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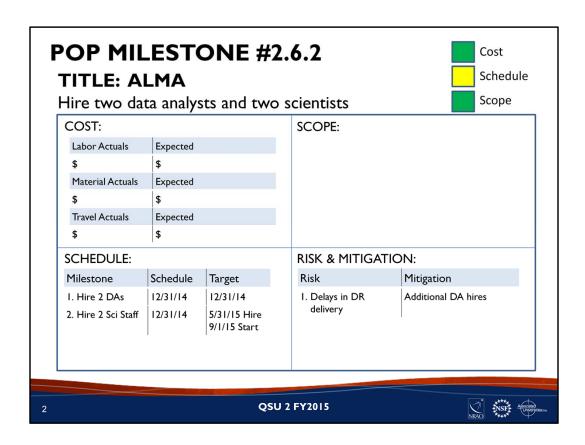
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Complete VLITE tests requiring B configuration and integrate VLITE into 3/31/2015 10 operations 3/31/2015 Make frequency averaging available in the CBE to lower data rate 12 VLA Array Operations Reconfigure array to C configuration 12/31/2014 14 Reconfigure array to CnB, then B configuration 3/31/2015 17 Establish DSOC control room for VLA Operations 3/31/2015 VLA Antenna Maintenance Perform preventive maintenance on each of two transporters prior to array 21 12/31/2014 econfiguration VLA Technical Upgrades and Enhancements 27 3/31/2015 Ku-Band solar upgrade, I additional receiver with 20 dB switched attenuators 30 3/31/2015 on outputs only, no solar Tcals, installed FE card cage upgrades, 35 units installed 33 3/31/2015 41 Install prototype F318 module in antenna 12/31/2014 VLA Operational Enhancements 50 3/31/2015 ommission and document improvements to ionospheric calibration VLBA Science Operations 52 Define VLBA capabilities to be offered for semester 2015B 12/31/2014 Update VLBA documentation to support 2015B Call for Proposals, perform 54 3/31/2015 proposal technical reviews VLBA Observing Capability Enhacements 59 Commission and document DDC-8 on Effelsberg for 2016B 9/30/2015 Site Operations Complete electronic door access for the DSOC 62 Renew leases for OV and SC 12/31/2014 4.4 West Virginia Operations GBT Development Commissioning of MUSTANG 1.5 12/31/2014 Commissioning of ARGUS received 3/31/2015 5.3 Central Development Laboratory Repair, Maintenance, Production, Support Design, build and test Qty. 4 MIC LNAs 12/31/2014 Cancelled Build and test Band I amplifiers 3/31/2015 Design ALMA Band 2 optical system 12/31/2014 Test Band 2 optical system 12/31/2014 7 Complete ALMA Phasing System hardware and firmware acceptance tests. 12/31/2014 Science Support & Research 6.5 Telescope Time Allocation (TTA) CfP for semester 2015B 3/31/2015 SRP and tech review process, semester 2015B 3/31/2015 TAC meeting for semester 2015A 12/31/2014 Update SW tools requirements for TAC support 2015A 12/31/2014 8 Update SW tools requirements for PST 2015B 3/31/2015 Update documentation for CfP and tools 2015B 3/31/2015

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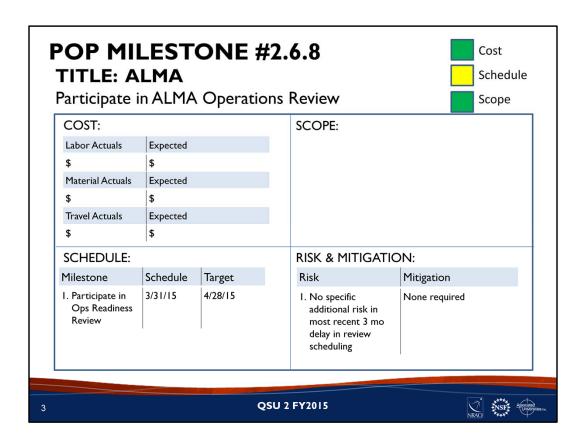




SCHEDULE: This tasks called for hiring two data analysts (DA) to help with data reduction and helpdesk and to replace two scientific staff vacancies. The DAs were hired and trained in Q2. The Sci Staff recruitment and interviews proceeded in Q2. Offers are expected in Q3, with start by Q4.

SCOPE: N/A

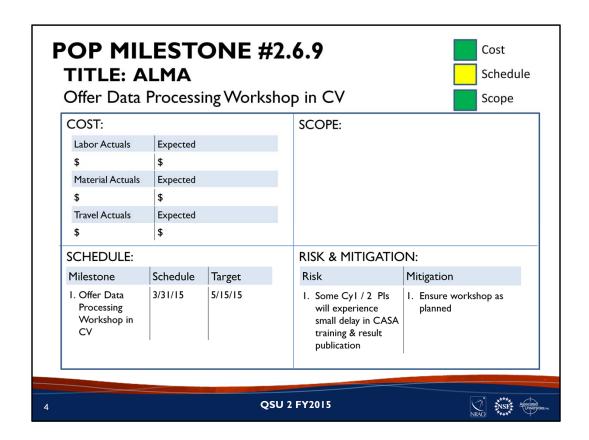
RISK & MITIGATION: Delays in data reduction delivery. Additional DA hires; higher proportion of data reduction work by other scientic staff at expense of other tasks (outreach, optimization, etc.)



SCHEDULE: NA ALMA Operations management, including the operations manager, ARC manager, IET, ICT leads will participate as offsite representatives and will prepare materials and presentations for the ALMA Operations Review. The preparations have proceeded actively but the review itself was postponed from an anticipated January 2015 date listed at the time the POP was written until late April 2015.

SCOPE: N/A

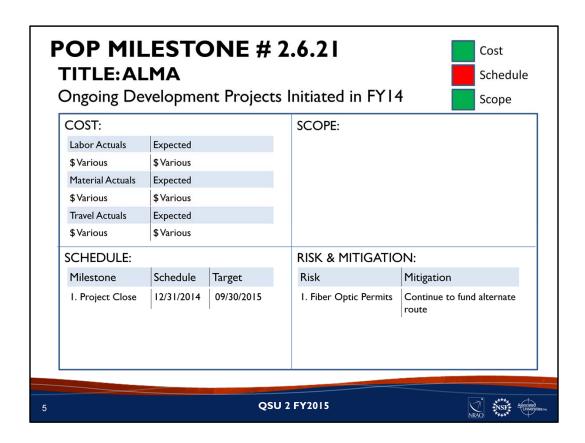
RISK & MITIGATION: The further delay in scheduling the review beyond the listed 3/31/2015 milestone does not pose additional quantifiable risk to ALMA. The review is an overall deliverable of the ALMA Director. NA ALMA had several tasks in support of the review (documents, presentations) which delivered to schedule. This review has been postponed several times beginning in 2013. Overall, this delay has posed risk both to the operations and to the partners, but this has been discussed at previous QSUs is a matter for the ALMA Executives and Board.



