



NRSP REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

ESS Business Meeting

Jackson Hole, WY

September 20, 2016

Clarence Watson, Chair

NRSP Review Committee met May 31, 2016

■ Members Present:

- *Clarence Watson (Chair & SAAESD)*
- *Doug Buhler (NCRA)*
- *Bret Hess (WAAESD)*
- *Dan Rossi (ED NERA)*
- *Don Latham (CARET)*
- *Tom Bewick (NIFA)*
- *Eric Young (ED SAAESD & Executive Vice Chair)*

■ Members not present:

- *Fred Servello (NERA)*
- *Shirley Hymon-Parker (ARD)*

Items for Discussion

- New NRSP proposal
 - *NRSP_temp11, National Agricultural Research Data Network for Harmonized Data*
- NRSP 8 mid-term review

NRSP_temp11, National Agricultural Research Data Network for Harmonized Data

- Comments from Spring Meeting Discussions:
 - *Concept is well supported, timely and appropriate, lot of power in having big data sets available for further use*
 - *General consensus that business plan was not well developed, leveraged support only from IDC or in-kind*
 - *Concern with proposed data format as core standard, focus of format is crop simulation and may not be appropriate for other types of data sets*
 - *Not well integrated, outreach and communication plan is not well defined*

NRSP_temp11, National Agricultural Research Data Network for Harmonized Data

■ NRSP-RC Recommendation

- *Reject proposal as presented*
- *Resubmission after following concerns addressed*
 - Resolve issue of format that appears not applicable to many data types
 - Better articulate business model, more realistic, better leveraged, and sustainable beyond 5 years. Address the short-term commitment of NAL
 - Bring in partners for expertise & financial support; ex. data analysis firms, consultants, private industry, other federal agencies, foundations, etc.
 - Develop a quality control process for data sets received
 - Develop a more definitive outreach and communication plan with target audiences and outcomes for proposed activities

NRSP 8 Mid-term Review

- Only criticism was lack of attendance by stakeholder representatives at annual meeting
 - *PAG venue does not offer much for stakeholders*
 - *Suggestion will be made to project leadership to consider a separate stakeholder meeting/workshop held every 2-3 years*
- NRSP Review Committee agreed project is progressing well and no changes are needed