

## 2019 Western Regional Partnership (WRP) Principals' Meeting

### Key Decision Items

*The following table represents key topics and decision areas that will be addressed during the November 2018 WRP Principals' Meeting. All items were reviewed by the WRP Steering Committee and recommended for WRP Principals consideration; consensus positions represented below.*

Topic Area	Description and Principal Action
2017-2018 WRP Report on Advancing Regional Priorities	<p>During the Principals' Meeting, WRP SC and Committee Co-Chairs will provide updates on their accomplishments over the past year. These efforts are detailed in the 2017-2018 WRP Report on Advancing Regional Priorities. This analysis led to the recommended focus for the 2018-2019 Priority (below). Further efforts and opportunities for WRP collaboration and action will be presented and discussed during the four plenary sessions and highlighted throughout the WRP Principals' Meeting.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Provide input on WRP SC and Committee actions.</p>
2018-2019 WRP Priority	<p>The 2018-2019 WRP Year is focused on <i>"Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities."</i></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Provide input on WRP Strategic Priority for 2018-2019 (<a href="#">Attachment 1</a>).</p>
WRP Administrative Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Changes to the WRP Charter, Vision/Mission Document (<a href="#">Attachment 2</a>)</li> <li>• Sunset WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS; Empower GIS liaisons to work directly with their Committee Co-chairs and WRP SC (<a href="#">Attachment 3</a>)</li> <li>• Continue the WRP Resolution Process for 2019. (<a href="#">Attachment 4</a>)</li> <li>• 2018-2019 WRP SC leadership: DoD - Kristin Thomasgard-Spence (Lead Co-Chair), State -Mike Mower and DOI - Casey Hammond.</li> <li>• WRP 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting: November 19-20 in San Diego (<a href="#">Attachment 5</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Review and ratify SC recommendations on above items.</p>

## ATTACHMENT 1

### WRP Strategic Priority for 2018-2019

The 2018-2019 WRP Year is focused on *"Advancing Compatible Planning in the West for America's Defense, Energy, Environment and Infrastructure through Enhancing Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities."*

#### **Background:**

In the West, there are significant military assets, varied wildlife ecosystems and extensive infrastructure such as energy and transportation. The WRP Region represents 19% of the U.S. land mass and includes 18% of the U.S. population. Leveraging of resources and inter-agency coordination are required to avoid duplication of efforts, minimize mission impacts and encourage sharing of best practices. The WRP Region land management breakout is:

- Federal (non-DoD) Managed: 46.7%
- Private Land: 35.3%
- Indian Trust Land: 7.4%
- State Trust Land: 6.3%
- DoD Managed: 4.3%

#### **Statement of Purpose:**

Agencies are streamlining planning processes (including environmental reviews and permits), making it even more imperative to have a keen understanding of the new processes and collaborative engagement practices. By working together, WRP Partners will develop best practices and models for more efficient and consistent planning collaboration.

#### **Expected Product:**

*Note: This effort will be completed to the extent feasible subject to the availability of WRP partner input and WRP dedicated resources:*

- Identification of specific projects, policies and plans on which WRP collective efforts may be focused and establishment of mutually agreed upon actions and priorities with clearly identified metrics to demonstrate progress.
- Strategies (narrative) on processes to encourage planning efforts that avoid mission conflict; highlighting best practices and models.
- Map product highlighting areas of overlap of mission interests that could drive greater collaboration among Partners

#### **Project Phases:**

This priority will be attained through the following steps:

1. November 2018: Focused discussion at the WRP Principals' Meeting and consensus to be reached on questions to ask of agencies. (See Draft Survey Form)
2. By January 31, 2019: Agency response on approved questions (Draft Survey Form). To the extent possible, agencies are asked to please coordinate across any

management regions so that all of the WRP area (AZ, CA, CO, NM, NV and UT) is included.

3. February – October 2019: WRP Steering Committee and WRP Committees will review input provided and conduct follow-on analysis, synthesizing of data and developing draft recommendations. Facilitating additional agency coordination to establish mutually agreed upon actions and priorities with clearly identified metrics to demonstrate progress.
4. June 2019: WRP Steering Committee and WRP Committee Co-Chairs will review analysis at their meeting on June 20, 2019. SC members will apprise their WRP Principal on current progress.
5. October 2019: Final report with analysis and recommendations to be circulated in preparation for presentation and review at the 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting.
6. November 2019: Presentation and review of findings at the WRP Principals' Meeting anticipated to be held on November 19-20 in San Diego, CA.