SCHEDULE: The NAASC plans a data processing workshop in CV to facilitate reduction of Cy1 / Cy2 data and to train ALMA users in CASA. Workshop is scheduled but was deferred from originally envisioned Q2 date to early Q3 to allow pressure on Cy 3 proposal deadline, CDEs, etc. to pass.

SCOPE: N/A

RISK & MITIGATION: Some Cy I / 2 Pls will experience small delay in CASA training & result publication. No serious risk in delaying ~1.5 months to scheduled date. Important to hold workshop before summer break period.



SCHEDULE: Fiber Optic Connectivity: System is fully functional. We are waiting for Silica who is actively working on the transition of the rights of pass of the area where the cable is laid, from Gas Atacama to them. This is done with the Chilean competent authority (Bienes Nacionales).

SCOPE: N/A

RISK & MITIGATION: While awaiting the permits for the Fiber Optic Connection we will continue to fund and use the current microwave communications link at no additional cost to the project.



COST: Costs are tracked at a higher WBS level. There are no material or travel costs for this item, only labor.

SCHEDULE: Scientific testing will be straight forward after software development finishes.

Progress in software development includes a successful proof of concept in the Correlator Back End (CBE) and a first cut of the definition of the Virtual Correlator Interface (VCI). Next step is to achieve coordination between CBE and the Configuration Mapper (CM). This coordination needs a final version of the VCI definition. The final step will be to test this. We expect to begin testing in May 2015 and be done with this milestone before the end of Q3.

The availability of the feature for the Resident Shared Risk Observing (RSRO) program is the first step to making this feature available through the Shared Risk Observing (SRO) and General Observing (GO) programs.

SCOPE: There are no substantial scope issues.

RISK & MITIGATION: Risk of not having the Frequency Averaging implemented in FY2015. The mitigation strategy would be to buy more disk space.



COST: Costs are tracked at a higher WBS level. There are no material or travel costs for this item, only labor.

SCOPE: N/A

SCHEDULE: Commissioning observations have been undertaken and the data has been analyzed. Best-practices are mostly defined for calibration and imaging. Some documentation has been written, but is not final. The plan is to release final documentation by end of June.

RISK & MITIGATION: Documentation not ready for reduction of A and B configuration data; its mitigation is to continue using past techniques and potentially re-reduce data after best-practices are established and documented.



COST: So far the lease cost has been a symbolic token paid yearly to Cal Tech.

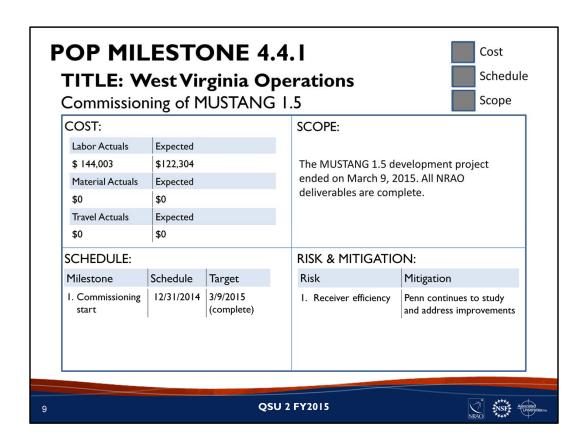
TECHNICAL: N/A

SCHEDULE:

- <u>St Croix Lease</u>: The lease has been signed by all parties. The lease is for 10 years with two 5 year options.
- Owens valley Lease: Cal Tech negotiates this lease and it has been expired for 1 ½ years.
 NRAO sub leases from Cal Tech. Progress has been marginal in the last quarter, according to Cal Tech Owens Valley Radio Observatory Executive Director.

RISK & MITIGATION:

- 1. Cal Tech has leased Owens Valley, CA for a low yearly fee. Probability of a cost increase is low. Budget would need adjustment if happens.
- 2. Impact VLBA Operations is unlikely to occur.

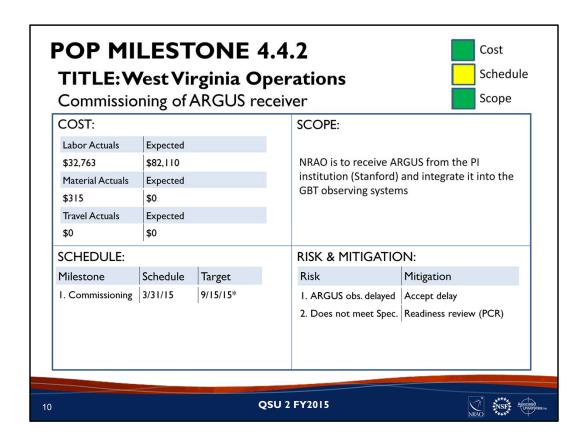


COST: The project has completed. Cost overruns occurred in the last month of the project as commissioning efforts were complete.

SCHEDULE: The project completed on March 9, 2015.

SCOPE: N/A

RISK & MITIGATION: N/A

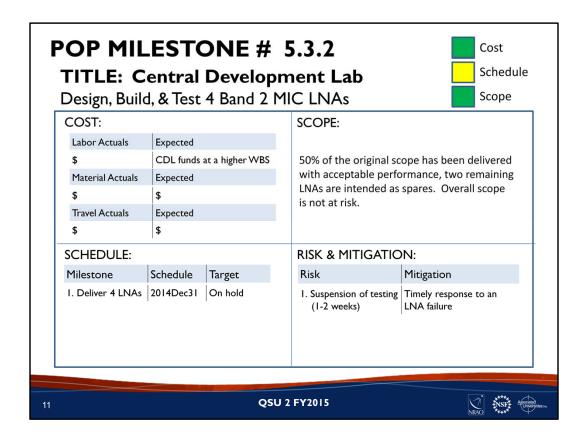


SCHEDULE: Schedule delay is due to delivery of ARGUS from Stanford.

* While ARGUS commissioning can occur over the summer, final on-sky commissioning will need appropriate high-frequency observing weather conditions. These typically occur starting in October.

