

TAG Review Process

Review of Selected Existing Technical Memoranda

1. Review process for the draft Environmental Flows and Potential Water Quantity and Quality Modeling Needs Technical Memorandum (TM).
 - a. GBRA will send the draft TM, that includes GBRA's comments, to the TAG asap.
 - b. The TAG will submit comments via a comment/response matrix form provided by GBRA (see Attachment 1).
 - c. GBRA will compile and provide responses to the TAG comments. GBRA will send the B&A Project Team the comment/response matrix and indicate which TAG comments will result in TM revisions.
 - d. The B&A Team will review GBRA's responses to the TAG comments before the modeling meeting with GBRA staff and management. After this meeting, the B&A Project Team will revise the TM per GBRA's and the TAG's comments as indicated by GBRA. Nathan will submit this revised TM to USFWS.
 - e. It is our goal to complete the TAG review process before the public stakeholder meeting is held.

2. Review process for the Covered Species and the Existing Information on Species, Data Gaps, Preliminary Species Accounts and Potential Modeling Needs Technical Memoranda.
 - a. GBRA will send the Plan and Permit Area, Permit Term, and Covered Activities Technical Memoranda to the TAG for their information and not for comment.
 - b. GBRA will send the draft TMs, which reflect the revisions made by the B&A Project Team per GBRA's comments, to the TAG asap. The TAG will review in tandem with the USFWS's review.
 - c. The TAG will submit comments via a comment/response matrix form provided by GBRA (see Attachment 1).
 - d. GBRA will compile and provide responses to the TAG comments. GBRA will send the B&A Project Team the comment/response matrix and indicate which TAG comments will result in revisions.
 - e. The B&A Team will incorporate the relevant TAG comments as indicated by GBRA along with USFWS comments into the appropriate draft HCP chapter.

Review of Selected Upcoming Technical Memoranda

3. Review process for upcoming selected GRHCP draft Technical Memoranda – the Technical Memoranda were selected based on scientific/biological content by GBRA staff.
 - a. The TAG will review each draft Technical Memorandum after Blanton addresses GBRA comments on the initial draft. The TAG review will be done in tandem with the USFWS review.
 - b. The TAG will submit comments via a comment/response matrix form provided by GBRA (see Attachment 1).
 - c. GBRA will compile and provide responses to the TAG comments. GBRA will send the B&A Project Team the comment/response matrix and indicate which TAG comments will result in TM revisions.
 - d. The B&A Project Team will incorporate the relevant TAG comments as indicated by GBRA along with USFWS comments into the appropriate draft HCP chapter.

Review of Selected GRHCP Chapters

4. Review process for working draft chapters of the GRHCP
 - a. The TAG will review select working draft chapters after Blanton addresses GBRA comments on the initial draft. The TAG review will be done in tandem with the USFWS review.
 - b. The TAG will receive copies of all relevant technical memoranda comment/response matrices prepared by GBRA in response to TAG comments so that the TAG can review them as they review the draft chapters.
 - c. The TAG will submit comments via a comment/response matrix provided by GBRA to the TAG members.
 - d. GBRA will compile and provide responses to the TAG comments. GBRA will send the B&A Project Team the comment/response matrix and indicate which TAG comments will result in chapter revisions.
 - e. The responses to the TAG comments will be incorporated into the first administrative draft of the HCP.

The TAG review time will be approximately four weeks from the date GBRA sends the Technical Memorandum or the GRHCP Chapter to the TAG members. The following table identifies the anticipated date the TAG will receive a Technical Memorandum or a GRHCP Chapter.

Technical Memoranda or Chapter to be Review by the TAG	Anticipated Date to TAG for Review
Technical Memoranda	
Plan/permit area and permit term (2)	To be provided to TAG for information only
Covered activities	To be provided to TAG for information only
Covered species	ASAP
Existing info on species and data gaps, preliminary species accounts, potential species modeling needs	ASAP
Existing info/studies on environmental flows, potential hydrologic, hydrogeologic, and water quality modeling needs	ASAP
Climate change summary	11/18/22
Surface water hydrological modeling/results (WAM)	11/18/22
Water quality modeling/results	1/4/23
Methods/models for determining species/habitat impacts, anticipated forms of take, and preliminary take metrics/triggers	2/14/23
Species/habitat impacts, take estimates	6/16/23
Anticipated benefits of flow-related conservation measures intended to minimize impacts	8/8/23
Preliminary biological goals/objectives, conservation measures, and adaptive management plan	10/20/23
GRHCP Chapter	
Chapter 1 – Introduction (Comments needed only on Section 1.2.5)	1/25/24
Chapter 2 – Environmental Setting (Comments needed only on Section 2.2.4)	1/25/24
Chapter 3 – Covered Activities (For information only, no comments needed)	1/25/24
Chapter 4 – Effects Analysis and Take Assessment	1/25/24
Chapter 5 – Conservation Strategy	1/25/24

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Attachment 1 – Comment/Response Matrix