

**BORDER BARRIER SYSTEM PROGRAM MANAGEMENT
TUCSON SECTOR
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION
NACO, NOGALES AND DOUGLAS STATIONS**

MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Date and Time: 23 September 2003 8:30 AM
Meeting Location: Tucson Station USBP

MEETING PURPOSE

TCA PDT Environmental Working Group Meeting

INTRODUCTIONS

1. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1. Nogales BPS (AERC #503 ENV #220) due out 25 July – Comments due - extended to 5 September	All
3. Tucson BA comments due - extended to 29 August	All
3. Naco-Douglas SEA – comments due to 29 August – 18 September conference call @ 9 am central time	All

2. SUMMARY OF NON-PDT ACTIVITIES (REGIONAL)

- a. PEIS Tucson & Yuma (AERC 225)
- b. RVS for TCA (AERC 255) - *Nogales definition FEA*
- c. Rescue Beacons (AERC 497)
- d. Operation Desert Grip (AERC 497/498)
- e. Checkpoints (b) (7)(E) (AERC 499)
- f. Nogales BPS (AERC 503)
- g. BA – Operations – Tucson & Yuma (AERC 51)

3. SUMMARY OF PDT ACTIVITIES (INFRASTRUCTURE)

Review all actions pending on chart - add/delete/change –

- a. Nogales Infrastructure EA (AERC #255 & 218 ENV #225) - *FEA at HQ*
- b. Naco-Douglas SEA (AERC 218) **This Item May Be Discussed After The PDT To Review The Comment Matrix**

5. NEXT MEETING

21 October 2003 – HDR Phoenix, 8:30 am

Summit meety 8/23/03

Conservation measures due 10/3/03

Nozales EIS being revised

Final EA out 8/26/03

EIS 10/3/03

Summary

a) ~~EA~~ Tucson BA QA/QC

a) ~~EA~~ EIS 10/1/03

b) ROS for TCA - Nozales departure > need review by 10/1/03
Nozales departure

c) Leave beacons - waiting on TCA to approve

d) ~~EA~~ Kent Trip - in operation

e) Checkpoints (b)(7)(E) - public review on (b)(7)(E) 30 days

~~Comment~~ comment on no action issue
- states does not want to move.

f) Nozales BA

g) BA -

3)a Nozales departure EA - final HQ

New Commander at FT. H.

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MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Date and Time: 23 September 2003 10:00
Meeting Location: Tucson - USBP Station

MEETING PURPOSE

PDT Meeting

INTRODUCTIONS

10:00 – 10:15 REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1. Scope for LWC design/permitting on LWC # 5 in Douglas, E. of POE. (for JTF-6)	(b)(6)
2. Provide JTF-6 plans for all active design & construction projects (1-1/2 miles roadway NGL, Alt. Fence Design, Ephraim Ridge NGL, rural lighting design)	HDR & Baker (b)(6)
3. Construction plans for roadway in Douglas, E. of POE. To be provided to Baker	(b)(6)
4. Contract with Baker for FY'03 Engineering	(b)(6)
5. Contract with GSRC for FY'03 Environmental Work (negotiated, pending award)	(b)(6)
6. Report on property and cost for Ephraim Ridge and area	(b)(6)
7. Map of TCA PDT Projects	HDR

10:15 – 10:20 RVS

10:20 – 10:45 MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

Arizona National Guard

Deployments

- Capabilities
- Schedules
- Resources Required

WWD May 2004

- Oregon National Guard
- Oklahoma National Guard

JTF-6

Current Deployment to Naco

2 Miles West of POE Naco – February 2004 (roadway and fencing)

10:45 – 11:15 ENGINEERING

Nogales, Tunnels, Preliminary & Final Design

Nogales, 1/2 Miles Roadway Maintenance

Nogales, 1-1/2 Miles Roadway, Preliminary & Final Design

Douglas, Picket Fence Extensions

Alternative Primary Fence Designs

Lighting Design - Standard 1- Mile Rural Condition

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FY'03 Contracts

11:15 – 12:00 ENVIRONMENTAL

GSRC - updates and discussion
Douglas-Naco Corridor Draft SEA
Tucson & Yuma Biological Assessment
Programmatic EIS
Programmatic MOA
Douglas, Whitewater Draw 404 Permitting
Nogales, Infrastructure Improvements, DEA
Tunnels
2-Miles Roadway
Portable Lights
Sonoita Station
FY'03 Contracts

12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH

1:00 – 1:30 REAL ESTATE

USACE - (b)(6)
Douglas Lighting (5 Miles) Split East and West of the POE
Douglas, 4-Miles Roadway West of POE
Douglas, International Ditch
Naco, Lighting (5 Miles) Split East and West of the POE
Nogales, 2-Miles Roadway
Nogales, Construction & ROW Acquisition (Pending Alignments)
Nogales, Schematic Design
Sonoita, Preliminary Design and Coordination
Permanent Survey Markers
Temporary Vehicle Barriers
Western Region - (b)(6)
Report on costs and viability of acquiring additional real estate near Ephraim Ridge

1:30 – 1:45 PROCUREMENT

Naco Deployment

1:45 – 2:00 OTHER ITEMS

Cooperative Agencies – Discussion/recommendations on involvement of other agencies early in the environmental review & planning process

Scoping Issues for Engineering Contracts FY'03 and FY'04

NEXT MEETINGS

**21 October 2003 – HDR Phoenix
18 November 2003 – Tucson USBP Station**



Fire forces 90 from Phoenix care center

The Arizona Republic

About 90 residents, many of them with special needs, were safely evacuated Saturday evening when a transformer fire erupted at a central Phoenix care home, knocking out power to the facility.