SCOPE: N/A

RISK & MITIGATION: A Project Change Request was submitted in Q2 FY 2015 to add a readiness review to the scope of the ARGUS project. Action on the change request is expected very early in Q3 FY 2015 so the review may be designed and implemented before ARGUS ships from Stanford.

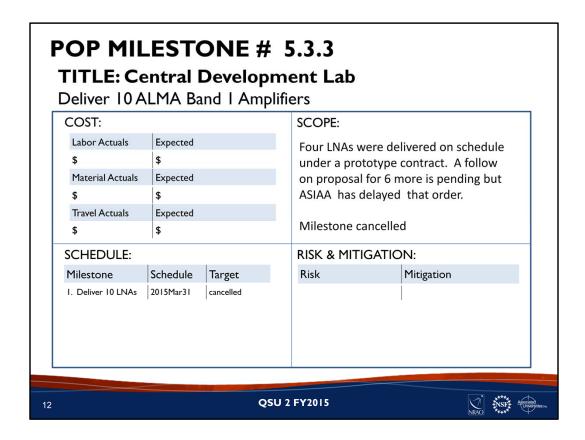


COST: Delay with this milestone does not impact project costs.

SCHEDULE: The delay with this milestone does not impact the Band 2 project schedule, since only 2 LNAs are required for Band 2 cartridge testing.

SCOPE: The two LNAs delivered exhibit acceptable performance and are sufficient to support ongoing Band 2 cartridge tests. A quantity of four was planned so there would be two spares, but the CDL prefers to delay these spares to preserve the stock of discrete devices, and also potentially further optimize performance.

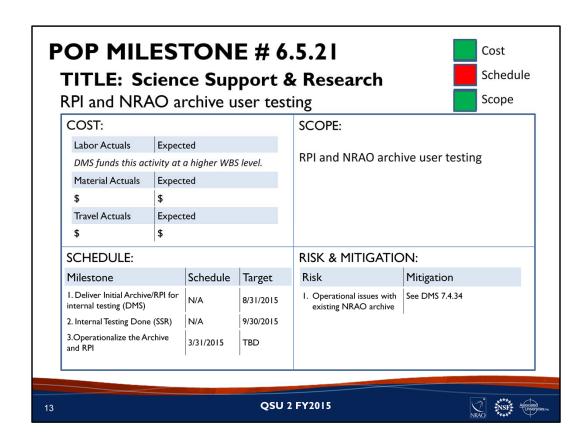
RISK & MITIGATION: The risk in constructing the spares is that in the event of a failure, a spare LNA is not immediately available, resulting in the temporary loss of one of the two polarization paths. The impact of a failure would result in suspension of testing at full capacity for 1-2 weeks until a failed unit could be repaired or replaced. Mitigation includes having adequate resources readily available to repair or replace a failed LNA.



SCHEDULE: The milestone for these 10 LNAs was based on the premise that the amplifier group would receive an order for 4 prototype LNAs and 6 production LNAs during FY 2015, but cash flow constraints has delayed ASIAA's order for additional LNAs, therefore, we are cancelling the milestone.

SCOPE: N/A

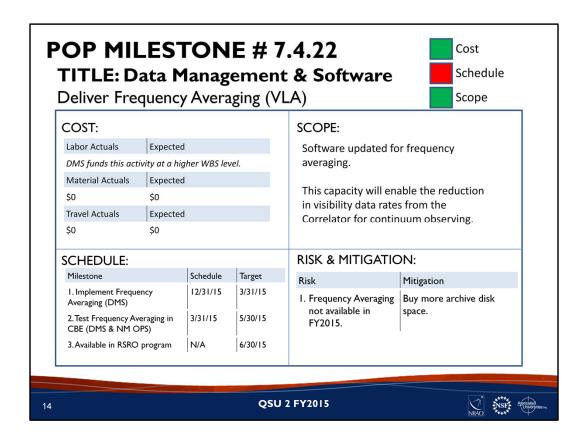
RISK & MITIGATION: N/A



SCHEDULE: Schedule is delayed due to loss of key DMS staff and underestimation of the integration work involved in moving from a prototype through testing to a production system. A testable NRAO Archive and separate Reprocessing Pipeline Interfaces (RPI) for the EVLA and ALMA are anticipated in August 2015. See DMS four-square for POP Milestone 7.4.34.

SCOPE: User testing of RPI and NRAO archive

RISK & MITIGATION: Operational issues with the existing NRAO archive may divert attention from this effort and delay the schedule. User testing awaits delivery of DMS milestone.



COST: Costs are tracked at a higher WBS level. There are no material or travel costs for this item, only labor.

SCOPE: Software updated for frequency averaging. Frequency averaging will enable the reduction in visibility data rates from the correlator for continuum observing, resulting in a reduced need for data processing and storage.

SCHEDULE: The milestone is reached by coordinated effort between Science Support and DMS; Science Support has their task scheduled in FY2015 POP for Q2, reference: #3.4.12. Progress in software development includes a successful proof of concept in the Correlator Back End (CBE) and a first cut of the definition of the Virtual Correlator Interface (VCI). Next step is to achieve coordination between CBE and the Configuration Mapper (CM). This coordination needs a final version of the VCI definition. The final step will be to test this. We expect to begin testing in May 2015 and be done with this milestone before the end of Q3.

The availability of the feature for the Resident Shared Risk Observing (RSRO) program is the first step to making this feature available through the Shared Risk Observing (SRO) and General Observing (GO) programs.

RISK & MITIGATION: Risk of not having the Frequency Averaging implemented in FY2015. The mitigation strategy would be to buy more disk space.

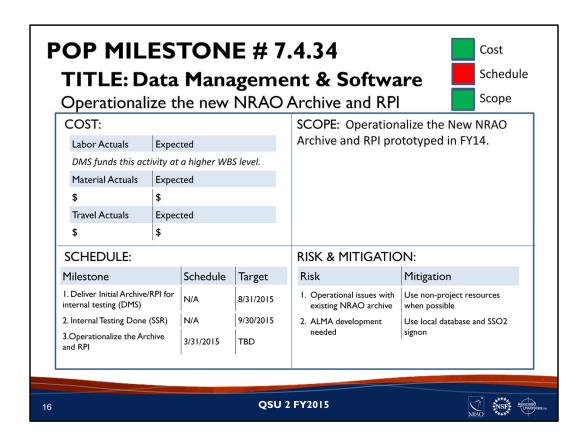
NRQZ Software COST: Labor Actuals Expected DMS funds this activity at a higher WBS level.		SCOPE: Replace and optimize the existing system used for propagation path				
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SCHEDULE:		RISK & MITIGATION:				
Milestone	Schedule	Target	Risk	Mitigation		
I. Start Developmen	nt 3/31/2015	canceled	I. Missed opportunity	Current system works, accept risk		

SCHEDULE: Milestone cancelled – This requires a science resource (project scientist) to provide requirements and ongoing assistance with development, in addition to effort from DMS to do the work. No resource availability is anticipated to address this.

