

DRAFT AGENDA

Missouri River Association of States and Tribes (MoRAST)

March 16, 2010 Meeting

Lied Lodge and Conference Center, 2700 Sylvan Road, Nebraska City, NE
Telephone: (800) 546-5433 (Please see page 2 for registration and logistics information)

March 16, 2010

- 8:15 a.m. MoRAST meeting convenes: Welcome, introductions and opening comments – Mary Sexton, Chair
- 8:30 a.m. Initial MoRAST business meeting:
Review Agenda – action item
Review and approve minutes – action item
Review and approve Treasurer's report – Kirk Nelson, action item
Executive Director's Report – David Pope
Old Business:
 Election and seating of Officers for 2010 – action item
 Initial review of MRAPS Revised Draft Questions and Issues document
New Business – action items
 Proposed budget for FY 2012 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012)
 2010 Congressional Action Plan
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:05 a.m. Current conditions, Corps update: Jody Farhat, USACE Chief of Missouri River Basin Water Management, Northwest Division, Omaha, NE.
- 10:25 a.m. Missouri River Recovery Program update, projects, science, budget, MRERP, MRRIC, etc. – Mike George, USACE Program Manager and others as appropriate
- 10:45 a.m. Status and discussion of the Missouri River authorized Purpose Study (MRAPS) Kayla Eckert-Uptmor, Chief of Planning, Omaha District and/or David Combs, Chief of Planning, Kansas City District, USACE
- 11:55 p.m. Lunch on your own - Timber Dining Room (reservations recommended)
- 1:00 p.m. Potential Department of Interior speaker and/or perspective/feedback from other federal agencies on MRAPS: USFWS; USBR; WAPA, USGS, others
- 1:40 p.m. Resume MoRAST business meeting – The following items, plus any items carried over from the initial business meeting:

MRAPS - Revised Draft Questions and Issues document – action item

MRAPS – Develop guidance on MoRAST input in scoping process and next steps: potential action item

Future MoRAST Meetings: Schedule/plans: action item

- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:20 p.m. Comments and Q&A – General McMahon, Commander, USACE Northwest Division, Portland, OR
- 3:50 p.m. Finish business meeting and/or Reports from Tribes, States, Federal agencies and public comments
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Additional information regarding the Missouri River Conference and BiOP Forum:

- 5:00 p.m. Conference registration
- 6:00 p.m. Social event and heavy hors devours

March 17, 2010:

- 8:00 a.m. MRNRC Missouri River Conference and BiOP Forum Plenary Session
- Noon Conference lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Conference continues through March 19 with various BiOP sessions

Logistics:

MoRAST meeting on March 16, 2010: There is no registration fee for the MoRAST meeting, but **advance notice of attendance is needed by March 8**, if possible, because we must guarantee the minimum event attendance for hotel meeting charges. Continuous break service will be provided. Everyone is welcome, but **please provide attendance information** (name and affiliation) by e-mail to: david.pope@mo-rast.org or call the MoRAST office at 785-235-3247. Sleeping rooms are available at the Lied Lodge for \$70 per night single and \$80 per night double plus taxes in the “Missouri River Natural Resources Conference” room block starting with the night of March 15, 2009 for the MoRAST meeting. **Please call the Lied Lodge at (800) 546-5433 by February 23rd to make your reservation.** You may continue your reservation in the same room block if you plan to stay for part or all of the Missouri River Conference, as noted below. The Lodge website is: <http://www.liedlodge.org/>.

The Missouri River Conference and BiOP Forum will be March 17-19, 2010, also at the Lied Lodge in Nebraska City, NE. Please see the conference web site for registration information, agenda and other information: <http://www.mrnrc2010.com/>. **The deadline for early conference registration at a reduced fee is February 15, 2010. Single day rates are available**, if you can only stay for one day, such as March 17 which includes the Plenary Session. Meals are included.