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**Action Items and Decisions are Bolded**

- Project updates from partners
  - Uncompahgre Project (UP)
    - Asked to send in full proposal for Pulling Together Grant
    - Continuing development of native plant materials; several forb and grass species currently available
      - UP recently hired a new Native Plant Program Coordinator, Kathy See; her email is nativeplant@uppartnership.org
      - Kathy can provide more information on currently seed availability
  - Town of Palisade
    - Completed revegetation project at Riverbend Park
      - Cottonwood pole plantings largely successful
      - Additional seeding may need to occur
  - Colorado Mesa University (CMU)
    - Working with Tamarisk Coalition (TC) and Crane Associates to start geomorphic monitoring at two locations on Colorado River mainstem
    - Goal to assess channel changes resulting from tamarisk removal
  - Colorado State University Extension (CSU Extension)
    - Can help to put together land management factsheets and information for private landowners
      - Looking for successful projects that landowners can view as demo sites
      - May also be able to rally volunteers for weed pulling day at restoration sites
      - Interested in partnering with TC on pollinator garden
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
    - Proceeding with revegetation on state lands
      - NRCS will employ the National Wetland Team to help in wetland delineation at all project sites
    - Basin States Program funding is available; NRCS is looking for additional projects
Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW)
- Plan on beginning revegetation work this fall (see NRCS update)
  - CPW applied for Nationwide 27 permit through the Army Corps of Engineers; National Wetland Team to be used for delineation efforts
- Work to begin at Connected Lakes in late November/early December
  - Funding for additional Conservation Corps funding made available
  - LDS Church volunteers will be utilized at Connected Lakes as well
- Wetland improvement project at Island Acres a viable option, however, still need to resolve some outstanding issues
- Two mining leases are being released near Corn Lake

City of Grand Junction
- Tamarisk removal work completed at Jarvis Island
  - Western Colorado Conservation Corps (WCCC) used for hand removal
  - Additional removal to be completed with Timber Axe shortly
  - A total of 8.6 acres to be treated
  - Tamarisk near Riverside to remain in place for now due to flooding concerns

Mesa County
- Completed Redland Parkway tamarisk removal project
  - WCCC used to treat 10.5 acres
  - Weed treatment to begin this fall
  - County has received many positive contents on project

Tamarisk Coalition
- Proceeding with revegetation work on portions of Watson Island
  - Some funding may be shifted to work on Redlands Water & Power property, in conjunction with Western Colorado Wildlife Habitat Association (WCWHA)
- Pollinator garden to be installed adjacent to Western Colorado Botanical Gardens
  - Wide array of native plants from Chelsea Nursery to be used
- Cottonwood pole plantation in Mack, Colorado
  - Many plants are ready to harvest
  - Plants have put on lots of growth this season
  - Projects utilizing poles from plantation have been largely successful to date

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) edits and updates
- Additional organizations to add to MOU include:
  - UP
  - CSU Extension
  - WCWHA
  - Delta County
- Meeting participants satisfied with general language used in MOU
  - Most partners have agreed to sign
    - Still need some partners to define role, if willing (not mandatory)
  - Language pertaining to water quality and quantity specifically was removed from document
• General mission and goals of the DRC do not preclude working on these issues, however

- Rapid monitoring protocol development and implementation
  o Julie Knudson, TC, provided an update on the rapid monitoring protocols that were developed for Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB)
  o Full protocol and example sheets are available on website and will be sent out
  o Specific protocols are optional but can provide partners with template to follow if desired

- Geomorphic monitoring update
  o TC partnering with CMU and Crane Associates to conduct geomorphic monitoring on Colorado River
    ▪ Two sites, Walker Walker State Wildlife Area and Corn Lake/Franklin Island section, selected
    ▪ Corn Lake section previously surveyed by John Pitlick; may try to replicate these transects
  o GIS analysis will be completed in addition to field work
    ▪ Field work to be completed in August
    ▪ Funding provided by Xcel Energy; CWCB may provide additional funding

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements and summary
  o Julie provided an update on recent NPDES requirements
    ▪ State needs to RECEIVE your Compliance Certificate by July 1st
      o If you were not familiar with the new NPDES requirements until now, but would like to ensure that you are compliant and are working to complete any necessary paperwork, it is advised that you contact John Nieland at Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to make sure you are on the right track:
        • John Nieland
        • Phone: (303) 692-3553
        • john.nieland@dphe.state.co.us
    ▪ General questions can be addressed to Julie

- GIS analysis results and discussion
  o Please review the handout that describes the GIS analysis
    ▪ Provide Shannon Hatch with any feedback you may have regarding other factors to consider, etc.
    ▪ Shannon will send out more information and data shortly
    ▪ It may be valuable to have a small group of people get together to discuss outcomes from the analysis and how this may affect future work
Outreach ideas
  o Please review one-page handout provided at the meeting and provide Shannon with feedback
  o If you would like to showcase one of your restoration projects in the coming year, please let Shannon know
    ▪ Cara Kukuaraitis, new Outreach Coordinator for TC, can assist with outreach efforts for DRC

Meeting schedule for next year
  o Participants stated that four meetings per year generally works for them
  o It would be helpful to send out a Doodle poll one month in advance
  o Another field trip would be good