland and Aquatic Resources Plan Team Meeting
March 26,2007
SCC Office
Topeka

Tim Christian, KAWS, opened the meeting at 1:10 p.m. in the SCC conference room in Topeka and welcomed attendees. Attending were Christian and John Bond, KAWS; Phil Balch, TWI; Kerry Wedel, KWO; Dan Zerr, KDHE; Lynn Thurlow, NRCS; Paul Liechti, KBS; Mike Rich, US FWS; Frank Norman, AES; Rob Reschke, SCC; Matt Scherer, KDA/DWR; and Eliodora Chamberlain, EPA.

The agenda was reviewed as was the Team charge and additions to the Team, namely Frank Norman, AES. Tim explained the outcomes of this exercise are to have a framework form which to work on a statewide comprehensive plan that has broad support from agencies, organizations, and others, that it is endorsed by the WRAPS Working Group and the Natural Resources Sub-Cabinet.

Tim then lead a discussion on building the pieces - how to organize the information needed; identifying existing information, data, etc.; determining methods to obtain this information; what information, data, etc. is missing; what potential sources exist to acquire the needed information; and similar needs.

The following is the results of the discussion.

What Do We Need to Begin to Build the Plan?

Wetlands

How many, where, type, conditions, potential threats, sizes, at risk, define “wetland”, constructed wetland, institutional knowledge-do we have, restored wetlands

Streams/River

Impairments

Riparian Areas

Lakes

Connected vs. isolated

Ponds

The team agreed that similar information is needed as laid out under wetlands for each resource area.

What Institutional Knowledge Do We Have?

Wetlands

NWI, GAP map, USGS (National Land Cover Data, NLCD), COE Wetland Delineation, WRAPS, Web Soil Survey (NRCS), NRCS National Riparian Inventory (NRI), PLJV playa, GIS Layer, COE Mitigation, DU, TNC, FSA CRP Wetlands, USFWS Partner Wetlands

Riparian & Streams

NRCS (NRI), Stream classification & reference ranch, SCC-cost share programs, KDWP Stream Assessment, KDHE, TMDL's & Stream Monitoring network, USGS National Hydrological Data Set

Lakes

COE data, Small Lakes Survey KARS, KDHE TMDL Lakes, PLSGG, SCC small watershed program

Ponds

NRCS data, SCC Programs, COE permitting, DWR

The team felt that it would be appropriate to have briefings for next meeting on some of this data and how it might be used. Noting that Mike R would gather up the PLJV playa layers and FWS layers, Dan Z would provide a presentation on the USGS & GAP data; and that Lynn T would ask Travis Rome to present on NRCS data layers. And, Phil and Kerry will supply some current definitions for wetlands and other data related to the WRAP initiative conducted by state agencies in the early 1990's.

Questions Pertaining to Identifying Data Needs:

- How can it best be obtained?
- Who can do it best?
- What are the restraints-staff, funds?
- Where will the data reside?
- How will we share it?
- Who will keep it current?
- Who will use it?
- How will it be presented?
- Where are priority needs?

Plan (Qualities) Should Be:

- Broad based support
- Flexible/updated
- Accurate
- Usable

The Plan should contain Objectives, Goals, Actions, Whose Responsible, Timeline, Budget, Regional Considerations

How will we measure success?

The team covered several other areas of thought and it was suggested that we look at what other states have done. Eliodora indicated that other states had completed comprehensive plans and that she had copies of several. She will supply copies of completed plans to Tim for distribution to the team.

Next Meeting Date

SCC Conference Room

April 16, 2006

1:00 p.m.

Agenda will include:

Dan Zerr-KDHE, USGS

Mike Rich-PLJV data

Lynn/Travis-NRCS data

Phil/Deb-WRAPS data

-Definitions

-Other State Plans

The team adjourned at 2:40 p.m.