#### **Guiding Principles:**

- Project will highlight WRP Partners' missions and long-term goals
- Recognizing the inherent, differentiated authority of federal, state and tribal entities, encouraging communication and cooperation among those entities and avoiding interference with any entity's distinct rights and responsibilities
- Leverage efforts; not duplicate
- Information will be publicly available and highlight:
  - Energy Development
  - Military Mission Footprint or Weapon System Changes and any upcoming Military Land Withdrawals
  - Ecological Goals and large landscape-level conservation (looking for opportunities to assist with activities over key habitat and species)
  - Aviation and unmanned mission changes
  - Homeland Security/Disaster Preparedness efforts
  - Regional and state-wide plans

**\*\*DRAFT SURVEY FORM FOR AGENCIES TO USE\*\***

**Western Regional Partnership 2018-2019 WRP Priority**

*Attaining Compatible Planning through Enhanced Collaboration among Federal, State and Tribal Entities*

*Please complete the following by January 31, 2019 and submit to [amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org](mailto:amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org). All input will be consolidated and circulated among WRP Steering Committee and WRP Committee Co-Chairs for action.*

**1. Submitted by (Agency Name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Contact Information:**

Person Completing this Form/Point of Contact for Questions or Follow Up (Name, Title, Email and Phone Number):

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**3. Planning factors that impact your agency's mission:**

Please indicate what compatible planning means for your agency – what might impact your mission? What would you like other agencies to know about your mission so that they can more effectively collaborate with your agency on planning? Do you have any recommendations on how best to solve these challenges? Do you have any maps/GIS resources that help to illustrate areas of importance to your agency? What changes in planning policies (administrative or statutory) is your agency contemplating?

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**4. Agency's Upcoming Planning Efforts**

Please provide information on your agency's major planning efforts that will be initiated by 2023 and associated timelines? What is the best way to learn of your agency's planning efforts in advance?

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**5. Agency's Infrastructure Efforts**

What are the top (please list at least 2-3) infrastructure projects your agency is engaged with currently and any relevant information (project website, etc.).

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## **6. Tribal Engagement:**

Please share examples of successful instances of Tribal consultation or best practices.

Do you have any recommended areas of focus for the WRP Tribal Engagement Working Group? Please indicate your contact to be part of the WRP Tribal Engagement Working Group (name, title, email and phone number).

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*If you have any questions on this document, please contact:*

*Amy Duffy, WRP Coordinator at 623-572-6656 or [amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org](mailto:amyduffy@westernregionalpartnership.org)*

## ATTACHMENT 2

### *Recommendations Regarding Charter & Vision/Mission Document* For DECISION

**SUBJECT:**

Recommendations regarding WRP Charter and WRP Vision/Mission document

**SUMMARY:**

The WRP Charter was initially adopted in 2010 and has been revised three times; it was last changed in 2017- these changes were substantive in nature. WRP's Charter delineates the mission, goals, and responsibilities of the WRP collaborative process. Per the Charter, this is to be reviewed at each annual Principals' meeting. It is recommended the charter be affirmed as-is this year; no changes are warranted.

History of WRP Principals' Actions on this subject:

- In 2009, established the WRP Interim Steering Committee whose main charge was to develop a WRP Charter for Principals review and action in 2010.
- In 2010, adopted the WRP Charter, WRP Vision and Mission and established Steering Committee.
- In 2011, restructured seven Committees and three Subcommittees to four Committees to better align Committee Structure to WRP Mission.
- In 2014, refined the WRP Vision Statement and revised the WRP Charter (changes consistent with new Vision Statement, change to WRP Goals and a few simplifying and clarifying changes). Revised Vision/Mission document and restructured WRP to three Committees.
- In 2015, added Colorado to WRP Region and therefore modified WRP Mission statement charter, WRP logo. The Charter also had a few minor administrative changes.
- In 2017, changed the GIS-related goal to reflect that WRP no longer has a GIS Sustainability Decision Support Tool; changed WRP Steering Committee (SC) leadership to align with WRP Principal Co-Chair leadership; enabled the WRP SC to establish working groups; added WGA to the list of WRP Principal Organizations; amended the Mission Statement to "protect natural and cultural resources"; and made some minor administrative changes.
- In 2018, WRP Steering Committee Members and WRP Committee Co-Chairs were asked to coordinate with their respective WRP Principal to determine if any changes to the WRP Charter were needed. Based on this coordination, and direction provided at the September 2018 WRP Steering Committee Meeting with Committee Co-Chairs, there is consensus that the current WRP Charter and WRP Vision/Mission should be affirmed; no changes are needed this year.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Affirm current WRP Charter and WRP Vision/Mission Document.

