

JOINT SELENIUM TASK FORCE MEETING AGENDA
September 21, 2005; 10 am to 3:30 pm
Bureau of Reclamation Offices, 2764 Compass Drive, Suite 106
Grand Junction, Colorado

- A. Welcome & Coordinator Updates (10am to 10:30am)
- B. Barb Osmundson – USFWS Selenium Fish Studies (10:30am to 11:00am)
 - 1. Assessing Water Quality in Grow Out Ponds Used to Rear Endangered Razorback Suckers – tying water quality (selenium) to fish condition.
 - 2. Developing a Prediction Equation for Selenium – fish muscles plugs samples and eggs/ovaries samples taken for development of Se prediction equation of whole body Se concentrations. This study is important considering EPA’s proposal to have selenium fish tissue standards.
- C. Bruce Bertram - Devil’s Thumb Update. Overview of the Selenium Remediation Plan, Implementation, & Results (11am to 11:30am)
- D. Coordinator’s Presentation to the Water Education Foundation (Selenium Summit in CA): *“Reducing Selenium Loads and Concentrations in the Colorado and Gunnison Rivers”*. Opportunity for the Coordinator to practice the presentation, to obtain clarification on numbers/facts, and for the Task Force to comment on content (11:30am to 12pm).

Lunch on Your Own (12pm - 1pm)

- E. Issues Formulation Hearing (1pm – 2pm): Time to hear from both Task Forces on the issue of temporary modifications. Do we request to leave them? Do we remove them? Positives/Negatives?
- F. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) (2pm – 3:30pm) – How might EQIP fit into the selenium reduction goals and remediation plans of the Task Force?
 - 1. Coordinator:
 - Overview of Task Forces’ Action Plans & Roadmaps for actions related to on-farm practices.
 - Review of the interest of CA in reducing selenium loads.
 - 2. Mike Baker (USBOR):
 - Review of Refined Sub-basin Maps with Selenium Loads
 - Review of the Remediation Options to Meet Water Quality Standards in the lower Gunnison Basin.
 - 3. Frank Riggle (Assistant State Conservationist) or Travis James (NRCS Salinity Coordinator)
 - Review of EQIP Funding Programs (General Fund and Salinity Control Program Fund)
 - 4. Dave Kanzer (CRWCD):
 - NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) 2005 – *“Employing Innovative Data and Technology for Water Conservation Targeting and Planning in the Salinity and Selenium Affected Areas of the Lower Gunnison River Basin.”* How developing a GIS system can improve the implementation of conservation practices to address multiple resource concerns (Se and salinity) in the Lower Gunnison River Basin.
 - 5. General Discussion ALL:
 - How can NRCS/EQIP/local workgroups and Selenium Task Forces collaborate on selenium issues in our basins? Notes and Action Items to be developed.

ADJOURN 3:30pm