SCOPE: Replace and optimize the existing system used for propagation path analysis within the National Radio Quiet Zone (NRQZ) and West Virginia Radio Astronomy Zone (WVRAZ).

RISK & MITIGATION: This is an opportunity to re-design the NRQZ approval process which would streamline it and reduce current staff effort. However, the effort gain would not cover the cost of additional scientific staff.

The existing system, while not optimal, will continue to meet the need for NRQZ request review.

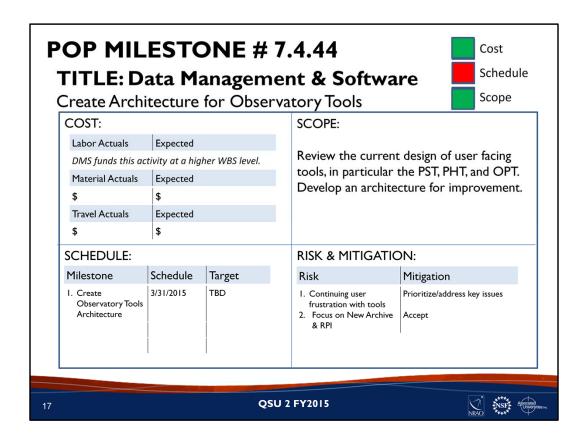


SCHEDULE: Schedule is delayed due to loss of key staff and underestimation of the integration work involved in moving from a prototype through testing to a production system. A testable NRAO Archive and separate Reprocessing Pipeline Interfaces (RPI) for the EVLA and ALMA are anticipated in August 2015. The final delivery date is TBD due to the need to fill the positions and train new staff.

SCOPE: Operationalize the New NRAO Archive and RPI prototyped in FY14. No scope issues.

RISK & MITIGATION: Operational issues with the existing NRAO archive may divert attention from this effort and delay the schedule. To the extent possible this work will be directed to non-project resources.

Access to ALMA data using the VO software may require agreement and development work by the ALMA project. Also, federated signon across NRAO and ALMA would require ALMA development effort. To address this, fallback plans include accessing the data from an NRAO copy of the ALMA database, and using authentication capabilities similar to the existing SSO2 until federation could be agreed and put in place.

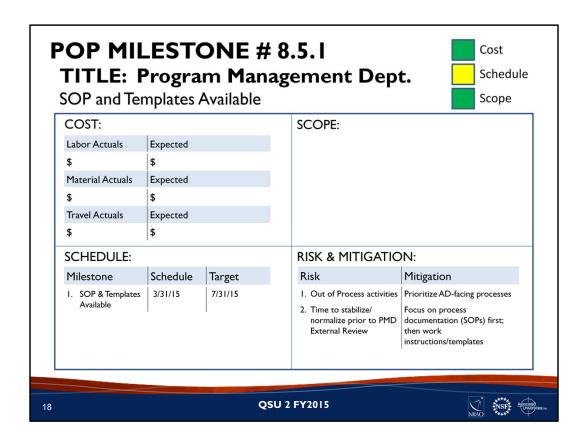


SCHEDULE: Schedule was delayed due to lack of clear input on requirements. Schedule is TBD. An initial workshop was held in September 2014 to gather ideas for reorganizing the toolset. The consensus opinion was that moving towards an ALMA-like toolset for proposing, reviewing, approving, and setting up observations might be possible. More detailed requirements are needed to evaluate the practicality of this approach. A proposed model with additional detail will be circulated in the July timeframe in order to gather additional input.

SCOPE: Review the current design of user facing tools, in particular the PST, PHT, and OPT. Develop an architecture for improvement. No scope issues.

RISK & MITIGATION: The Users Committee and other similar groups have pointed out deficiencies in the toolset. These have been prioritized by the Committee and evaluated by the development team. High priority/low effort items will be implemented in the current software.

Focus on New Archive and RPI will continue to delay this, as the resources required for development and testing are for the most part the same people needed for providing input to and developing the architecture/direction for this toolset.

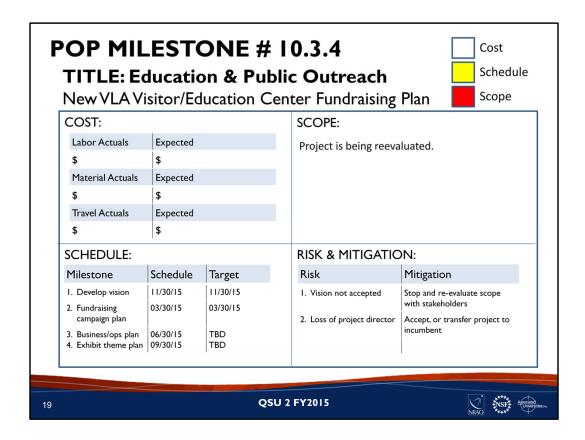


COST: Cost is held at the PMD core level for this activity. No funding issues.

SCHEDULE: The Standard Operating Procedures and Template development is progressing at a slower rate due to 1) conflicting priorities within PMD (project needs versus core activities) and 2) the needed level of involvement of the ADs to validate the processes. The planned completion of all processes (7 major processes), templates, and work instructions is July 31, 2015.

SCOPE: N/A

RISK & MITIGATION: The implementation of SOPs, templates, and work instructions only impacts ADs in limited areas (documentation development, new ideas and proposal development, Observatory Risk Management). The risk is in out of process activities, so these areas have been addressed as a higher priority and will be done first as a mitigation. The other SOPs, etc. are predominantly inward facing to PMD and provide structure that the PMD staff can use (in collaboration with the PI/PL) to ensure consistency and standard implementation. The risk is in not having the SOPs completed (through validation and approval) with enough time to stabilize and normalize their use prior to a planned PMD External Review (planned for August 25-26, 2015). This is being mitigated through an approach to first focus on the process documentation (SOPs), and then address the work instructions and templates. It is also being mitigated through the use of PMD staff on projects since they are knowledgeable of the process requirements for the areas of PM/SE that are being documented.