## ATTACHMENT 3

### *Recommendations Regarding WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS* For DECISION

#### **SUBJECT:**

WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS Recommendations for 2018-2019

#### WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS Membership:

Chair: Colonel Jeff Holt, Deputy Commander, MCIWEST-MCB CAMPEN. Members: WRP SC Chair/Vice Chair or their designee (Mr. Dwight Deakin, NAVAIR) and OSD (Ms. Kristin Thomasgard-Spence). The Committee is supported by GIS Support Group Liaisons.

#### **SUMMARY:**

WRP views GIS and analysis as a key tool to assist Partners' planning efforts. The WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS was stood up in 2011 to balance GIS requests against resources to ensure WRP priorities were met. Given that WRP does not have GIS resources (i.e. web mapping application), but instead relies on WRP Partners (such as DoD, etc.) to assist, **it seems most prudent to sunset the WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS**, and instead have GIS liaisons and WRP Committee Co-Chairs communicate directly with the WRP SC. Informal calls among the WRP GIS Liaisons to address requests or complete actions will be held as necessary. (These calls may include relevant WRP SC or Committee Members).

#### Background:

- Within the WRP Charter, there are six goals; one concerns GIS: *"Identify geospatial requirements and leverage existing tools and resources to support WRP priorities."*
- The WRP website has a GIS & Maps resource page. WRP SC members and Committee Co-Chairs are asked to provide feedback on how this site can be improved.
- The WRP GIS Support Group is made up of WRP Partners and shares relevant information via email or may conduct a webinar.
- Each of the WRP Committees is supported by a WRP GIS Liaison. The Liaisons:
  - Identify opportunities for using GIS to advance the WRP Committees' efforts; and
  - Work with the WRP Steering Committee to identify geospatial opportunities and leverage existing tools and resources to support WRP priorities
- It is recommended that WRP GIS Liaisons work directly with their Committee Co-Chairs to assist with any WRP GIS and website-related requests, and together they communicate directly with the WRP SC to best address. Requests will be added to the WRP SC agenda for further action.
  - WRP SC concurred with these recommendations at their 2018 meeting.

**ACTION NEEDED:**

Approval of sunsetting the WRP SC Subcommittee on GIS and empowering GIS Committee Liaisons to work directly with WRP Committees; and for Committee Co-Chairs to work directly with the WRP SC on any GIS or website-related requests.



## ATTACHMENT 4

### Western Regional Partnership

*Seeking Key Policy Input to Best Prepare for the 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting*

#### Introduction and Purpose

WRP respectfully asks your agency to complete the WRP Resolution Document by May 10, 2019. All Resolutions will be consolidated and circulated to the WRP SC and Committee Co-Chairs. At the June 20, 2019 in-person meeting of the WRP SC and Committee Co-Chairs, recommendations of WRP efforts for the 2019-2020 year will be developed in consideration of the Resolutions. The Resolution Process is designed to:

- Thoroughly vet proposals before the Principals' Meeting.
- Enhance transparency and timely coordination.
- Allow for more thoughtful planning for WRP for the next year.
- Ensure WRP focuses on the most important items.
- Enable more careful scoping of WRP Priorities before the Principals' Meeting to ensure Principals are fully aware of items to be discussed and quicker implementation.

#### Designation of WRP Principal

Each WRP agency should have a designated Principal. Per the WRP Charter, *"WRP Principals are executive level leaders from Federal and State agencies and Tribal governments in the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah."* Some agencies will have more than one Principal because of their structure. For example, BLM Principals are the state directors from each WRP state; on occasion, this person may be serving in an acting capacity.

#### WRP Mission/Focus

Attached is the WRP Charter. When completing the Resolution form, agencies are asked to keep in mind the WRP Mission statement:

*"WRP provides a proactive and collaborative framework for senior-policy level Federal, State and Tribal leadership to identify common goals and emerging issues in the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah and to develop solutions that support WRP Partners and protect natural and cultural resources, while promoting sustainability, homeland security and military readiness."*

#### Seeking Your Agency Input on the Following by May 10, 2019:

Each agency is asked to coordinate with its Principal to:

1. Identify priorities the Agency would like the WRP Principals to consider for the next WRP year.
2. Provide any recommendations for changes to the WRP Charter (reviewed annually)
3. Provide any relevant agency updates
4. Make recommendations for 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting Plenary Sessions

*Save the Date*

## Western Regional Partnership Principals' Meeting

NOVEMBER 19-20, 2019

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA



### 2019 WESTERN REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP (WRP) PRINCIPALS' MEETING

The 2019 WRP Principals' Meeting will take place in San Diego, California on November 19-20, 2019. Agenda, registration link and logistics will be available in the summer of 2019.

#### **Western Regional Partnership:**

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#### **Questions:**

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