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Subject: Meeting Minutes from TCA PDT 20 May 2003

Please find attached the meeting minutes from the Tucson Sector PDT meeting held on 20 May 2003. should you have any corrections or comments, please contact either (b)(6) or myself.

The next TCA PDT Meeting is scheduled for 24 June 2003 in Phoenix.

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BORDER BARRIER SYSTEM PROGRAM MANAGEMENT
TUCSON SECTOR, US BORDER PATROL
NACO, NOGALES AND DOUGLAS STATIONS

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date and Time: 20 May 2003 at 10:00 am

Meeting Location: Phoenix Inn - HDR

Distribution Date: 23 May 2003

Distributor: (b)(6)

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MEETING PURPOSE

PDT Meeting.

ATTENDEES

See Attached.

PREVIOUS ACTION ITEMS STATUS

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE	STATUS
1. Baker needs exact size and location of shower facility as defined in the environmental documents	(b)(6)	Done
2. Cattle guard specification – revised for in ground facility	Baker	Pending – suggested prefabricated per (b)(6)
3. Nogales infrastructure EA comments will be due 2 May	All	Done
4. Naco-Douglas SEA comments due at the end of the month	All	Done

RVS

No representative from IMC was present

- Nogales
Continuing issues with Crawford Hill. Reportedly (b)(6) from IMC will be in Nogales regarding foundations retrofit.
- (b)(6) has retired and (b)(6) has assumed most environmental responsibilities
- Stations need digital aerial photos with GPS coordinates, pending data from IMC.

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

Projects with FONSI, Engineering, Real Estate, & Funding

- Construction of temporary Vehicle Barriers (Douglas/Naco)
- Construction of Low Water Crossings (Douglas/Naco) part of previous projects not completed
- Vehicle Barrier to Landing Mat Fence (Naco)
- Primary Fencing (Naco) - FONSI for areas associated with 4-miles of roadway
- 2 Miles of Roadway West of the POE (Naco)
- Erosion Control and Modification of 10' CMP (Douglas)(part of previous projects not completed or needing repair)
- Ephraim Ridge Reclamation (Nogales) FONSI issued (can only work in 60' easement)
- Roadway East of POE in Douglas (separate request to JTF-6 outside the PDT)

AZ National Guard

- Meeting Minutes and handouts from the 15 May 2003 was discussed (attached)
- (b)(6) informed the PDT that a recent deployment to Ft. Huachuca will include capability to provide construction services in Naco and Douglas.

JTF-6

- A Marine Unit of 60 –70 soldiers is anticipated in Naco mid August to work 5 weeks on roadways east of the POE.
- 2 Units, from Alaska, of approximately 100 each is anticipated to deploy to Naco sometime during September & October
- the BPSCC has requested that a staff engineer be assigned to the Arizona deployments of the National Guard

ENGINEERING

Baker did not prepare a written status report for this meeting

Naco-4 Miles Roadway:

- Baker will look into repackaging portions of this project to facilitate National Guard deployments.

Nogales, Tunnels:

- Plans – 90% package under review

Nogales, ½ Miles Roadway Maintenance:

- Plans – Completing 90% Plans under review

Nogales 1-1/2 Miles Roadway:

- Revising 60% per PDT comments.
- Comments have been received from the IBWC regarding drainage, and will be addressed by Baker.
- (b)(6) asked for a timeline from Baker on resolution of the drainage issues.
- Was holding for the Go Ahead on the Geotechnical Investigation, was processed by AERC and should be awarded soon (b)(6) will check on contract progress.

Nogales, Ephraim Ridge Road Reclamation:

- Baker has provided (b)(6) with project footprint

- 100 % plans complete
- Drainage Report Approved.

Douglas, Picket Fence Extensions:

- Plans – 95% package submitted pending comments.

Alternative Primary Fence Designs:

- Plans – Researching various alternatives.
- Draft will be out soon, a copy will be forwarded to (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) for comments as well.

Lighting Design – Standard 1 – Mile Rural Condition:

- Plans – 90% plans under revision per PDT Comments.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Update: (b)(6) has provided environmental update number 20, which is attached to these minutes.

