

National Geothermal Collaborative Land Use Planning Work Group

OBJECTIVE:

In its January meeting, the National Geothermal Collaborative Steering Committee elected to pursue three areas for the third year workplan.(Coordination/Communication, Outreach and Land Use Planning). The Land Use Planning Work Group will focus on crafting a situation assessment focused on whether or how appropriate geothermal development could move forward in the Northwest.

GOAL:

To lay the groundwork for creating a series of problem-solving dialogues to address geothermal development in the Northwest.

AUDIENCE:

The situation assessment will focus on those key stakeholders with an expressed interest in or jurisdictional authority over land use planning: this group will include a representative sample of (but not be limited to) public land managers, developers, utilities, tribes, environmentalists, and other interested or affected groups.

How:

Development and dissemination of a situation assessment report.

The purpose of the situation assessment is to assess the feasibility of a problem-solving process with potential parties. The assessment will be completed through interviews with identified stakeholders. A key product of any feasibility assessment will be general agreement among the parties as to who will participate and in what way, what the scope of issues and interests are, information and sources needed to make sound decisions, and other ground rules.

The Steering Committee agreed that RESOLVE would use their experience in the subject matter and in drafting this situation assessment to complete the task *with guidance* from the Work Group, and GPW state working group leads.

Work group activities will include:

1. Review, modify and ratify the work plan
2. Generate, review/revise the list of key stakeholders to be interviewed
3. Review/revise the list of interview questions
4. Review the situation assessment report. (NOTE: this is not a consensus document)
5. Assist in development of/attend stakeholder workshop to release final document, explore next steps

MEETINGS AND TIMELINE

The expectation is that there will be two to three conference calls; one face to face meeting (optional).

1. Conference call to review, modify and ratify the work plan, identify key stakeholders and review the list of questions. (May)
2. Conference call to review the report and formulate the multistakeholder meeting. (August)
3. Face to face meeting: in the Pacific Northwest (September)

Dates subject to work group approval.