

National Geothermal Collaborative Outreach Materials 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, Land Use Planning and Outreach). The Outreach Work Group will focus the development and dissemination of two papers.

GOAL:

To create and disseminate a quantitative/qualitative examination of public comments recorded in federal and state environmental and permitting review documents to articulate common challenges/issues. The overarching objective is twofold: to analyze what categories of interests and sectors get involved and which issues they raise; and to use this analysis to design a set of recommended principles for developing effective outreach programs.

HOW:

The Outreach Materials Work Group will begin by developing a scope of work for and method of selecting consulting services. The scope of work for the qualitative/quantitative analysis of EIS will require a draft framework for the analysis (to be reviewed by the work group before conducting the analysis), analysis and synthesis to produce a set of common challenges/issues and a recommended set of principles that should guide stakeholders and policy makers with respect to geothermal development in the future.

Work group activities include:

1. Review, modify and ratify the work plan
2. Clarify scope including timeline including an initial list of common myths
3. Decide how the papers will be contracted
4. Select authors
5. Review papers and send comments via email
6. Review papers in a face to face meeting
7. Recommend final drafts for adoption by the Steering Committee.

MEETINGS AND TIMELINE

The expectation is that there will be several conference calls and one face to face meeting.

1. Conference call to review, modify and ratify the work plan, develop scopes of work for the two papers and decide on the method for selecting authors. (May)
2. Conference call to select authors – if an RfP method is selected (June)
3. Face to face meeting to review first draft of documents (early August)
4. Conference call for a second/final review of the document to establish the final draft to be recommended for adoption by the steering committee (August/September)

Dates are subject to change.