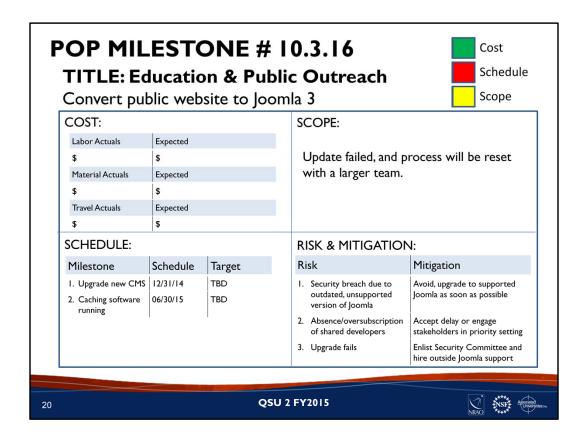


COST: N/A

SCHEDULE: Although the first two milestones were completed on time, the project director left NRAO employ, and the project is being re-evaluated. This will negate the current schedule.

SCOPE: The project is being reevaluated.

RISK & MITIGATION: The project reset is accepted, because the project idea will enter the formal project management process and will result in SMART goals matched to greater stakeholder and end user buy in.

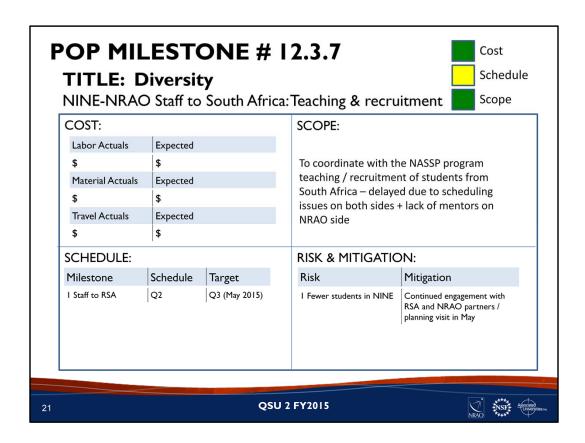


SCHEDULE: The milestone is typically reached by coordinated effort between EPO, CIS, and WDG; however, CIS/WDG oversubscription continues to delay milestones.

SCOPE: Joomla's "one-click" upgrade was false advertising, and CIS/WDG process for restoring from backup failed. Requires a cross-department rethink of the workflow and resources needed to upgrade the public website.

Once the new Joomla/K2 system is stable, then we will revisit the varnish caching system. However, web caching system relies on WDG, which currently is oversubscribed.

RISK & MITIGATION: The update is fueled by a need to provide continued web security for NRAO, so failure is not an option. However, with no budget assigned to hire externally, the process requires shared but oversubscribed resources across NRAO, which means acceptance of delays.



COST: This FY 2015 the main cost will be travel to South Africa for K. Sheth and possibly one other NRAO member. Funds already allocated in the NINE budget.

SCHEDULE: The schedule has slipped a bit due to scheduling difficulties on both sides (the extragalactic course in the NASSP (National Astronomy and Space Sciences Program) ended earlier than expected) – still we have put in at least one MSc project and are expecting to get one additional student signing on to the co-mentored NINE model. K. Sheth will visit with Kurt van der Heyden (director of the NASSP program) and Yunus Manjoo (National Research Foundation, South Africa) in early June to discuss how to use the new funds allocated by South Africa for the NINE program. These funds will help support air travel for South African students to the US for the co-mentored projects with US-based scientists and possibly fund local expenses for visiting US scientists in South Africa.

SCOPE: Coordinating with the NASSP program – our main partner in the NINE program.

RISK & MITIGATION: This year we will only take on one more student – partly limited by capacity on our side. We will try and improve upon this by continued engagement with NRAO staff and RSA faculty.

TITLE: Di UVA/NRAC			-	
COST:			SCOPE:	
Labor Actuals	Expected			
\$	\$		Originally intended	to pay for a UVa student
Material Actuals	Expected			lling program into NINE /
\$	\$		developing partner Universities directly	
Travel Actuals	Expected		Offiversities directly	
\$	\$		Milestone cancelled	i
SCHEDULE:			RISK & MITIGATI	ON:
Milestone	Schedule	Target	Risk	Mitigation
I Sponsoring Chilean student 2	Q2	Q3 or Q4	I.No NRAO sponsored Chilean in US grad program	Continuing conversations with Aravena, Hardy and others to recruit Chilean students for NINE format program.
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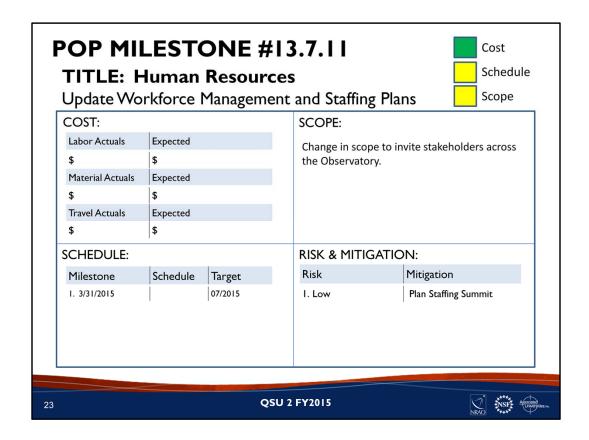
COST: No cost at the moment. Once student(s) are identified we will try and find funding for them via the NINE budget.

SCHEDULE: Originally we had hoped to fund someone in Q2. The local Uva student from Chile was funded from the Grote Reber fund. We decided to expand the program to be less exclusive and roll it into the broader NINE program as described below. If we are successful we will aim to get a student for Q3 or Q4 2015.

SCOPE: Originally this program was specifically targeted at recruiting and paying for a Chilean woman graduate student studying at Uva. The program seemed too narrowly focused and after discussion we decided that it made more sense to cancel it and roll the intent of the program into the growing NINE partnership with Chile. We have already begun conversations with faculty at Chilean Universities via the Office of Chilean Affairs. A meeting was organized last year where ~15-20 faculty from across Chile gathered at the OCI office or via teleconference to hear about the on-going NINE activities in South Africa and then to brainstorm ideas for Chile. We are continuing to build on this meeting, now also involving NRAO staff at the JAO (specifically Hales, Cortes and Cortes). We hope to reach out to underserved and under-represented Chilean students through Chilean faculty across the country for co-mentored programs with NRAO staff and faculty – the same model as that for South Africa.

