

Rocky Mountain Restoration Initiative (RMRI)
August 6, 2021, 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
RMRI Governance Subcommittee
Meeting Summary - FINAL

ATTENDANCE

Participants: Samantha Albert, Angela Boag, Patt Dorsey, Jason Lawhon, Tara Umphries, Nathan Van Schaik, and Scott Woods

Facilitation: Samuel Wallace

RMRI GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE RECAP

Samuel Wallace, Peak Facilitation Group, gave a brief recap of the past RMRI Governance Subcommittee meeting on June 15. The recap is summarized below.

- When requesting support from RMRI for projects, there will be two processes: one for requests of support from the landscapes and subcommittees, and one for requests of support from RMRI broadly.
- Any requests for project support from the three priority landscapes (Southwest Colorado, Upper Arkansas, or Upper South Platte) or the RMRI subcommittees are at the discretion of the landscape/subcommittee. The decision-making process for approving support for projects will be up to the landscapes/subcommittees to adapt to their current processes.
- RMRI will provide a letter of support template that landscapes and subcommittees can use and modify as needed. RMRI landscapes and subcommittees should sign any letters from their respective landscape/subcommittee. Landscapes and subcommittees should track any explicit support they give to projects with RMRI branding.
- The Governance Subcommittee needs to define a process for stakeholders to request support for projects from RMRI broadly.
- There will be a separate process for reviewing requests for RMRI support for legislation/policy. Either the RMRI Stakeholder Group or Leadership Team will review requests for support for legislation and policy.

RMRI REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT DISCUSSION

Meeting participants discussed remaining questions related to requesting support from RMRI. Their comments are summarized below.

- One challenge with asking the whole Stakeholder Group to review a project proposal is that they meet quarterly, so it may be difficult to approve a request in a timely manner. It is unlikely that RMRI as a whole will receive many of these requests. Meeting participants agreed that any requests for support from RMRI should be vetted first by the Governance Subcommittee and then sent to the Leadership Team for review.
- A request for RMRI support for policy and legislation should be brought to the Stakeholder Group. Federal agency partners may not be able to commit to supporting policy and legislation without vetting it through their leadership. Meeting participants agreed that any requests for RMRI support on policy and legislation should be sent to the full RMRI Stakeholder Group. Partners will then be able to choose whether they want to abstain or be included on a letter of support for the given policy or legislation.
- It will be important to clarify timelines when partners are requesting support for either project or policy.

NEXT STEPS

Samuel Wallace will distribute the Governance Subcommittee proposal and letter of support template to the Subcommittee for final review. The proposal will be brought to RMRI partners at their August meeting.