The fire broke out about 7:50 p.m. at Maryland Gardens Care Center, 31 W. Maryland Ave., an assisted-living home for people with memory impairments or requiring skilled care for complex behaviors.

There were no reported injuries as the residents were escorted to a nearby church and then transported aboard city buses to another care facility, Scottsdale Village Square, 2620 N. 68th St., where they were expected to remain at least overnight pending efforts to restore power.

The fire broke out in a generator building attached to Maryland Gardens, said Chris Ketterer, a battalion chief for the Phoenix Fire Department. The cause of the electrical blaze had not been determined.

HEALTH BRIEFS

Conference to focus on end-of-life issues

A two-day conference on end-of-life care will be held Wednesday and Thursday at the ASU Downtown Center.

The conference is geared toward individuals, health care providers and groups interested in raising awareness and education about end-of-life options and issues. It is sponsored by Caring Choices, a coalition to improve end-of-life care. The conference runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at the center, 502 E. Monroe St. in Phoenix. The event is free. Information: (480) 377-1273.



Ignacio Ibarra/Arizona Daily Star

Members of the 374th Marine Wing Support Squadron are building a 12-foot-high fence to keep undocumented immigrants from crossing the U.S.-Mexican border near Naco.

Marines building fence along border near Naco

Associated Press

TUCSON — A Marine unit is building a fence nearly a half-mile long to keep people from crossing an area of the U.S.-Mexico border near Naco.

The 12-foot-high fence will be made of steel posts placed about 8 inches apart in a zig-zag pattern, said Armando Carrasco, a spokesman for the Defense Department's Joint Task Force 6, based at Fort Bliss, Texas.

The 374th Marine Wing Support Squadron, a Marine

engineering company based in Twentynine Palms, Calif., is also upgrading more than a mile of dirt road east of the Naco port of entry.

Construction will focus on several low-lying crossings that turn to slippery muck in the rainy season, making it difficult for Border Patrol vehicles to reach and get through the area, Carrasco said. Several sections of the dirt road will be paved, including one stretch more than 800 yards long.

The Marines, who began their work last week, have set

up a camp at Bisbee Municipal Airport and are expected to remain for up to a month, working under the auspices of the task force. The task force coordinates military training missions to support state, local and federal law enforcement agencies involved in drug enforcement.

The cost of the project is difficult to determine because the cost of labor and equipment is absorbed by the training mission. The cost of materials is covered by the requesting agency, Carrasco said.

Tanker full of methane overturns, stalls traffic

FLAGSTAFF — A commercial tanker truck loaded with methane rolled Saturday on Interstate 17, about 16 miles south of Flagstaff, resulting in delays and stoppage.

STATE RAINNIP

Carbon monoxide poisoning from boat exhaust has been linked to at least two deaths in the area in recent years.

A final report on an air quality evaluation on the lake is scheduled next month, but an early evaluation indicated that carbon

9/23/03 POT meeting

action items - D SOW not done yet

- 2) JTF-6 plans shipped
- 3) Construction plans - hit couldn't find plans for LWC or roadway
- 4) Baker Contract in negotiations
- 5) GSKC Contract - review
- 6) Property cost for Ephraim ridge - reviewed w/ GSA Market Survey
82 acres - see 10/10/03
- 7) Map of TCA POT projects - done

AVS ^{report} to be sent

Military Deployments

AZNG Deployment meeting cancelled

troops not scheduled to return for Feb 04

Can't commit for F105

Budget 25% 30% hit for F105

Interim for Alaska in May first 2 weeks

Oklahoma last 2 weeks in May => may loose

Oregon 2 detachments in June

S. Carolina in June roadwork & erosion

Illinois - possibly?

WWD - moving along

Fence - intentional raceway not problem

letter in couple of days

JTF6

Starting to clean up 60% of project in NACO

Inquiries

Douglas tunnels - on Hold
 " 1/2 mile done
 " 1 1/2 " dilly done by Kliffle
 Douglas fence Final plans (not started) done - renew COB 9/24/03
 Alternative fence done
 Zepherus way done
 FTO ~~of~~ contents - Tobey
 Exact USACE real estate database

Environment

New/Douglas similar - EA - counts
 T/Y BA - nature nodes
 PEIS - info still waty - review draft in 2 weeks
 P MHA - (b) (6), (b) (7) (C) still working review
 Douglas WWD 404 - on going
 Douglas departure ^{\$205} Final sent to HQ
 Sonoma state contacts requested

Real Estate

(b) (6) Properties - west of POE only
 USACE - 40E on biological roadway alignments

Procure

not JTF-6 done
 Construction - Eric Paul Kliffle
 - Ballad Fence - success - looks great
 - Roadwork - success - roadbase & curvation very good
 s/b 4" not 6" concrete in truck to long
 surface appearance sewer cracking

OTHER ITEMS

Cooperative Agencies - better communication

Action items

Get \$5000 from USACE

Bl special coordinator - fence extensions update on ^{later}

Fence extensions counts tomorrow

Customs

memo of agreement 3 October 03

DOT FVS report

Property report on 30/10/03