RISK & MITIGATION: One risk is that for this fiscal year we do not manage to get a Chilean student. This is a possibility as the program is just getting started but we are working to try

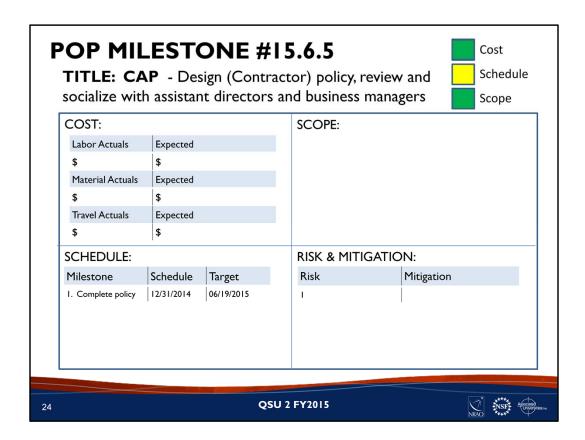
and identify students for this program in partnership with OCI, JAO and Chilean university faculty partners (specifically through Aravena at UDP).



SSCHEDULE: It is strongly recommended that this milestone be part of a strategic Observatory wide exercise with focused involvement from the division heads. In order to update and/or develop a robust and relative workforce management plan that will be effectively realized, consultation with stakeholders should occur. A considerable amount of effort has been extended in the re-competition staffing plan regarding future staffing needs. An Observatory Staffing Summit should be organized to ensure a collaborative, orchestrated approach is designed to update the WFMP.

SCOPE: Scope change due to involving Observatory wide stakeholders to be involved in updated the WFMP.

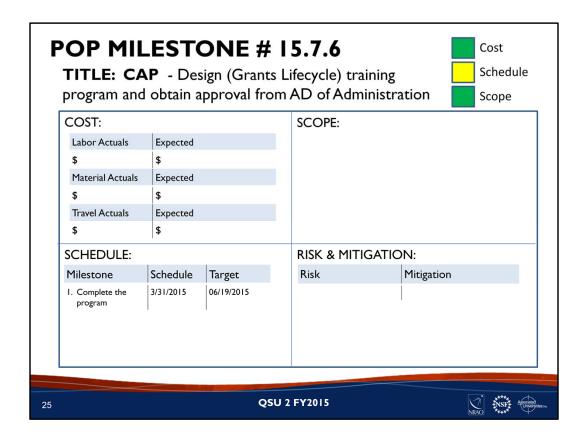
RISK & MITIGATION: Low risk – mitigation – Coordinate Observatory wide Staffing Summit



SCHEDULE: This project is being performed in collaboration with HR. In Q1 the HR Division was focused on other deliverables. In Q2 the Contracts and Procurement Manager retired. A draft was completed on April 7 and is under review.

SCOPE: N/A

RISK & MITIGATION: Steven Geiger had met with HR and Contracts and the policy is being reviewed and edited.



COST: N/A

SCHEDULE: CAP is seeking input from PMD so that PMD procedures can be referenced; also the Associate Director of Administration has suggested additions to the training from the NSF Proposal and Award Polices and Procedures Guide.

SCOPE: N/A

RISK & MITIGATION: N/A



COST: N/A

SCHEDULE: Completed early due to scheduling All Hands meetings to coincide with existing travel to Chile and Socorro.

SCOPE: N/A

RISK & MITIGATION: N/A



Q2 FY15 Summary

- Overall Issues
 - Benefits Running ahead of budget for current fiscal year, effect of y/e accrual + QI is 4th quarter of the benefits year. Beginning to moderate.
 - 2.5% merit based raises effective in January/February.
 - Promotions take effect with May payroll
 - ICC currently under-recovered for actual expenses; two large payments (DSOC, insurance)
- NRAO Ops
 - Budget includes distribution of FY15 over-guidance & carry-forward items.
 - Reserve for FY16 shows as CSA-I NET
 - Activities not yet committed in FY15 carried in Admin (Infrastructure Reserve)

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FYI5YTD by Major WBS Category NRAO Ops – Q2

	FY15 POP	FY15 Rev.	FY15 YTD	YTD % Rev
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget
NSF	40,000	43,140	21,570	50.0
Telescope Time Sale	2,391	1,915	1,257	65.6
Carryforward/Other	1,750	4,908	4,961	101.1
Total CSA-1 Revenues	44,141	49,963	27,788	55.6
Telescope Ops	17,966	18,832	8,245	43.8
Development	2,787	2,880	1,254	43.5
Science Ops	5,475	5,699	2,334	41.0
Admin Services	14,255	16,448	7,266	44.2
Director's Office	3,488	3,600	1,553	43.1
FYI5, Total	43,970	47,459	20,652	43.5
FY15 CSA-I NET	171	2,504	7,136	

- C/F includes prior year open commits of \$790K.
- Reclass of some POP items from Common Costs to Program.
- Admin services reflects reserved salary increments and other allowances not yet distributed.

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	Budget	Budget		
			Actual	Budget
elescope Ops	23,607	25,919	9,870	38.1
Development	5,626	8,081	1,690	20.9
cience Ops	6,627	6,973	2,156	30.9
dmin Services	4,460	5,684	2,473	43.5
Director's Office	2,949	3,367	1,336	39.7
YI5 , Total	43,269	50,024	17,525	35.0
Development Reserve	1,231			
Open Commits	4,406		5,472	
C/F For FY15 Fuel		1,800		
C/F for Future Years	4,950	2,032		
All ALMA Resources	53,856	53,856	22,998	42.7

Open commitments includes JAO (Newrest), awarded external development projects and studies, and SOS/Reber grants.

	FY15 POP Budget	FY15 Rev. Budget	FYI5 YTD Actual	YTD % Rev Budget
Telescope Ops	68	69	48	69.6
Development	779	787	279	35.5
Science Ops	1,722	1,742	772	44.3
Admin Services (Gross)	10,911	11,192	5,354	47.8
Director's Office	1,367	1,367	554	40.5
Y 15 Total, Non CSA Sources	14,847	15,157	7,007	46.2
Admin Recoveries (CSA's)	(13,654)	(13,899)	(6,035)	43.4
External Recovery	(1,193)	(1,193)	(867)	72.7
YIS NET	(1)	65	105	
Small under-recovery Spending lag in CSA's Large payments for insi	urance &	DSOC	in Q2	

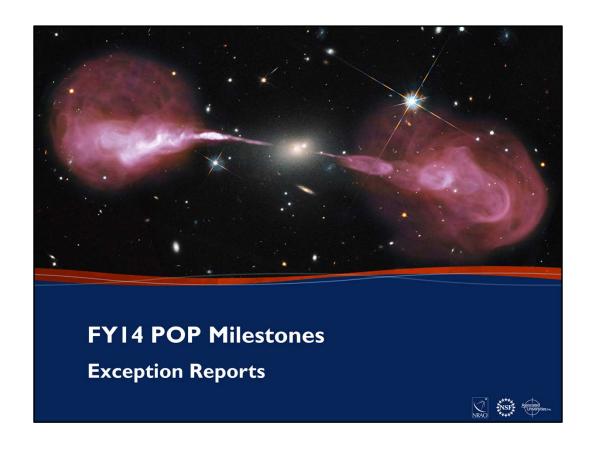
ALMA-C contributing to higher external recovery. Also keeping under-recovery in reasonable range.