Biological Assessment

- Tucson will be out 15 June 2003

Douglas, WWD Box Culvert

- Pending issuance of Section 404 permit, 404.b.1 has been forwarded to the USACE.

Douglas and Naco Station's Environmental Documents

- The draft Naco and Douglas Station Supplemental Cumulative Effects EA out for public review, comments due by 7 June 2003.

Nogales, Ephraim Ridge

- FONSI issued

Nogales, Infrastructure Improvements, EA

- Draft Nogales Infrastructure EA is out for public review. Comments were due by 9 June 2003.
- Inclusion of RVS sites in this document has slowed progression of the document.

Sonoita Station

- SOWs to proceed with these CR and bio surveys are under development and review

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PROCUREMENT

Naco 4-Miles Roadway

- Anticipate JTF-6 deployment this fall will require preparation of BOMs and other procurement items.
- Material left over from the National Guard deployment to Naco will be utilized with the fall JTF-6 deployments.

CONSTRUCTION

No deployments since last PDT meeting

OTHER ITEMS

It was suggest that the TCA PDT go to once a month, synchronized with the San Diego PDT meetings. Special meetings can be arranged if need. This has come up because several meetings have been canceled and those making travel plans would like more lead-time.

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1. Information on San Diego deployment projects, National Guard capabilities, and units	(b)(6)
2. Additional SRs to JTF-6	
3. Comments on Nogales Tunnels and Douglas Fence Extension Plans due 30 June 2003	
4. Check on POC in Phoenix COE-Regulatory Branch, and progress of Whitewater Draw 404 permit application	
5. Draft Naco-Douglas SEA comments due 7 June 2003	All
6. Provide data on illumination levels from recent tests in Naco	Baker – (b)(6)
7. Status of pending contracts within AERC	(b)(6)
8. Check on management and responsible party within the federal government for the PEIS	

NEXT MEETINGS

24 June 2003 – HDR Phoenix, 10:00 am

These minutes reflect the understanding of HDR Engineering, Inc. If revisions or additions are needed, contact (b)(6)

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-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2003 11:45 PM

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Subject: Environmental Update Number 20

All--

Here are the environmental issues discussed during the PDT meeting Tuesday, May 20, 2003.

1. The Tucson/Yuma PEIS revised draft is expected to be submitted NLT mid-July for internal review and comments. The status letter was forwarded to (b)(6) for review and distribution.
2. The revised Tucson BA is expected to be resubmitted NLT 19 June. It will include the 5 additional species.
3. The draft Nogales Infrastructure EA (roadways, RVS and portable lights) is out for public review; comment period will close on 9 June. The 14 June deployment has been cancelled, so distribution of the final EA is not as critical. Baker feels that some landing mat needs to be replaced with bollard fence and will revise the designs. Completion of the final EA will be dependent upon receipt of these designs.
4. HDR and GSRC has completed the SOW for the road maintenance at Sonoita, Nogales 10-miles of roadway, temporary vehicle barriers and various permitting actions. [subsequent discussions after the PDT resulted in the addition of a SOW for the Naco-Douglas BA to address potential T&E impacts identified in the SEA]
5. The revised draft Naco and Douglas Station Supplemental Cumulative Effects EA was submitted for public review on 7 May. The comment period closes on 9 June.
6. GSRC received comments on the Nogales Station pre-draft EBS/EA and is in the process of making revisions.
7. GSRC submitted the draft Op Desert Grip II EA and the Emergency Beacons EA for public comments; the comment periods for these two EAs close on 7 June and 30 May, respectively.
8. The Tucson Checkpoints are on hold pending receipt of information from the (b)(7)(E)
9. GSRC is proceeding with the Tohono Nation combined EA, which will include the emergency beacons and camp details that are on the Nation. The EA will be released to the Nation only for a 5-day comment period.
10. The FONSI for the Processing Center was turned around within an hour at HQ--thanks to (b)(6) for the extremely quick response.

As usual, please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.
Thanks.

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DATE: 5/20/03 TIME: 10:00

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