

MARS Council Meeting Summary (Meeting Postponed until further notice)

| General Information | |
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| Date/Time: | (Meeting Postponed until FY09) |
| Location: | SSMC-3, Room 13836 |

| CCR or Issue | Topic | Requestor | Priority |
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| Promoted to Production | | | |
| Data Entry | | | |
| 644 | Changes to Budget Reports 7 and 8. - Add the field "MARS BOP Record #, which will distinguish each MARS BOP and enable the report to show one line for each MARS BOP entered. For similar consistency, in Report #7, please also add the MARS BOP Record # so that it is clearer/easier for FMCs to associate that. | Peter Boyle | 2 |
| 645 | Changes to the Travel report 79d - Add the FMC (and line office name if possible) and commitment number of the "existing commitment", so that it is possible to identify which LO created the commitment (especially if it wasn't from your LO) for further research/correction of the obligation or commitment creation/edit necessary. | Peter Boyle | 2 |
| 784 | Changes to the Monthly Projection Report 31m - Modify to include program totals and FTEs. It should have the same criteria as the associated detail related report (31D). | Tonya Coleman | 1 |
| Reporting & Querying | | | |
| 66 | Install and test Business Objects Service Pack 4 (SP4) Modification. This service pack, among other things, includes the change to the software to support Java 6. NOTICE: Along with this upgrade, users have the option to upgrade their desktops to the latest version of Java (preferably the Java 6 JRE). MARS is recommending each LO coordinate this effort with their individual LO System Administrators. Upgrading to the Java 6 JRE will address current security problems and improve the printing capabilities within the Reporting & Querying Module. | Mary Rieck | 1 |
| 262 | Please make the 'NWS Financial Statement - Daily Variance Report' available to all LOs | Carmen Solis | 1 |

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| Work In progress | | | |
| Data Entry | | | |
| 664 | Enhancement of MARS Download procedures - use Informatica ETL for Download. | Marina Rubina | 2 |
| 744 | Please modify the MARS BOP upload feature to add fund and program code to its selection criteria. The Budget module should also be modified to include a radio button titled "Include in Upload" to mark selected records. Currently, the system is programmed to use the "Initial BOP" radio button. The radio button should be used to indicate the 1st BOP of the year for a particular fund and program code. It is not always included in the upload process. This will give to FMCs/LOs more flexibility to upload partial/smaller files at one time. Status: The MARS Data Entry team met with Tonya Coleman and Mark Blades to discuss the requirements. The team decided to do the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add 'Include in BOP Upload' check to the Budget form. • Use new check box instead of 'Initial' Budget flag for Allotments vs. Budget validation in BOPs upload and Report 75. • Allow for partial BOP Upload (by Fund and/or Program). A presentation of the changes will be provided at the next schedule meeting. | Tonya Coleman | 2 |
| 804 | Per Carmen Solis, By October 1st (effective FY 2009): Populate all supporting data and update download procedures to accommodate NOS re-org: New FMC 10-14 N/NMS created for Sanctuaries (formerly 10-04-0006). | Marina Rubina | 1 |

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| | Projected Implementation Date: Start of FY09 | | |
| 563, 624 | Change travel processing for FY 2009 to accommodate CBS Travel Changes (obligation of travel orders). | Marina Rubina | 2 |
| Reporting & Querying | | | |
| 62 | Create stored accounting reports. For some budget analysts within NWS, the only reason they would use Discoverer is to get the stored accounting data. They are looking for a way to get this data within Business Objects, thus only going to one source for their data needs. Projected Implementation Date: Start of FY09 | Mary Rieck | 3 |
| 341 | Would it be possible to add the "Division Filter" to the User Prompt Inputs for the following report in the MARS Reporting & Query module under "Transactions Reports": MARS Four Digit Object Code (FMC-Org) Projected Implementation Date: Start of FY09 | Sylvia Scott | 1 |
| 70 | Workforce management reports | Mary Rieck | 3 |
| Both | | | |
| 624 | This is in regard to Travel Data between the Travel Authorization Universe in Business Objects and the Travel Commitments in the Data Entry module. Both systems use the NDW_RESERVE_TRAN table from CBS to populate. Currently between the two systems, the logic to populate the Fiscal Year is determined differently (this was verified with the MARS developers). Would it be possible to sync up the logic between the two systems? Since CBS does not have a fiscal year field on this table, logic must be used to create the value. Status: The issue was discussed at the 7/15 O&M Meeting. It was decided that the Data Entry team will change their logic to look for the Trip Date to determine FY. Projected Implementation Date: Start of FY09 | Sylvia Scott | 2 |
| 321 | Cleaning OPT/Invalid out-year codes Status: Projects created for out-year planning (In Progress): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deactivate projects/tasks/OPT that are not in CBS table as of now, make sure that activation procedures are in place if projects are added in CBS later on. - Send lists of 2009 Projection/Budget/Commitment records using invalid codes to LO/FMC Admins to clean before the year becomes active. - Clean invalid unused OPT records for previous years. - When 2009 is current, delete invalid codes/records after MARS Council approval. Projected Implementation Date: Start of FY09 | Marina Rubina | 2 |
| 501 | New terminology for Division/Branch grouping (need to coordinate release time) Related to CCR 341 for Reporting and Querying. Projected Implementation Date: Start of FY09 | Mary Rieck | 2 |
| Acct Mgt | Status: In the process of reviewing the plan to perform the recertification process for all MARS accounts. Tentative schedule will require recertification forms to be delivered at the beginning of November and returned at the end of November. | Gerald Stark | |
| 68 | Load data from a direct source, build universes and reports, and pass the data to the Data Entry Module from Grants On Line. This will provide insight into the grants data and also provide commitment data. Status: Received access to Grants On-Line within the development environment. Developed addendum to ITC/GOL MOU. Projected Implementation Date: Start of FY09 | Mary Rieck | 2 |
| 69 | Load data from a direct data source, build universes and create reports from c.Request/c.Buy. The Reporting & Querying Module will provide additional reporting capabilities while the Data Entry Module will track commitments. Status: Working with NWS, OCS and the NOC to setup network connection to C.Req/C.Buy. The connection to the development server has been established. Created SLA and ISA – currently in review. | Mary Rieck | 2 |

Future work

Budget Form Changes (**need to be approved by MARS Council; Development team will prepare a presentation for the next scheduled meeting**). The following bullets will be addressed.

- Make system-calculated Surcharge lines updateable. Only re-calculate surcharge lines per user's request (not when Save button is used).
- Remove Gross Amount Line (Direct labor plus leave). Users will be entering 11-1X and 11-3X net amounts. This will allow them to use both types of labor in the same budget record.
- *We did not discuss this one, but I think you suggested it before:*

Do not do Funds Control check when the budget amount is reduced or a new negative record is created (this will eliminate the need for a negative amount 'trick' users need to do now).

- Budget FTE changes - on Hold.