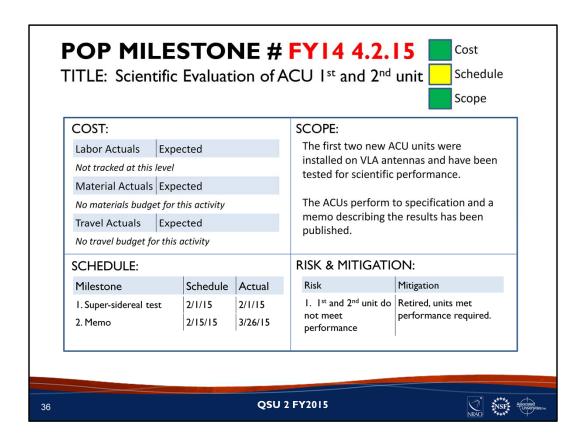
FYI5 Budget Exceptions Overguidance Funding Approach Review POP & fund items id'd as next to be done/what had to be given up Strategically position GB & VLBA for their post-CSA life invest in new business development invest in key infrastructure maintenance items secure key personnel/skills Prepare for initiatives of the new contract Position development efforts for VLA NBT Diversity Initiatives Pre work on VLA infrastructure to enable move up of VLA NBT Matters arising

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Item	FY15 Base Cost	Base +	Cost	Base +	Total Cos
Reserve			265,000 574,035	344,500	344,500
FY16 Raises 3%					746,245
FY16 Page Charge Support	100.000	427.000	64,000	83,200	83,200
GB Infrastructure	100,000	137,000			137,000
VLA Infrastructure: 3 ACU's	112,800	146,640	-	-	146,640
Next Gen VLA Start Up	200,000	274,000	300,000	411,000	685,000
CDL Research Engineer Start Up (100K					
equip + 1 tech)	95,563	131,064	235,895	323,530	454,594
NAC/NINE FY15 & 16	49,600	68,026	53,600	73,512	141,539
STEM Education Lead (4/12 in 2015)	33,750	46,288	103,275	141,642	187,930
FY16 NanoGRAV Revenue Timing			210,000	210,000	210,000
Total	591,713	803,018	1,805,805	2,333,629	3,136,648

Note the \$2.3M FY16 expenses are shown in the NRAO Ops budget sheet as carryforward.

ICC Expenses	FY15 Base Cost	FY16 Base Cost	Total C
ICC Increment	177,514	478,741	656,2
FY16 Raises		196,641	196,6
Operational Rollback	44,000	41,000	85,0
HR Head	47,250	144,200	191,4
CDL Head (8 months in 2016)		157,500	157,5
Maintain Env Safety (ESS) Adjustments		16,000	16,0
Contingency for Senior Hires		9,664	9,6
ICC Net	86,264	- (86,264)	





COST: Costs are tracked at a higher WBS level.

SCHEDULE:

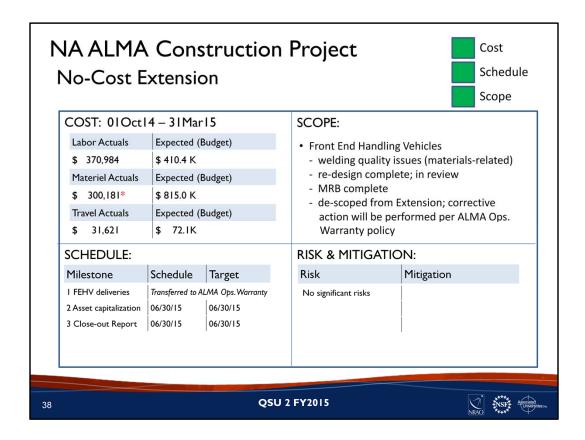
The ACU scientific evaluation of 1st and 2nd unit consisted in two tests:

- 1. Observation consisting of repeated normal pointing cycles at L, C and X bands.
- 2. Super-sidereal test using OTFM observing mode 8x sidereal rate. Both were executed and a memo stating the results has been published.

SCOPE: N/A

RISK & MITIGATION: The risk of 1^{st} and 2^{nd} ACU units not performing as expected in the super-sidereal test is retired.





COST: The No-Cost Extension was funded from budget remaining at the scheduled end date of Scientific Program Order 2 (30 September 2014). Except for administrative close-out and the FEHVs (described in the 'Scope' section, below) all remaining workscope is complete. The Project forecasts a \$630K positive Variance-At-Complete.

* Materiel Actual Costs are restated (in the QSU2 Report) relative to the QSU1 Report; Open Commitments were mistakenly 'double-counted' in the QSU1 Report and falsely inflated the figure.

SCHEDULE: Administrative close-out will complete in early June, and the Project Final Report and Outcomes Report will be delivered to the NSF by 30 June.

SCOPE: The JAO identified numerous (approximately 150) discrepancies during the PAI/Workmanship Inspections of the FEHVs. The most serious discrepancies are welding-related; specifically, the primary structure is composed of an aluminum alloy (Al 7075) that is incompatible with fusion welding. Consequently, most of the welds are cracked. The proposed re-design eliminates Al 7075 components and replaces them with a readily weldable aluminum alloy (Al 1100 and Al 6061). The time scale to implement this corrective action far exceeded the remaining time of the No-Cost Extension (expiration 31 March 2015). The JAO agreed to Conditionally Accept the FEHVs, as-is, to facilitate the Construction Project close-out and submitted a warranty claim. The No-Cost Extension was de-scoped and the corrective action will be performed per ALMA Operations Warranty policy.

 ${\it RISK~\&~MITIGATION:} No~significant~risks.$



Progress on the National Astronomy Consortium 2015 Cohort

- After a written application, and oral interviews, 19 students have been selected for the NAC 2015 Cohort
- Each student is paired with individual mentor and the cohort utilizes the "Posse" Foundation model as done in previous years
- There will be **5 cohorts** across the nation:
 - NRAO Charlottesville (Lead: Drew Brisbin)
 - NRAO Socorro (Lead: Betsy Mills)
 - NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (Lead: Padi Boyd)
 - Space Telescope Science Institute (Lead: Lou Strolger)
 - University of Wisconsin Madison (Lead: Bob Benjamin)
- Goal is to create future STEM leaders (not necessarily more astronomers)

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NAC 2015 Cohort Timeline

- April / May: Mentor Training for new sites (GSFC, STScl)
 - Also virtual meetings acquaint cohort members with each other
- June, July core months of NAC summer activities (10-12 weeks)
 - Usual intense REU-like research project w/ mentor(s)
 - Weekly NAC group meetings (multiple mentor model, learning to be a scientist, tools to overcome common obstacles and pitfalls esp. for non-majority students)
 - Planning a 4-day field trip to Greenbank, U. Maryland, STScl, GSFC,
 + a possible visit to Congress
 - Diversity speaker series (4 role models 2 day visit to interact w/ students / give lessons from own life story)
 - Weekly informal get-togethers build community / cohesiveness

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NAC 2015 Cohort Timeline

- Late Aug / Early Sep NAC Annual Workshop at Howard U.
- Sep May Monthly NAC hangouts / students continue to be engaged, do research / learn about STEM / STEM careers
- January AAS Meeting / informal get together / touch base
- Misc:
 - 2 NAC interns will do projects in Project Management w/ Lory Wingate's group (one in Cville, one in Socorro)
 - All mentors / mentees commit for at least one full year of NAC activities
 - Hope is NAC students do 2-3 research summers with the consortium

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NINE 2015 Highlights

- 3 MSc + 1 Honors student in South Africa working with in comentored projects:
 - Marc Harries Yao Fortune Honors thesis on offset bars
 - Simon Malings MSc -- dust in elliptical galaxies
 - Henri Braanken MSc -- dark matter in brightest cluster galaxies
 - Buntu Ngcebetsha MSc star formation in bars
 - Also visited NRAO for 8 weeks in Aug / Sep 2014 as first NINE exchange student
- Expansion of NINE to Chile
 - Met with 15 Chilean faculty in November from across Chile
 - We are now recruiting students from underserved groups for comentored projects w/ NRAO staff

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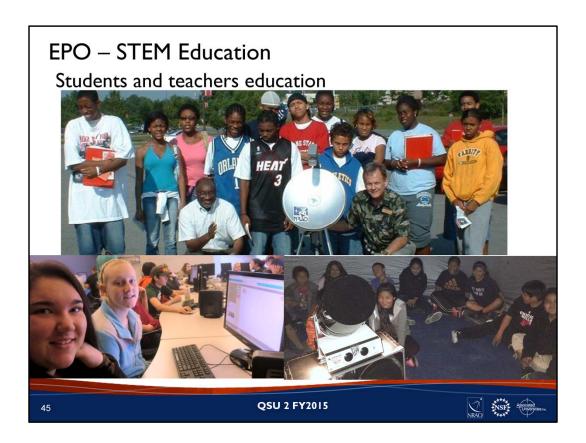
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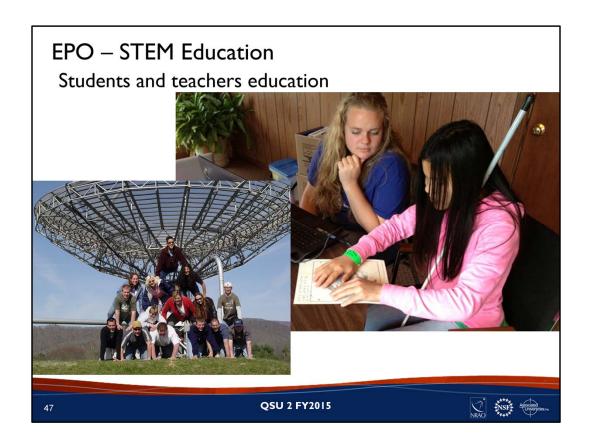




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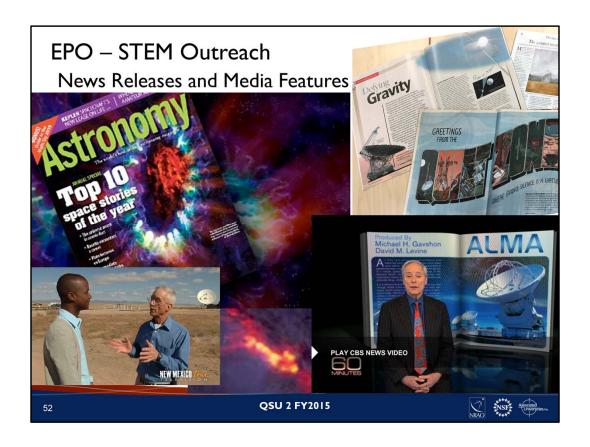
- Two NRAO booth opportunities at State Legislature
- Nine ACEAP Ambassadors chosen
- First Chilean-American Education in Astronomy Summit (US observatories, US Embassy, CONICYT, *Imagen de Chile* Foundation)
- National Society of Black Physicists conference presentation
- West Virginia Professional Development Conference presentation
- Magdalena Chamber of Commerce coordinated events planning (Now rebranded as Gateway to the Stars)
- Dia de la Astronomia en Chile
- Ruckersville Science Expo
- Virginia Piedmont Science Fair





- 4,275 visitors to Green Bank Science Center this Quarter
- 3,638 visitors to VLA Visitor Center this Quarter (fees and advertisements started March 1)
- Couple of dozen visitors to VLBA stations, including one honeymooning couple
- 9,752 users of public.nrao.edu this Quarter
- 145,408 people reached by Facebook this Quarter (www.facebook.com/TheNRAO)
- 6,589 followers on Twitter this Quarter (@TheNRAO, @ALMANRAO, @IamGBT, @VLArray)





- 11 press releases: 3 ALMA, 2 VLA, 3 GBT, 1 VLBA, 1 CDL, 1 VLA+GBT
- 3 announcements: All ALMA
- NRAO articles in *Discover*, *Popular Science*, *Astronomy*, *Washingtonian*, *The Atlantic*, *Wired*
- Made the cover of Astronomy Magazine
- GB featured on ABC News 20/20, CBS Sunday Morning, Lateline on Australia Broadcasting Corporation, TFI, France 2
- ALMA on CBS News 60 Minutes
- VLA on NM True TV



